



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

(Affiliated to the Essex County Cricket Board, the Club Cricket Conference, Essex Playing Fields Association)

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April 2013 Newsletter

New season starts with a new website launch

Our Countdown champion Jon 'Jono' O'Neill has really come into his own this month redesigning the club website, leading the 'A' team to their joint best ever position in the top division of the Havering Indoor League and designing the new club signs with our sponsor The London Riverside BID 2 for Spring Farm Park and our 2nd ground at Thames RFC. Some of the features of the new Rainham CC website are the home page with an introduction from the Chairman, quick views of the latest news, fixtures and league table, ground information and even the latest weather forecast in Rainham. Further sections include the news, fixtures, results, teams, statistics, player profiles, Dream Team and a media section. I would urge you to have a look at the new website as it is very impressive. Try one of the following links to log on.

<http://www.rainhamcc.co.uk/Default.aspx>

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Jono – A great asset to the club,
'A' team indoor Captain, Website
and sign Designer

As well as tearing his opponents apart on the cricket field and in the long running Channel 4 programme Countdown, Jono is also our Club Secretary and would appear a man of many talents, which he keeps modestly hidden (Mr. Chairman!!). Great work Jono and a strong early candidate for the prestigious Chairman's Award for 2013.

Playing Update

Indoor Cricket

7th April 2013 'A' Team v Seven Kings 'A' – **'Bowlers destroy Kings'**

The final indoor match for the 'A' Team, which was previously postponed due to the snow, was a chance to match last season's best ever top 3 finish. Rainham bowler first and Jono took full responsibility by opening the bowling himself and the young shoulders of '6 hitting' batsman Jamie Adkins. Both responded magnificently with Jamie leading the way taking 2 wickets for just 4 runs in his opening two overs, with Jono just slightly less impressive with 1 for 5. First and second change bowlers Alex Sullivan and James Fuller also wanted part of the action and responded just as well with Alex taking 2 for 12 and James polishing off the Seven Kings innings with 1 for 2 from his single over and a target of just 32 to chase, after an impressive display in the field.

Openers, in-form Sid Patel and James Fuller made light work of the reply adding 20 in just 3 overs before James was unluckily caught off the basketball net for 10. Jas Hothi joined Sid to steer the 'A' Team to a comfortable 5 wicket victory and a 3rd place finish.

Below are the final tables of the indoor season, which shows another good season for the 'A' team, a slightly disappointing finish from the 'B' team who were in contention for promotion at one stage, an excellent league winning season from the 'C' team and a season of improvement from the young 'D' team.

League Division One

Position	Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
1	Ardleigh Green	8	0		96
2	Goresbrook A	6	2		75
3	Rainham A	5	3		63
4	Seven Kings A	4	4		55
5	Hornchurch A	3	5		43
6	Harold Wood A	2	5		38
8	Upminster A	0	8		8

League Division Two

Position	Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
1	Seven Kings B	7	1		86
2	Goresbrook B	6	2		82
3	Dagenham Post	4	4		56
4	Romford Post	3	5		56
5	Upminster B	4	4		56
6	Rainham B	3	5		52
8	Eastonians	1	7		24

League Division Three

Position	Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
1	Rainham C	7	2		89
2	Havering	6	3		80
3	Harold Park	5	4		68
4	Goresbrook C	3	6		58
5	Noak Hill Tav.	4	5		56
6	St Andrews A	2	7		41

League Division Four

Position	Team	Won	Lost	Tied	Points
1	Hornchurch B	7	1		84
2	Matt & The Machine	5	2		69
3	St Andrews B	4	3		55
4	Harold Wood B	2	5		39
5	Parkers	2	5		39
6	Rainham D	1	6		25

Outdoor Season

1st Team

27th April 2013 - 1st Team v Goresbrook 2nds – **'Good team effort ensures a winning start'**

The original fixture against Terling had to be cancelled so the first team were grateful for Goresbrook 2nds to step in as last minute replacements to ensure that some game time was played prior to the league fixtures commencing. Rainham batted first and Sid Patel and Ash Foster carried on with their winter indoor form with Sid making 67 before being run out and Ash 53 out caught and bowled. Dan Skipper and

Alex Sullivan kept the momentum going scoring at a run a ball; with both not out on 38 and 14 respectively for a good early season total of 198 for 2 in 40 overs.

