



WORTHING CRICKET CLUB

SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Now that we are a few weeks into another season at Worthing Cricket Club, I'd like to welcome all new members and offer my thanks to returning players and social members, for their continued commitment and support to our club.

As existing members will know, 2023 was a great success - the highlights included the 1st team getting promoted to the Premier League (after a 7 year absence), the 3rd team winning their league and our U14's becoming County Champions.

This season, we have welcomed Campbell Macmillan as our overseas player. Campbell has come over from Zimbabwe and is a hard hitting top order batsman and wicket-keeper. During the winter he represented Zimbabwe in the U19 World Cup in South Africa. I'm sure everyone at the club has/will continue to make him feel welcome. We are all very excited to have him with us.

We hope that 2024 will bring more cricket opportunities, as we have entered a 5th team into the league and they have already played their first game and won! This will be a great opportunity to give our junior players more exposure and help them in their transition into senior cricket, as well as enabling us to welcome back some players who are returning to the sport to support our younger players.

There are various social events planned, as well as a Club Charity Day, so it will be great to see as many of you as possible socialising at the club this summer – players, social members or associate members (parents/carers/guardians). Do keep an eye on our social media pages for more information, but most Saturday nights there is food at reasonable rates and our next big event is another Villagio Pizza night, scheduled for the 13th July.

I would like to thank the committee for all their efforts and commitment, and for all the hours they put into the club. Without these people, the club really wouldn't be where it is today. Good luck to everyone for the rest of the season.

Dominic Clapp
Chairman

JUNIORS

Firstly, a welcome to all of our new junior players, parents and guardians. We are also pleased to see all of our returning juniors and their families.

We have had a mixed start to the 2024 training season, mainly due to the wet spring weather preventing any rhythm to our training nights, in the early stages. However, when we are able to train, attendance has been fantastic and enjoyment levels appear to be high.

On the playing field it is early stages, but it is shaping up to be a very promising season indeed. There have been some wins and losses, but progress is being made at all age groups, which along with enjoyment of the game, is our main priority.

We have managed to place teams in all mixed age group competitions from u10 through to u16, which makes us one of the largest represented clubs in the West Area. Participation in our All Stars (introduction to cricket programme for 5 - 8 year olds) is now reaching pre-pandemic levels too. This can only be achieved through a lot of hard work from the volunteers, ranging from the team managers, parent helpers and the coaching teams on a Monday and Wednesday evening. So, to all of those who give up their time, a big thank you on behalf of the whole committee.

We are trying to make the Manor Ground as welcoming as possible for our juniors and their families/friends/guardians, through ensuring the bar is open on training and match evenings (thanks mainly to Jane and Laura) and that the kitchen is serving bacon rolls and hot drinks on a Saturday morning. I'm sure the latter is one of the reasons why the turn out for All Stars is so high, so thanks to Marie, Maria and their occasional helpers for making this happen.

It goes without saying that everyone associated with our club is more than welcome to attend our evening social nights and I look forward to seeing many of you there.



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WOMEN AND GIRLS

As many of you know, we are striving to ensure our club is at the centre of making cricket as accessible and representative as possible (in Worthing). As such, in recent years we've collaborated with the Sussex Cricket Federation, local schools and other local clubs to provide Women and Girls only cricket.

While we started with certain junior age groups; this year, we took the important step of entering a Women's team (the Worthing Warriorz) in to the fun, mid-week Sussex Slam, as a precursor to starting a Women's county league team sometime in the near future. Under the leadership of our lead Women and Girls coach Michelle Payne, we have managed to win our first 2 fixtures against established teams from Aldwick and Chichester! More importantly though, we have been successful in providing senior women's cricket to the girls who have played for our junior teams for a number of years, some (like Michelle) have returned to the club and others have returned to, or even taken up the game, because we have been able to offer this opportunity.

We look forward to growing the womens' and girls' section, so watch out for more developments in the coming weeks and months. If anyone is interested in giving it a go, please do let me or any of our coaches know! I can be contacted via email – jkworthingcc@gmail.com.

John Kaye (JK)
Head of Junior Cricket

SENIORS

This year is a really exciting time to be a part of Worthing Cricket club.

The introduction of a 5th senior team shows the progress of our excellent junior system, as we allow a seamless transition from junior cricket into competitive adult cricket.

We welcome Graham Meritt-Blann to the club, to captain the 2nd XI in their pursuit of promotion. He is coaching during the 1s and 2s training (alongside myself), sharing a wealth of experience and technical coaching expertise with our seniors.

Tommy Simpson is running our Sunday adult side again this year to allow even more youth a taste of Adult cricket - to help develop experience and understanding of the game. A big thank you to him for organising such a developed fixture list.

You can now watch our Home 1s/2s and Sunday fixtures live on YouTube, or watch the highlight packages that are released later in the week. Both options will keep you up to date with our most competitive cricket weekly, which is extremely exciting for all involved. A special thanks to Ben Harrex who does all our editing and Media work; it looks fantastic! Don't forget to like and subscribe our YouTube channel: <https://youtube.com/@worthingcc1855?si=RkNqOujr2AdLeJCO>

Campbell Macmillan (our overseas player) is assisting with 3s, 4s and 5s training alongside Graham on Tuesdays. The training continues to show how much progress we are making as a club, as once again our 3s won promotion last season and our 4s continue to push up the divisions.

