

# BRAMSHAW CRICKET CLUB

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## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2011

It is the end of another cricket season and time to look back on what we have done this year, but at the same time we must continue to look forward, so that we all can achieve the best, not only on a personal basis, but for the Club as a whole.

It has been encouraging to see that the number of Members of Bramshaw Cricket Club is still on the increase, and this has been reached by the welcoming of some new senior players and the continuing success of the Colts section.

This season we have fielded under 11, 13 and 15 teams, as well as being able to allow even younger boys and girls to attend training sessions at the ground. Next year we intend to extend our participation in the New Forest League by starting an under 17 team, under the guidance of John Reeve.

This has been achieved by the tireless work carried out by Ben Arnold and the team of Managers and Coaches – thank you.

We all accept that these young lads are the basis and the future of our Club in the medium and long term and it is important that we integrate them, and their families into Bramshaw Cricket Club now. The Club Committee and the League Team Captains are fully behind this approach and we look forward to including Colts within senior sides, as their age and ability allows. We also need to get more familiar with their parents, and to allow them to participate in helping to run the Colt's sections and to attend other Club functions. Please come forward and offer your assistance, because looking after 11 enthusiastic boys at a match is difficult enough without having to think about collecting match fees, or doing the scoring or even serving the drinks at the interval. You are most welcome.

The Club is committed to following the guidelines regarding the safety of young players at all times, and these principles will be uppermost in all that we do.

The 3 senior Hampshire Cricket League teams had varying degrees of success, but overall, the combined result was better than we could have predicted at the beginning of the year. At one stage in July all 3 teams were either in or just outside the promotion places in their relevant divisions, but unfortunately neither were able to hang in there until the end of the season. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI finished 7<sup>th</sup> in County Division 2, the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI finished 4<sup>th</sup> in County Division 4 South and the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Regional Division 3 North West.

The mid week Border League XI was primarily younger players but still finished mid table in Division 1.

All this activity and success is backed up by the work put in by other Members of the Club, without whose support we could not continue.

Kevin Gray for the many hours spent on the grounds at Roundhills and Landford, Arthur Stickland for his umpiring, Mrs Pat Hart, Mrs Teresa Whitcher, Mrs Jane Curl, Mrs Kingston for their scoring duties, Rosemary, Lucy, Dee and Caroline for their regular involvement with the teas, and many other ladies who have made or helped with the cakes and sandwiches. Your help is much appreciated.

We have been very fortunate in having some good friends who have helped with sponsorship of the Club, both large and small, and for these we are very grateful.

The Club Presentation Evening will be held on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October, at The Bramshaw Golf Club, starting at 7.30pm with the presentations being done around 8.30pm. There will be a hot buffet meal available. We would like to see as many as possible there on the night so ticket prices have been set just to cover the cost of the food, £ 10.50 per adult and £ 5 per junior member or other children. If you would like to come to the evening but do not want to eat, then there will be no charge. We would still to see you there.

Please let me know how many tickets you want, by no later than Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

The results of this year's Fantasy Cricket League and the presentation of the prizes (yes MONEY) will also be announced during the evening.

The other major event of the winter is the Club AGM. This will take place at The Bell Inn, Brook on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, commencing at 7.30pm. Remember this is your opportunity to have your say on how the Club is being ran now, and what you want from the Club in the future. The Committee is in the process of reviewing and updating the Club Rules which will need to be approved as part of this meeting. Copies will be sent to all Members nearer the date so that any comments or alterations can be discussed on the night. There are also proposals to be discussed about Team Selection and the appointment of other Officers of the Club, including the position of Membership Secretary.

Nominations for the Officers of the Club and the Team Captains, including the name of the Proposer and the Secunder, should be sent to the Honorary Secretary, before the date of the AGM.

All Members over the age of 14 years on the 1<sup>st</sup> September last year are eligible to vote at the AGM.

During the winter months cricket will continue indoors. We have entered 2 teams in the Romsey Indoor League, which takes place on Sunday evenings. Tom Arnold will skipper the A team in Division 1, and Ieuan Wathen will skipper the B team in Division 2. Let them know if you want to join them.

We are also trying to arrange indoor coaching sessions for the Colts, probably starting after Xmas, and there is the Indoor League at Hounslow on Friday evenings.

Finally I would like to thank everybody for their support and commitment to Bramshaw Cricket Club in 2011 and we look forward to an even better 2012.

Please give me a call if there is anything that I can help with, or let's discuss things at one of the events during the winter.

Chris Rogers