

BRAMSHAW CRICKET CLUB

www.bramshawcricketclub.co.uk

President:
R.T.TERRIS

Honorary Secretary:
C.ROGERS
4 Salcombe Road
Totton
Southampton
SO40 8BN
tel: 02380 866419
e-mail: chris@yorkies.fsworld.co.uk



Founded 1877

Chairman:
A.STICKLAND

Honorary Treasurer:
P.CURL
52 Stokepark Road
Eastleigh
Southampton
SO51 5BX
tel: 02380 610201

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2008

The onset of the dark early evenings is a sure indication that the cricket season is over for another year. They seem to get shorter each year or are it another sign that I am getting older.

The cricket has again been interrupted by the good old British weather but we did actually manage to play a good proportion of the league games and overall the Club has had a successful year.

The 1st XI has retained it's position in County Division 1 of the Hampshire Cricket League, having finished 13th, which could have been better if the odd 2 or 3 games that were lost be just a few runs had swung the other way.

The 2nd XI finished 8th in County Division 4, which was a tremendous performance, considering that some weeks they were having to send out a "patched up" side due to shortages in the 1st's and 3rd's.

The 3rd XI, which we must remember was only started 3 years ago to help bring on some of our younger players, finished Runners-Up in Regional Division 4 and will be promoted next season. Many congratulations to Phil and his numerous players, not all of the younger variety. I know that are several "experienced" players who enjoyed being part of the young team, but still managed to take lots of wickets, amass scores of runs or keep wicket, just like they did 20years ago.

The benefit of being able to give players experience of league cricket at a young age is that they want more and this year we were able to play several of them in the 2nd XI and eventually 3 of them in the 1st XI at the end of the season. None of them let themselves or the team down and I am sure that the Club will see even better performances from them next year and in the future.

The mid week Border League team had another successful year, and going into the last game they still had a chance of winning the league, but unfortunately lost to the eventual league winners OT's & Romsey. They did however bring home some silverware, by winning the Border League Cup, against a strong Trojans side, with Jamie Terris scoring a good 50, followed by some tight bowling from Mike Kingston and Jimmy Manning.

This year the Club were able to run both an under 11 and an under 13 team in the NFCCA leagues and our thanks must go to all the team managers and helpers for giving their time and experience to these lads. Both teams won more games than they had expected at the start of the year, and the under 13's reached the semi final of the Cup competition before they lost to a very experienced Bashley side. There is a good group of youngsters for the future.

Some of our members also played in the Langley Manor 6 a side competition in August and came away as Champions - well done.

Although we did not win every week, the spirit remained high and Bramshaw Cricket Club maintained it's excellent reputation within the County League Cricket. This reputation not only comes from the playing but also the back up that exists.

Without the long hours and dedication to the preparation of the ground that is put in by Kevin Gray, we would not receive such high scores and praise from the opposition.

Our Clubhouse pavilion remains the envy of many other league clubs, and this can only be achieved with the support and help of our sponsors, - Meachers Group, and Freeborn Group.

The help and assistance given with umpiring, scoring, tea making, collecting lottery bonus ball money or behind the bar all help in the overall success.

Now at the end of the season we have 2 events that we would like you to take part in.

The Club Presentation Evening will be held on Friday 10th October at Bramshaw Golf Club, next to The Bell Inn at Brook, starting at 7.30pm.

Tickets will be £ 12.50 per person, to include a good buffet and disco.

The Club Committee understand that the price of the tickets may make some families think seriously about not attending, but we want everybody to be part of this evening. There are several possibilities, either come along and don't have the buffet, or only order 1 buffet between 2. This is your evening so please support us.

Let me know how many tickets you want before 6th October.

The other main Club event is the Annual General Meeting which will be held at The Bell Inn on Tuesday December 9th at 7.30pm.

Any nominations for Club Officials need to be sent or given to me before the meeting.

This year nominations for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd XI Captains must be submitted before the AGM. It has been commented that nominations during the meeting tend to put pressure on the relevant players and potentially wrong decisions can be made.

Let me know if there are any other topics that you want to include in the Agenda

Indoor nets have been booked at The Rose Bowl for seniors before the start of next season and Ben Arnold in making arrangements with Hounslow School for Colts' coaching to start in the New Year.

So let me once again thank everybody for their support and involvement in ensuring that Bramshaw Cricket Club keeps progressing, and I look forward to seeing you at some time during the winter.

Chris Rogers