



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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January 2014 Newsletter

Social Events Arranged for 2014!

The first committee of 2014 took place on 14th January and the social events have been agreed for the following dates, so please ensure you keep your diaries free for Rainham's 'must be there' social events for the summer. The Saturday dates have been set so as to ensure we have 2 teams playing at home and the away team has little travelling to do.

- Sunday 4th May – Inter Club 6 a side Tournament & Table Tennis Competition
- Saturday 17th May – Countdown Challenge – Who can beat Jono?
- Wednesday 28th May – Golf Day at Stock Brook Manor Golf Club Billericay £42
- Saturday 14th June – Quiz Night
- Saturday 5th July – Bollywood & Curry Night
- Saturday 9th August – Darts Night
- Sunday 24th August – Presidents Day
- Saturday 15th November (provisional date) Dinner and Dance

The first social day will be on the first Sunday in May prior to Bank Holiday Monday where an inter club 6 a side tournament will be arranged which will consist of teams that must have one player under 20 and another over 35 that make up their team of 6. Once the number of teams have been arranged the format of the tournament will be announced, but it will definitely be 5 overs a side per match with each outfield player bowling an over each and the batsman must retire once they reach 25. On the same day a club Table Tennis Tournament will be arranged.

The second social event will be a new theme we will be trying of a Countdown Challenge – Who Can Beat Jono? The format will be Jono against a team of 3, where the best of the 3 team options will go up against Jono's single answer. Each match will consist of 3 letters game, 1 numbers game and a conundrum. If you fancy your chances start to gather your teams to take on our Countdown King Jono.

The other events will be golf day at Stock Brook Manor, the ever popular Quiz Night, a Bollywood and Curry Night that was postponed last year, a Darts Night with a new playing format suggested by Graham Burr and the well attended Presidents Day. The end of season finale will be the end of Season Dinner and dance that may be at a new venue this year.



Who fancies their chances of taking on
Captain Chaos 'Jono' in the Rainham CC
Countdown Challenge?

Playing Update – Indoor Season

‘D’ Team Mauled by Machine

5th January 2014 ‘D’ Team v Matt & The Machine – Rainham again lost the toss, which we was hoping would be the only thing we lost after the previous encouraging performances in early December, and The Machine decided to bat. Charlie Puncher bowled a good tidy first over and then Peter Reynolds came on and gave The Machine batsman some encouragement with a couple of expensive overs. Matt’s batsmen continued to keep the scoreboard ticking over at a rate of knots before Bradley Manning dismissed one of the openers to a good catch from Charlie Puncher. Connor Richards was making his indoor debut and bowled a tidy followed by another tidy over from Reynolds, which included another wicket, again caught by Charlie, but it still wasn’t enough for The Machine to plunder 142 for 2 from their 12 overs.

This was a tough target to chase and Reynolds and Puncher got Rainham off to a good start in the first over until Reynolds holed out to short mid off. Charlie soon followed in the next over sweeping a straight one to get bowled, followed by Bradley to a good ball that hit the top of off stump. Danny Sadai scored a few before also being bowled which left a handy partnership from debutant Connor Richards and Umer Ellani to take the score to 42 all out and a disappointing thumping defeat.

Brearley shows Class

5th January 2014 ‘C’ Team v Upminster ‘B’ –With a record of played 3 and won 2 the ‘C’ team were keen to build on a good start to the season by taking on winless Upminster ‘B’. Upminster batted first and were in all sorts of early trouble with Tyler Bunn and Harry Light sharing 4 wickets leaving Upminster on 40 for 4, but with one batsman retired on 25. Another wicket lead to Upminster looking down the barrel of another potential defeat as they were stranded on 58 for 5, but their undefeated batsman still scoring regular runs. This proved crucial as this batsman carried his bat for 65 not out and a challenging total of 114 to chase.

Brearley kept things positive and showed the way by retiring on 25 but had some excellent support from Kieran Howard 21, including a 6, George Light 16 and Harry Light 11 and then Brearley resumed carrying his bat for 34 not out. This was a sterling effort from the ‘C’ to end their 12 overs on 97 for 5 and a record of played 4 and won 2 to date.

