



Rainham (Essex) Cricket Club

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

March 2010 Newsletter

Playing Update

Indoor Cricket

The first team had a good win against Parkers 'A', with some excellent opening bowling from Joe Sarro and Ian Havard restricting the opposition to 44 for 3 in 12 overs. A solid opening partnership between Alex Sullivan and Graham 'Nurdle' Thwaites and a good contribution from Kenny Sims ensured that victory was secured well before the allotted 12 overs. The first team have one more match against high flying Gidea Park & Romford and a good win against this opposition should secure 3rd place. Although this will not secure promotion the first team have had a solid indoor season.

The 2nd team needed to win their last match against lowly Harold Wood 'B' to secure promotion but another under par fielding performance and some good batting from allowed the opposition to score a challenging 96. Rainham batted and lost 3 early wickets through some poor batting and some suicidal run outs. The one plus point in the batting department was Ashley Fosters 32 which allowed Rainham to secure 2 batting points but was still 22 runs short of Harold Wood's target. With Hornchurch Athletic beating top of the league Seven Kings 'B' Rainham 2nd team just missed out on a second successive promotion.

Well done and thank you to Mickey Callaghan and James Fuller for organising the teams during the winter indoor cricket league.



James Fuller – 2nd team indoor skipper



Mickey Callaghan – 1st team indoor skipper

Pitch Improvements

The pitch inspection report has now been received that indicates that our pitch does not meet basic standards. The main issues being moss, stud marks, worms, fertilisation and thatch. Keith Blake has put together some recommendations for some pre season works which will be discussed at the next committee meeting on 1st April.

Senior Fixtures 2010

Adrian Moon has now finalised all the fixtures with the first match being a friendly at home against Roding Valley on 17th April. Adrian will be publishing the fixtures prior to season commencing.

Senior Winter Indoor Nets

Senior indoor nets will finish on Monday 29th March. From 12th April all practice sessions will take place over Spring Farm Park.

Youth Section Fixtures 2010

The under 13's have secured another fixture against Hornchurch Away on 2nd June starting at 5.30pm. Other fixtures may also take place against Belhus and Orsett which will be advertised once confirmed.

Youth Section Practice

The winter nets have now finished at Hall Mead School in Upminster and were well attended during each session. All future practice will take place over Spring Farm Park and will commence every Monday at 6pm from 19th April.

Qualified Coaches

Well done to Dave Joynes and James Fuller for successfully passing their ECB level 1 coaching course. Dave will be assisting with under 13 coaching this summer and James will be taking some coaching sessions with the 16 to 19 year old.

Funding & Fund Raising

Crispin & Borst Sponsorship

Crispin & Borst kindly supplied £500 worth of materials which were used on the Nat West Cricket Force day on 27th March. The items obtained were paint, tiles for the kitchen, new doors for the changing rooms and some electrical fittings. A big thank you to Crispin & Borst for this kind donation.

Grassroots Funding

Our second application for funding from Grassroots has been successful and the options of where we will spend the £2000 will be to buy a new bowling machine, buy a lawn mower or use as extra funds for caging off the artificial practice area.

Social Events

The next social is the pre-season get together on Friday 16th April at Crayford Dogs, which is just over the bridge near Dartford. Jack Gilliland has managed to obtain 100 tickets for this night out and we will be selling them at £6, the normal face value is £9, which will secure entry a race card and a beer or glass of wine, so please try and support the club in which should be a good night out and enhance team spirit. Tickets can be obtained from Jack Gilliland on 07931-731874, so please let Jack know early as if there are enough numbers he will arrange a mini bus.



The first social night down the club will be the quiz night on Saturday 1st May, which coincides with our first ever league match in the Mid-Essex league. We have also been given 4 tickets for an Essex Eagles ECB 40 league match against Gloucestershire Gladiators on Sunday 9th May. These tickets were given to us by Graham Jelley the Essex CCC Development Officer, for the club taking part in the Nat West Cricket Force day and they will be either auctioned or raffled during the quiz night.

General News

Club House & Improvements

Graham Thwaites and Kevin Newton met with the council regarding us taking on a lease but have insisted that certain works to the club house are under taken before we consider this. After a surveyors report damp course treatment must be carried out and all electrical works brought up to existing 17th edition Regulations. The council have also promised that a set of double gates will be installed prior to the start of the season which will ensure that we can store the sight screens, which are still held for us by Durant Sports, and erect the mobile net. Neither of these jobs took place during Nat West Cricket Force day, as there would have been no where to store them.

Nat West Cricket Force Day

The Nat West Cricket Force day took place on Saturday 27th March with the club obtaining free materials from Crispin & Borst and a free skip from Biffa. Other free materials were supplied by Steve Jackson of florescent light fittings, tubes, switches and fan heaters. Steve also put in a good stint of work ensuring all lights are now working in the club house. Other works and willing volunteers whom also deserve a pat on the back were as follows:



- Bar renovation - Ian, Jimbo, Dr. Jack & Bumper
- Kitchen renovation - Jimmy Fuller (Father of James)
- Paint changing rooms/corridor/umpires room – Alex (the Varnish King), Kenny, Blakey, Joe, Ash Foster, Scott McHugh, Ronnie Jackson, Regan Sims, James Fuller
- Repair to bowlers end of artificial wicket – Blakey & Alex
- Tidy the rear of the clubhouse – Mickey Callaghan, John Read, Ash Foster, Scott McHugh, Ronnie Jackson, Regan Sims
- Clear external drains – John Read, Keith Blake & Kenny Sims



Rainham CC Nat West Cricket Force
'Dream Team' with special guest
Graham Jellev from Essex CCC

Julie also provide welcome teas, rolls and biscuits for all the volunteers and a special mention to Scott McHugh who was one of the first to arrive and one of the last to leave and put in a good stint of works both inside and outside the clubhouse.



Mickey Cal & John Read –
more like Ground Force than
Cricket Force



Scott McHugh – an excellent
contribution on the Nat West
Cricket Force day



Joe Sarro – done more work
on the day than in the last 10
years at the MoD

As there were more works than anticipated another day, 10th April, has been put aside to finish the painting of the external walls to the rear of the building, hanging doors to changing rooms, painting all gloss in changing room areas, removing the concrete post at the rear of the club and, pending the installation of the double gates, erecting the sight screen and mobile net.

Club Clothing

Rainham CC shirts and caps are now available for the start of the season and can be obtained from Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497 at £20 a shirt and £5 per cap. Shirts are for senior members only but caps are for both senior and junior members.



Club shirts for seniors- £20 each



Club caps for seniors and juniors - £5 each

The under 13 team will be provided with club shirts and jumpers for all matches, which have been provided by the Royal Mail Sports Foundation.



Under 13s – Club jumper and shirts provided by Royal Mail Sports Foundation

Chairman's Notes

There will be no Chairman's notes this month due to our Chairman being out of the country on a well earned break