

# BRAMSHAW CRICKET CLUB

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## AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2009

We have reached that time of the year when we look back over the cricket season, and unfortunately 2009 has not been a vintage year for Bramshaw Cricket Club, and overall it has been a disappointment, as far as results go.

As a Club we have had to face many difficulties and issues, both on and off the fields of play, and the Club had to make several decisions which may have effected the performance of the Club, but were necessary to conform to Rules and Guidelines laid down by the cricketing authorities.

We started the season with several players missing, for various reasons, either working abroad, or getting injured playing football or hockey during the winter, or even just putting your back out by going down the gym to get fit for the cricket season. Several of our younger players moved to other Clubs to test themselves at a higher level, or to play with school chums. We also suffer from absences due to revising for school exams etc. Regardless of all this all 3 Saturday sides have turned out with 11 players every week, and the spirit in the Club has remained high. (the highlight must have been the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI which had an average age of around 25 one week and more than 48 years the next).

This meant that the 1<sup>st</sup> XI had to field very young teams on several occasions and the luck and the results did not go their way, so unfortunately, despite their hard work, they have been relegated from County Division 1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> XI's also have worked hard and should remain in the same divisions as this year.

Although it is disappointing to have a Club XI relegated we must remember that Bramshaw CC has had many years of success and this is our first set back in many years. It is not a crisis and the Club has many talented players and a huge crop of young players with huge potential so we must remain optimistic, relax during the winter months and return next year even more determined to put Bramshaw Cricket Club back in the top levels of Hampshire cricket.

We did have some success, the Border League XI won Division 1, and reached the semi final of the Cup competition. The winter Indoor League team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league and won the Plate competition in their first season at Romsey.

The Club also won the Langley Manor Super 8's, with a mixture of good performances from young and evergreens.

The Colts scene continues to thrive, thanks to the hard work and long hours put in by Ben, Andy Jon and their helpers, to whom the Club pass on their thanks. We entered teams into the Under 11 and Under 13 leagues this season and next year we hope to have an Under 15 team as well. It is encouraging to see 30 – 40 youngsters at training nights and we wish them all success in their future cricket.

Two more of our younger Members will be taking coaching courses during the winter months, and with their help and knowledge it should help to boost the back up team.

The Club website has been used more this year to pass on information and to communicate with Members. The contributions from The Monk and EverGreen have helped to add a bit of humour and spice to some of the disappointing results.

Once again the Club is indebted to many people for their help, especially Kevin for his hard work on the Ground, to Umpire Arthur, and our Club Sponsors without whose help we would struggle.

Now to the future:-

The Club Presentation Evening will be held at The Bramshaw Golf Club on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 each and will include a good hot & cold buffet. I hope that you will come along and join us, so please let me know how many tickets you require. If you want to come but not eat that will be OK, you will be welcome.

The Club Annual General Meeting will be held at The Bell Inn on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7.30pm.

This is your opportunity to have your say on how the Club is, and will be, run in the future. Nominations for Club Officials and Team Captains should be sent to me before 30<sup>th</sup> November. If you have any topics for discussion please let me know.

There will be indoor training sessions organized during the winter for both juniors and seniors and details will be posted on the Club website.

We will play in the Romsey Indoor League on Sunday evenings so if you are interested in playing please contact either Johnny Murray or Andrew Hart.

So let's file away the 2009 season and look forward to a brighter future in 2010. Thanks for all your support and hard work this year and I look forward to seeing many of you during the winter.

Best wishes

Chris Rogers