Skipper Tames Third Class Post

12th January 2014 ‘B’ Team v Dagenham Post – ‘B’ Team Captain Jas Hothi (Now wants to be known as MS Hothi!) has been in fine indoor form and wanted to keep the momentum going in this 3rd fixture out of 5 against Dagenham Post. Rainham bowled first and made Dagenham fight for their runs while taking a steady stream of wickets with MS leading by example claiming one wicket and a run out, but was outdone in the bowling department by indoor debutant Altin who took 2 wickets and a run out. Joe Sarro chipped in with the final wicket to leave Post 79 all out.

MS again lead by example with the bat scoring 22 and was out batted by Dan Skipper who retired on 25 and good contributions from Joe Sarro 10 and Kenny Sims a quick fire 8 to lead Jasi’s Jewels to 4 wins out of 5 in Division 2 and a top 2 spot just behind Goresbrook ‘B’.

Captain Chaos Produces Virtuoso Performance

19th January 2014 ‘A’ Team v Hornchurch ‘A’ – Jono’s chaotic organisation skills of gathering 6 players for an indoor game was not helped by the late withdrawal of Alex Sullivan who watched his beloved, but on the decline Manchester United get thumped at Chelsea. Dan Skipper stood in for Alex, but this still left Jono with just 5 players and Charlie Puncher was a late recruit to make his indoor ‘A’ Team debut. Hornchurch batted first and this last minute rushing about did not faze Jono from setting about the task of ripping into the Hornchurch batsmen, taking 3 wickets. James Fuller contributed a wicket helped by a sharp catch by Ash Foster and James also ran one of the Hornchurch batsman out. The thinking man’s bowler (that’s what we call erratic bowling) Jas Hothi got the Hornchurch danger man with a fine caught and bowled and leave Hornchurch reeling on 60 all out.

After opening the bowling Jono then unselfishly opened the batting and lead by example by retiring on 26. Rainham then lost 4 quick wickets to create a bit of last minute panic, but with 6 overs still available and 10 runs required new boy Charlie Puncher played aggressively to help lead the 'A' team to a third successive victory and 4th place in the league just 1 point behind Ardleigh Green, whom they play in their next match

Experienced Heads Guide Youngsters to Second Victory

26th January 2014 'D' Team v Parkers – One thing that never changes is the loss of the toss and Captain Reynolds was hoping to change things around and bat first, but Parker's chose to bat first. Callum Bennett opened the bowling and kept things tidy, with one of the Parker's batsman gradually building runs without any explosive hitting and continued to retire on 25. The next batsmen came in and hot a few hefty blows before Umer Ellani took the first wicket with a low diving catch off the ceiling from Reynolds. The Parkers run rate began to slow down as Bradley Manning and Umer bowled some accurate overs. With 2 overs to go Parkers were on 79 for 2 and then the pick of the Rainham bowlers, Callum Bennett, took a well deserved wicket by bowling the other Parkers opener just short of his retirement. The last over bowled by Reynolds yielded another 2 wickets with a smart low catch from Connor Richards and some tidy fielding by Bradley Manning for a run out on the last ball to leave the 'D' team chasing a target of 86 for victory.

Reynolds (who seems to be hogging the opening spots for batting and bowling) opened with Connor Richards and they kept up with the run rate until Connor was caught at Mid Off after hitting a few fours. Reynolds then retired on 25 in the 4th over and Bradley Manning continued to keep the score above the run rate including a six and then Callum tried to follow this and was caught at Mid On. Umer joined proceedings and kept the score ticking over before being caught and bowled. Danny Sadai came in and immediately hit a 4 and played some sensible cricket by almost scoring a run every ball. Bradley was then bowled for 14 and Reynolds then came back in with 4 overs to go and in the very next over Danny and Peter got at the Parkers bowling to strike 14 off this over to leave 8 to win with 3 overs to go. Sensible batting ensured Rainham scored the required runs with just under 2 overs to spare and a well deserved second victory for the 'D' Team, with Danny not out on 13 and Reynolds not out on 42.

