



Newsletter September 2009

Dear Club Member,

Another successful season has drawn to a close but work at the club goes on throughout the Winter.

Playing matters – 2009 season summary

I am delighted to write that following the promotion of the 1st XI as runners up in Division 1 we are now a **Premier League Club!**

Congratulations to skipper Rich Key and all the players who have contributed to this great achievement which comes after only two seasons back in Division 1 after promotion from Division 2.

Next season will see us competing at the highest level of club cricket in the County, which will represent the biggest playing challenge we have faced in a number of seasons. We are pleased to have secured Stephan Grobler again as our overseas player in 2010 and as a Premier League club we will get the services of a contracted LCCC player. We also plan to strengthen the 1st XI playing squad with the addition of a couple of players.

The 2nd XI finished in 4th place in Division 5 and will be looking to push for promotion in 2010.

The 3rd XI have had a successful 2nd season which has seen a number of victories and good individual performances resulting in some of the younger players progressing into 2nd XI league cricket.

The midweek league team skippered by Shaun Young won promotion to Division 1 as Division 2 champions - despite always fielding a young team against much more experienced teams.

The Sunday development XI have introduced more young players into senior cricket

Juniors

U17's won their league and narrowly lost the County semi final on "over count back" despite a tie on runs scored and wicket taken.

U15's were defeated in the district cup final and finished 3rd in the league

U13's won the league and progressed to the County final losing to a strong Loughborough Town team and also reached the semi finals of the cup

U11 hardball won their league and reached the district semi final

U11 incrediball tied at the top of their league but lost out in a play off

U10's have had good success in games and the number of players at this level is very strong again.

New Pavilion and Ground

Although we were unsuccessful in our bid for Sport England funding, negotiations continue with the ECB regarding their funding support in building of the new pavilion.

End of season ground work is planned for Saturday 3rd October 9:00 -1:00. Please support your hardworking ground team if you have a couple of hours to spare – a fair payback given the many hours they voluntarily put in during the year to provide us a great playing surface and outfield.

If you are planning to come along a shovel and wheelbarrow would be useful!

Social events

A dinner to celebrate Tony Rogers 50 years as club secretary is being held at Cosby Golf Club on Saturday 31st October and over 80 guests have confirmed their attendance on the night. If you are intending to attend please confirm your attendance to Rich Bray 4 Strudwick Way, Whetstone, Leicester, LE8 6YS

Some current members have assumed that it is known that they will attend but with 80+ people already booked - make sure Rich Bray knows you are attending or you may miss out on a place.

Winter Nets

- Seniors commence Thursday Oct 15th 7:00 -8:00 at Grace Road (U15 players and older welcome)
- Juniors will not commence until January 2010 – venue and dates TBC

The Journal Awards

You may have noticed that the club has two nominations in the The Journal Awards 2009. It would be good to get your votes to support the club's nominations.

Annual Subscriptions

I would hope that everyone has now paid BUT if anybody still owes subscription for this season – please send your cheque payable to N&L CC to the Treasurer Rich Bray, 4 Strudwick Way, Whetstone, Leicester, LE8 6YS

Regards,



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