James Fuller was keen to ensure everyone had a good run out and used 8 bowlers with every single one of them bowling well. Opening bowlers Ian Havard and Nikhil Patel shared 4 wickets in the opening 12 overs. Other wicket takers were James Fuller, Biren Patel, Jamie Adkins, Alex Sullivan (2) and even Albi Birchmore taking his pads off to wrap the game up dismissing Goresbrook for just 68.

2nd Team

27th April 2013 – 2nd Team v Abridge – **‘Gibbo sets the tone with impressive victory’**

New 2nd team Captain chose to bat and the 2nds got off to a shaky start losing a couple of early wickets. Good batting contributions from Garnet Shallow, Jono, Graham Thwaites (no this is not a misprint!) and Captain Ian Gibbs ensured the 2nds set Abridge a fair early season total to chase of 176.

The bowlers set about the task in an efficient manner with 2nd team debutant William Emsden the pick of the bowlers taking 3 for 15 and a long overdue victory at Abridge by 50 runs. Another shocker in this result was that ‘Cooky’ also took a wicket to add to his 18 runs. I have no doubt by the end of the season the story will be 5 wickets and 50 runs!

Sunday

28th April 2013 – v Tennyson – **‘Tigsy Tames Tennyson’**

Paul ‘Tigsy’ Margiotta had to overcome the problem of a few late withdrawals before taking on Tennyson. Rainham bowled first and seemed to carry on in the same way as the previous day with Nikhil taking 4 wickets, Chris Margiotta 2 wickets and William Emsden making an early season play for top wicket taker of 2013 with another wicket and another overall impressive bowling display leaving Tennyson on 85 all out.

Sid also carried on his Saturday form with the bat scoring 20 of the opening 30 runs before losing his wicket. A few jitters crept in with 7 wickets being lost before Biren Patel made a claim for all rounder status by scoring 23 runs to lead Tigsy’s Tigers to a 3 wicket victory.

Match Sponsorship & Club Signs – LRBID2

Our shirt sponsors LRBID 2 have kindly agreed to sponsor the 3rd XI match against Belhus at Thames RFC to the tune of £100. This money is gratefully accepted and will be put to good use paying for the match ball and ensuring that our sponsors and players from both sides enjoy the day.

Further provision from LRBID 2 are some club signs for Spring Farm Park and Thames RFC and Jono again cannot be kept out of this issue of the Newsletter by assisting in the design of the signs, as below. Thanks must also go to Terry Lee from the LRBID2 and Chairman of Thames RFC for providing the sponsorship for the 3rd team match v Belhus on 11th May, the signs for both grounds and the sponsorship to pay for the 1st and 2nd team shirts.



Social Events

Golf Day



The golf day arranged for all members of the club and any friends and family they would like to invite now has 10 players confirmed. We want to ensure we get a minimum of 24 golfers. The course will be Stockbrook Manor in Billericay and will take place on Thursday 30th May, which is during the half term holidays. The cost will be £42 for a full English breakfast, a team event of 9 holes of golf, ham, egg and chips for lunch and then followed by the individual competition of 18 holes of golf. This is supposed to be a very nice course and we have got a decent deal. If anyone wishes to play and bring any friends or family then please contact Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497 or send an email to peter.reynolds@romec.co.uk. Numbers will be limited to 24 and a £10 non-refundable deposit will be required, so please ensure you get in first.

Quiz Night

A Quiz Night will be held at the club on the second Saturday of the league season on 11th May. Please ensure you bring as many friends and family as possible, as this is usually an enjoyable night.

General News

New Outdoor Net Facility

Unfortunately, there is no good news on our planning application for the new net facility. The Council Planning department promised they would let us know by 29th April and we have heard nothing to date. Havering Council will be chased to see where we are with our application.

NatWest Cricket Force Day



The Nat West Cricketforce day on 6th April was again a great success with around 20 club volunteers all mucking in ensuring the club is clean, tidy and spruced up ready for the season. As usual things that were not originally planned to be dealt with cropped up such as the foul drainage to the club house being blocked, the ceiling to the store room being replaced and the replacement of the guttering to the front of the club house. Johnny Wratten tried to clear the blockage with drainage rods, which is impacting on the flushing of all of our urinals and toilets, with some drainage rods but the blockage was too severe. With the council having to be called to clear this blockage it is essential that this work is done prior to our first full weekend of cricket on the first weekend in May and at the date of writing it has not been cleared to date.