Oh Bails! 'C' Team Circum to Last Ball Defeat

26th January 2014 v Brothers – This is more like Triplets as this is the 3rd time the 'C' team will have played Brothers in 5 matches, after 2 previous victories. Brearley batted first and this seemed to be an inspired decision as the ball was flying to all 4 corners of the sports hall as Brearley, Tyler Bunn and Kieran Howard all retired on 25 and George Light making 19 not out (we won't mention Harry's duck!) as the 'C' Team made an impressive 113 for 1 from their 12 overs.

Brothers made some good progress towards this target but in doing so continued to lose wickets with Tyler taking 2, George Light 1 and George Gough 1 and a run out had Brothers in some trouble, but they had one batsman left that had retired on 25. This batsman continued to take on the bowling and put Brothers in the position of 2 runs to win and one ball to face. This final ball caused all sorts of drama as the ball was driven to Harry Light who collected the ball cleanly and under armed it towards the stumps where it hit middle but failed to dislodge the bails and the Brothers batsman made his 2 runs for an exciting finish victory.

Winter Nets @ Campion School

Winter nets continue to be a success with the seniors taking part on Wednesday nights at 7pm at Campion School. Please try and get there before 7pm if you can as no one is using the facility prior to us and some training drills are being arranged by James Fuller and Dan Skipper. The same applies to the youth section coaching night on Fridays that are also well attended. Please try and get to these sessions at 6.30pm sharp as the coaches will be arranging some coaching skills prior to the nets sessions which start at 7pm.

Funding Opportunities

Veolia North Thames Trust

After the last success of our funding via Veolia ensuring we built a brand new practice net facility we have gone straight back with another application with the Veolia North Thames Trust. This time it's to try and improve the cricket square at our second ground at Thames RFC, which will also include new equipment such as a scarifier and a new mower, so an application of £30,000.00 has been submitted. We do meet the criteria to apply as we have been sent an application form, but nothing is guaranteed with any funding applications, so let's hope this one is successful as it will help the development of the club and ensure we have other options to expand the youth section and Saturday league teams.

General News

Havering Youth League Fixtures

Youth Team Managers Jason Downton, Paul Newman and Peter Reynolds attended to Havering Youth League fixtures evening at Hornchurch Cricket Club on 28th January and the following fixtures have been arranged:

As you can see it's a busy year for the under 13s and it's also the first time we will have entered an under 11s in the Havering Youth League, so good luck to new team managers Jason Downton and Paul Newman.

Under 11s	Opponents	Ground	Time	Type
Wednesday 14 May 2014	Hornchurch Athletic	Away	17:30	League
Sunday 25 May 2014	Harold Wood	Away	09:30	League
Wednesday 04 June 2014	Goresbrook	Home	17:30	League
Sunday 15 June 2014	Upminster A	Away	09:30	League
Sunday 22 June 2014	Gidea Park & Romford	Away	09:30	League
Sunday 29 June 2014	Ardleigh Green	Away	09:30	League
Sunday 13 July 2014	Upminster B	Home	09:30	League
Sunday 27 July 2014	Hornchurch	Away	09:30	League

Under 15s	Opponents	Ground	Time	Type
Sunday 18 May 2014	Hornchurch Athletic	Home	17:30	Cup
Sunday 25 May 2014	Upminster B	Away (Upminster Park)	09:30	League
Wednesday 04 June 2014	Harold Wood	Away	17:30	League
Friday 06 June 2014	Gidea Park & Romford	Away	17:30	League
Wednesday 11 June 2014	Goresbrook	Home	17:30	League
Sunday 15 June 2014	Upminster A	Away (Upminster Park)	09:30	League
Wednesday 18 June 2014	Hornchurch Athletic	Away	17:30	League
Wednesday 02 July 2014	Hornchurch	Home	17:30	League