More importantly for me (as Head of Senior Cricket), is that the club is not only thriving in Cricketing terms but also socially too. Whether it be a darts night, Pizza evening, DJ Lutters bringing the music, or a charity event, our club is a place where not only our cricketers want to be, but their friends and families want to be as well.

I look forward to seeing you at Worthing CC this year, whether it is as a player, spectator or social member. The Manor is certainly the place to be!

Darryl Rebbetts
Head of Senior Cricket



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SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

We are delighted that the majority of our sponsors for 2023, have agreed to continue their support for 2024. A heartfelt thank you to:

Nepcote Financial (Main Sponsors), **Greenthumb** (Bar Sponsor), **Leak Detection Services** (Recognition Scheme), **Goring Hall Hospital** (Match Ball Sponsor), **Snap-On** (Pin Down Covers and Caps Sponsor), **GMB Southern** (Junior Coaching Sponsors), **NSM Digital** (Website Sponsor), **Bacon Estate Agents** (Junior Caps Sponsor), **EVC** (Coloured Kit Shirt Sleeve Sponsors), **Rebbetts Sports Camps** and **Sacco-Thomas Bespoke Cabinetry** (Highlights Sponsors).

Thanks also to the individuals who are sponsors for specific projects/schemes. Your generous donations are invaluable to the progress of our club.

New Sponsorship Opportunities

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for 2024/25, please get in touch. There are plenty of projects that still need funding. You can contact Debs Kaye via her email - dkworthingcc@gmail.com.

SPONSORS' INFORMATION/ SPECIAL OFFERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Nepcote Financial

This year, our generous main sponsors are providing the club with a £50 donation for each completed mortgage by a new client (with a connection to the club). A further £50 will be donated by them, for anyone new arranging a protection option at the same time. For more details, [visit the sponsorship page](#).

For information on exactly what services Nepcote Financial offer, please visit their website: <https://nepcotefinancial.co.uk/>

Goring Hall Hospital

📢 EXCITING NEWS ALERT! 📢

Goring Hall Hospital are thrilled to announce the launch of their brand-new Private GP and Health Assessment Services!

Worthing CC members can now benefit from fast access to private GP and get a 10% discount on Health assessment services at Goring Hall Hospital.

How to book:

For private GP appointments contact 0808 231 4878 or visit <https://www.circlehealthgroup.co.uk/hospitals/goring-hall-hospital/private-gp-services-worthing>

Note: Discount is not applicable to independent practitioner fees.

For a Health assessment, contact 0800 004600 and quote the Worthing CC discount code, to receive a 10% discount on the hospital fee. Please contact Hannah Dunn or Debs Kaye for the code via hannahdworthingcc@gmail.com or dkworthingcc@gmail.com respectively.

Visit our webpage on <https://www.circlehealthgroup.co.uk/hospitals/goring-hall-hospital/private-health-assessments-in-worthing>



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FUNDRAISING

We are always working on new fundraising ideas and grants.

We have recently secured £500 worth of funding from the Sussex police force, to improve our facilities.

Late last year we secured £3000 from the local Council's CIL fund to pay for a specialist mower for the outfield, to help us provide support to the council in maintaining our grounds. We have some funds remaining, so we are hoping to dedicate these to the purchase of a specific wicket mower.



We are delighted by the response of our members to our requests for members to sign up to Easyfundraising (a website/app that gets big brands to donate to our club every time you spend online). At the time of writing this, we have raised just over £1090 and have 57 supporters.

This scheme is promoted by the ECB as a fundraising option. It's also run successfully by many PTAs and other sports clubs, so we do appreciate that you could already be committed to supporting another cause. However, if you have yet to sign-up and can support us, it would be very much appreciated. Please use [this link](#) and register, it literally takes a few minutes!

Supporting our cause is not limited to club members and sharing your own unique "refer a friend link" (found in the navigation of the easyfundraising website) means you can get family and friends to support us too - once they raise their first £5, the club will get a bonus £5!

For those who have already signed up to support us, we recommend that you "enable your donation reminder" if you have installed the app on your i-phone, or add the "browser extension" if using a laptop. Installing these options will mean a helpful pop-up appears when you are on a site that will donate. All you then need to do is "accept the donation". Alternatively, it is possible to access your preferred retailer by visiting the easyfundraising site or app.

Bonus Ball Fundraiser

We are continuing with our Bonus Ball Fundraiser, due to the success of this. A typical month's prize fund is now our monthly maximum of £100. This year we had our biggest win ever - a whopping £400 (due to multiple rollovers)! Please visit our [fundraising page](#), for more details.

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BONUS BALL FUNDRAISER

CHOOSE A NUMBER, PAY £5 A MONTH, MATCH THE LOTTO BONUS BALL ON THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH AND WIN UP TO £100

X	X	X	X	X	X	X	8	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	16	X	X	X	20
21	X	X	X	X	X	X	28	X	X
X	X	X	34	35	36	37	38	X	X
41	X	X	44	45	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	53	X	X	X	57	X	X	

TO CHOOSE AN AVAILABLE NUMBER, EMAIL DEBS KAYE:
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