



Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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Spring Farm Park, Lambs Lane, Rainham, Essex, RM13 9XF

December 2009 Newsletter

Playing Update

Indoor Cricket

Only one match was played during December with the first team playing Ardleigh Green 'B' and suffering the first indoor defeat of any indoor team this season. A less than average batting display meant that Rainham were bowled out for 46 with only 'The Nurdle' making a good account of himself with the bat. Some solid bowling ensured that Ardleigh Green 'B' struggled to get the runs, but after a failed LBW appeal from Alex Sullivan's bowling, with the opposition 3 wickets down, it proved that 46 runs were not enough with Ardleigh Green 'B' getting the runs without losing any further wickets.

This now leaves the 1st team 4th in the 2nd division but with a game in hand against 2 of the teams above them, with the next game against 2nd in the league Romford & Gidea Park on 10th January. The 2nd team are top of division being unbeaten in 3 with their next match against Harold Park on the 17th January.

A players meeting has been suggested prior the indoor winter nets starting which will be around early February. This meeting will be designed for everyone to have their say on the playing side and the expectancy from all Captains on practice sessions and behaviour on the pitch.

Discipline & Appeals Committee

Discipline on the field of play as always been very important to Rainham to ensure that all members play the game in an enjoyable environment and ensure that we continue to play the game 'within the spirit of cricket'. On the odd occasion where club members do fall foul of our standards we need to ensure that these matters are dealt with 'in-house' in a timely manner. This is a call for all non committee members to volunteer to sit on these committees in the event of someone being in breach of club discipline. One non-committee club member is required for the Discipline Committee and another one for the Appeals Committee. These committees only meet as and when required and let's hope that we do not have to hold one in 2010. If anyone is interested please contact Peter Reynolds

Funding & Fund Raising

Sponsorship



Graham Thwaites and Peter Reynolds will be meeting Crispin & Borst again in February, which is provisionally booked for the 12th. Hopefully this meeting will be as positive as the last one and we can obtain some regular sponsorship and a two way partnership.

Peter Reynolds has applied for further funding opportunities via Sport England, Cash 4 Clubs and The Criminal Justice System Cash Back Grants. Further applications will be made to Havering Youth Opportunities Fund, Grassroots Funding and The Mayor of London Play Sport Grants. Some not so good

news in that a recent application to the O2 'It's Your Community' Fund was unsuccessful to obtain a kit bag for the under 11s, but another application to this fund will be sent in June.

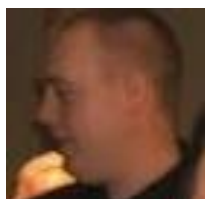
Social Events

One very informal social occasion took part just before Christmas with a few members partaking in a few drinks over the club on the 18th December. This was at the start of the snow storms and as we all gathered around the one heater in our coats this created a very cosy environment, although some seemed to suffer worse than others. All in all it was still a very enjoyable evening.

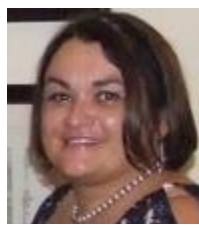
The committee will be meeting for the first time in 2010 on the 16th January to discuss the social events for 2010 as well as other topics such as allocation of finances and the players meeting. As soon the dates and theme of the social events has been agreed the committee will ensure that they are well publicised in advance.

Playing Equipment

Some good news on the equipment side in that a mobile net has been obtained, which should improve practice evening during the summer. At present the mobile net is in a dismantled state and stored in the store room. It also requires some wheels to be bought to finish it off. This was obtained free of charge from the School where Julie Kennelly works, as they were due to throw it away. Ian Havard also managed to obtain a van free of charge, so a big thank you to both Ian and Julie for making this equipment available to us for next summer.



Ian 'White
Van Man'
Havard



Julie 'Arthur
Daley'
Kennelly

Also 2 x sight screens have been purchased via Durant Cricket Supplies, which we managed to obtain at around 30% discount by being part of the Nat West Cricketforce scheme. The funding we obtained from Grassroots Funding in July has enabled us to pay for this equipment, which will be delivered to the club just prior to the season starting.

Both of these items will need to be erected which is proposed to be done around April time with volunteers from all club members attending the clubhouse, one Saturday or Sunday, to do all the jobs that need doing. This will ensure that we are ready for the start of this very important season.

General News

Green Flag Status – Spring Farm Park

As usual the council's promise to have the repairs to the roof completed in December was not completed which is extremely disappointing and now gives us less confidence with their other promises to give Spring Farm Park Green Flag Status. Let's all hope that there is better news when the next Newsletter is published.

Alex Sullivan

Alex Sullivan finally got married to his long term girlfriend Alison on the 23rd December at Berwick Manor in Rainham. Many club members attended the evening reception which was very enjoyable and reminded us all of the excellent dinner and dance that was held at this venue in 2008. We all wish Alex and Alison a long and happy marriage and hope that Alison will now allow Alex to wear his honours tie at the next Dinner and Dance.



Mr & Mrs Sullivan,
the happy couple

Tour 2010

The tour will take place over the weekend of 24th and 25th July to Les Ormes, Brittany, France. Graham will require a 50 euro deposit required by the time the winter nets start in mid February. Further details of the full itinerary and costs will be known at a later date.

Christmas Quiz Answers

For anyone that did attempt the quiz the answers are below.

- 1) James Mansfield - K) Guinness
- 2) Ashley Foster – G) Sick Bucket
- 3) Dan Skipper – F) 7 Run~~ners~~
- 4) Adrian Moon - A) Shower Gel
- 5) Paul Collis – E) ‘Meditation for Beginners’ Book
- 6) Scott Dordoy B) Gym Membership
- 7) Keith Blake – L) Scarifier
- 8) Dave Adkins – H) Sushi
- 9) Kenny Sims – J) Baby’s Bib
- 10) Barry Bumpstead – C) The R~~W~~yder Cup
- 11) Mickey Callgahan – I) Platform Shoes
- 12) Graham Thwaites – D) Club Honours Tie

The winner of the pack of Carling beer was James Mansfield with the first correct (only) entry.

Chairman’s Notes

I sit writing my notes looking out at freezing temperatures and thick snow everywhere and cricket seems a million miles away. However as experience tells us once Christmas passes the season appears very quickly.

This season in many ways represents a watershed year for the club as we have the chance to apply our skills in a better league with much improved facilities.



I realize this is a common request but like never before, we need many of you to go the extra yard in off field preparation this year. We need our club house to be as good as it can be and of course the pitch to play well. We are putting constant pressure on the council for the pitch and they are committing to improving the building structure. Come March we will need all of you to put some work in!!

Those of us that attended the Christmas bash will remember the evening for many years; I lost 3 toes due to severe frost bite!!!

Anyway happy new year to all members!!!