Under 13s	Opponents	Ground	Time	Type
Monday 05 May 2014	Buckhurst Hill	Home	TBA	Peter Coe Cup
Sunday 11 May 2014	Kelvedon & Feering	Away	TBA	Peter Coe Cup
Sunday 18 May 2014	Harold Wood	Away	09:30	Cup
Sunday 25 May 2014	Hornchurch Athletic	Home	09:30	League
Monday 26 May 2014	Billericay	Home	TBA	Peter Coe Cup
Sunday 01 June 2014	Harold Wood	Home	09:30	League
Sunday 08 June 2014	High Roding	Away	TBA	Peter Coe Cup
Wednesday 11 June 2014	Hornchurch	Away	18:00	League
Sunday 15 June 2014	Upminster B	Home	09:30	League
Wednesday 18 June 2014	Goresbrook	Home	18:00	League
Sunday 22 June 2014	Hornchurch	Home	TBA	Peter Coe Cup
Sunday 29 June 2014	Gidea Park & Romford	Home	09:30	League
Sunday 06 July 2014	Upminster A	Home	09:30	League
Sunday 13 July 2014	Wanstead	Away	TBA	Peter Coe Cup
Sunday 20 July 2014	Havering Atte Bower	Home	09:30	League
Sunday 27 July 2014	Upminster	Home	TBA	Peter Coe Cup

Rainham CC, Shirts, Sweaters, Caps & Trousers

A few club members have requested if they can buy some Rainham CC shirts with the London Riverside BID sponsorship logos on the front. Galaxy Teamwear has been contacted and we can obtain shirts for £15, trousers to match our shirts for £16, slipovers for £20 sweaters for £22 and baseball caps for £8.50. Names on shirts are another £3.50. All are available in the following sizes.

- SHIRTS & SWEATERS TO FIT CHEST SIZES : SMALL BOYS (28/30"), BOYS (30/32"), LARGE BOYS (32/34"), YOUTH (34/36"), S (36/38"), M (38/40"), L (42/44"), XL (46/48") XXL (52"), XXXL (54")
- TROUSERS TO FIT WAIST : SMALL BOYS (22"), BOYS (24"), LARGE BOYS (26"), YOUTH (28"), S (30"), M (32"), L (34"), XL (36"), XXL (38"), XXXL (40"), XXXXL (42")



Sweaters and Slipovers will be Micro Fleece Lined but in Rainham CC colours



Shirts will be as above and the trousers will match with the club crest, blue piping and yellow flashing

We are not restricted to a minimum order for shirts and trousers but we must have a minimum of 12 slipovers and/or sweaters, so if anyone would like some Rainham CC playing kit for the 2014 season, then please

contact Peter Reynolds with the type of kit required and sizes before the end of January, as it will be an 8 weeks lead in time once the order is placed. Money will be required up front for anyone that requires any new playing kit. The cut off date for orders will be Wednesday 5th February 2014.

New Roller

The agreed date for the new pitch roller delivery is 12th February 2014. This will enable us to take the existing roller over to Thames RFC and start renovation works for preparation of a new cricket square ready for 3XI league cricket in the forth coming season. If anyone would like to assist with the preparation works at Thames RFC then please get in touch with our pitch maintenance coordinators Ash Foster and James Fuller.

Chairman's Notes

So the first month of the New Year is over, has any one managed to keep to their New Year resolutions? If one of those was to reduce the love handles a little bit then don't forget to get involved with the winter indoor nets or indoor cricket, details above.

Jasi I'm afraid the 'MS' tag has already been taken by the old chairman formerly known as Cookie/Brearley now known as MS Thwaites, I think his age, experience and patter override your youth & ability and you know he'll be able to argue the case!



Plenty of socials coming up, a big thank you to the Social committee, one more date for the diaries to free up, is the Nat West Cricket Force 2014, which will take place over the weekend of the 5th and 6th April 2014. More details about the Nat West Cricket Force weekend will be revealed in next month's newsletter.

Have a great month

Danny S