Other work completed was washing down and cleaning the changing rooms a job well done by Jamie Adkins and Kieran Howard, a clean up and restock of the bar area by Ian Havard and Paul Collis, some tasty bgaels and a clean up of the kitchen from Sharon Adkins, cleaning the outside of the clubhouse walls and touching up some of the paint works by Ian Gibbs and his 2 daughters, renewing the guttering at the front of the clubhouse by James Fuller and Tony Bennett, renewing the ceiling in the store room by Alex Sullivan and Graham Page, repainting the white gloss to the doors in the bar area by Steve Jackson and Jas Hothi and a team of volunteers who put in some stirring works in the back yard ensuring it was free of rubbish, excess grass, weeds and shrubs by Bradley Manning, Connor, Ronnie Jackson, Graham Burr, Paul Read and Callum Bennett. Another big thank you to local waste disposal contractor Biffa for again supplying the skip free of charge.

Another small party of James Fuller and Jamie Adkins returned on Sunday morning to prepare for their afternoon indoor match against Seven Kings by drilling out and smashing up the concrete plinth at the rear of the club which will make life a lot easier for moving out the mobile net for midweek training sessions.



Jamie – in preparation to rip through Seven Kings opening batsmen



Some of the volunteers take a well earned break to pose for a photo opportunity



James – with Kango making a massive dent in the concrete plinth

Junior School & Community Links

Links into local junior schools continue to grow with presentations and coaching sessions being given in Rainham Village, Parsonage, La Salette, Brady and Newtons. Thanks must be given to Steve Jackson who has assisted with the coaching sessions, which have been very enjoyable to date with all the school participants enjoying the sessions as well as the Rainham CC coaches. All the above schools have agreed to take part in the Rainham CC kwik cricket tournament on 6th June.

Another measure of success of these coaching sessions is that La Salette has requested we return again in 2014 to conduct another 6 coaching sessions.

Sharon Adkins has also arranged for the 3rd Rainham Scout Group to come over to the club early evening on Thursday 9th May to take part in a kwik cricket night. It's important that these community links continue to grow as it give the cricket club a good reputation with the local community and spreads the word for the youngsters of Rainham that there is a cricket club in the area to learn and enjoy playing cricket.

Havering Council – Pitch Rent Increase & Annual Subs

The latest on the excessive increase to our pitch rental is that we will be appealing the decision once they respond to our request to the appeals process. We also contacted the council to insist that the foul drainage is fully cleared, the pitch water tap is renewed, the side gates to our storage area are adjusted and the tiling and grouting in the showers is replaced where it has fallen off the walls, all of which have now been completed, but the appeal will continue.

Please remember our early season is when most of our expenditure is due so please try and make an effort to pay your annual subscriptions nice and early. A reminder of the annual subs is £65 for senior members, £35 for students/non workers and £30 for the youth.

Pitch Volunteers

Even before a ball has been bowled our pitches are looking flush with grass and looking good which is mainly due to the work of Ash Foster, James Fuller and the local council groundsman, Nigel. We also have a healthier team of pitch volunteers to ensure the watering and rolling duties are carried out throughout the season with Ian Gibbs and Paul Read joining to make a team of 7 this year with last year's volunteers Joe Sarro, 'Cooky' and Peter Reynolds completing the numbers.

If anyone wishes to volunteer as part of the pitch maintenance team, then please contact Ash Foster.

Chairman's Notes

Well the season has started with wins and a chance to shake the rust off. The league season starts Saturday so good luck to the lads.



11th May sees the 1st 3rd team home game at the Thames ground in Ockendon. This match is sponsored and it already looks like the 3rds will have the right balance, 7 younger players with 3 experienced members and of course a tactical genius at the helm. It really was great to see young Will Emsden bowl superbly last Saturday at Abridge, taking 3 wickets and also Rainham bowling 2 top class spinners in tandem. As Will commented "Bowling at the end from Cookie, taught me more than the months of coaching spent with our talentless coaches" I'd rather not comment as modesty prevails. Skipper Ian 'Scholesy' Gibbs did add however "Watching Cookie bat made all of us realise we will never reach these standards, but thank god he is at Rainham". Come on lads move on!!!

Our thanks go to all those that participated in the Nat West day, great effort all concerned. With the first social being the quiz night on the 11th plus the Club golf day on the 30th, the season is starting with a bang.

It's gonna be a tough but enjoyable season this year with all teams playing at a higher standard, your support on and off the pitch is appreciated and much needed.

Finally I offer this anagram quiz;

Person 1: I watched the program on the life of Barry McGuigan last night.

Person 2: What was it about?

Who was Person 2? Anagram.

B rry Bumps ead.

I know it's a killer!!

See you in the slips!!

Cooky!!