



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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October 2013 Newsletter

Welcome Danny, Sunday League Application Success & More Awards

Even though the cricket season is well and truly over there is still plenty of activity going on in the world of Rainham Cricket Club. At the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 25th October, Danny Sadai was voted in as our new Club Chairman and I am sure he will be a good asset to the club in this role with his excellent organisational skills and his knowledge of the Essex County Cricket scene. I am sure we all welcome Danny in this role and will give him as much assistance as we can until he finds his own feet. There is further detail regarding the AGM below.



Danny commenced his new role with gusto by attending the Essex Sunday League AGM on 27th October with outgoing Chairman Graham Thwaites to pitch our application into the Essex Sunday League. Some more good news in that our application was accepted so it will be all guns blazing for our new Sunday captain Jas Hothi to take on this new challenge with 9 Sunday league matches. This will be a tough test as there are some very good teams in this league such as Upminster, Orsett, Chelmsford & Harold Wood. Good luck to Jas with this new venture and thank you to Graham and Danny for making our application successful, which hopefully will continue to develop the cricketing talent of Rainham CC.

Finally, well done to Ashley Foster and James Fuller for all the hard work they have put in our cricket pitch over the last few years and they have recently been rewarded at the Essex Playing Fields 'Best Kept Playing Fields' Competition by receiving a Silver Award for the category 'Cricket Grounds on which a winter game may or may not be played' on behalf of the Cricket Club. We also entered 2 more categories which were 'Playing fields which are professionally maintained and managed by larger authorities' and 'Children's playgrounds whether on or off playing fields' and we were even more shocked when our club won Gold Awards for each of these categories. The Essex Playing Fields are an Association that encourages more open spaces to be made available and maintained to a high standard to encourage more children to use the facilities. We will continue to be a member of this Association and will enter the 'Best Kept Playing Fields' competition again in 2014. Once again thank you for Ash and James as the hard work you boys have put in on our pitch which has not gone unnoticed.



James Fuller and Ash Foster receiving the Essex Playing Fields Awards from Councillor Norman Hume (Vice Chairman of Essex County Council)

Playing Update – Indoor Season

'D' Team Battered but still take Encouragement

20th October v Goresbrook 'C' - The very first game of the Havering Indoor Cricket season took place on Sunday 20th October with a mainly young 'D' team taking on an experienced Goresbrook 'C' team. Goresbrook batted first and went about their task in a positive fashion from the very first over. The usual indoor ball was not available for this match and a replacement ball was used that seemed to favour the batsman as the ball was pinging off the bat in a lot livelier fashion than the normal ball and Goresbrook took advantage of this. Goresbrook first 5 batsmen all retired on 25 not out but youngsters Charlie Puncher, Callum Bennett, Bradley Manning and indoor debutant Brandon Honey all stuck to their task in a positive fashion and some excellent fielding by Bradley Manning with a direct hit ensured Goresbrook lost one wicket in their total of 149.

Peter Reynolds and Adrian Moon opened the batting and continued their dismal record of running between the wickets when batting together with Adrian being run out without even facing a ball (not my fault this time!). Another diamond for Adrian to add to his collection. Charlie Puncher then came in and immediately hit a 6 and then Peter Reynolds tried to copy the task and was convinced he had succeeded until one of the fielders caught the ball at ankle height off the back wall after it had only just clipped one of the metal trays on the ceiling. Callum Bennett joined Charlie and they shared another 3 sixes before they both got caught, both just short of 25 runs. Bradley Manning and Brandon Honey then both batted sensibly to bat out the 12 overs to ensure we were not bowled out in an overall total of 67 for 4.

Oh Brother! Cookie's 'C' Team are Red Hot

27th October v Brothers - Cookie's indoor tactical nous has been passed down to the 'C' Team this year and his young team of George Gough, George Light, Tyler Bunn Ash Foster got off to great start by winning the toss and putting in new indoor league opposition Brothers to bat. The bowlers set about the task from the very first over making batting difficult for their opposition with some tight bowling. This then lead to the opposition quickly being dismissed for just 32 runs, with braces being taken by George Light, Tyler Bunn and Ash Foster.

Rainham then lost the wicket of George Gough in the first over and then the experience of Cook assisted Tyler in ensuring Rainham reached their target in just 5 overs and a comfortable 5 wicket victory.

'B' Team Share the Joy

27th October v Dagenham Post – With captain Jas away James Fuller took temporary charge which would give him a good chance of looking at those that may be knocking on the door of the 'A' Team. Dagenham Post batted first and although wickets were not tumbling runs were being kept to a minimum as 5 bowlers, Dan Skipper, Debutant Rob Holton, Kenny Sims, James Fuller and Sid Patel, shared the overs with Skipper 1 for 12 and Kenny 1 for 16 being the most successful. Although only 2 wickets fell Post were kept to 85 runs in their 12 overs.

Rainham's innings did not get off to a great start with Sid going for 9, Joe Sarro for a duck and Dan Skipper for 5. The last 3 batsman, Kenny 15, James 27no and Rob 24no, steered the 'B' team to victory with one over to spare.

Indoor Cricket – Fixtures and Results

If anyone wishes to follow the fixtures and results then the following website gives all the information <http://www.essexindoorcricket.com/havering/>

Jono has also posted a link to this information on the Rainham CC website.

Winter Nets @ Campion School

We have secured our slots at Campion School Hornchurch again this winter with the seniors' night commencing on Wednesday's from 7 to 8pm commencing on 13th November and the youth night will be Fridays from 7 to 8pm commencing 15th November. There will be a break for most of December, but winter nets will then continue from early January right through to the first week in April when we then commence outdoor training at Spring Farm Park. Fees per night for winter nets will be £4 for seniors and £3 for youth and concessions.

3rd XI – T-Rippon Mid Essex League Application

The annual general meeting will take place on Thursday 14th November at Chelmsford CC where outgoing Club Chairman Graham Thwaites will perform his final task as Chairman before fully handing the reigns over to Danny. This time our Graham will be in guise of a 'Dragons Den' contestant pitching for our 3rd XI to be accepted into the T-Rippon League. There are plenty of clubs applying this year with our old foes Goresbrook looking to enter 4 of their teams into the league as well as another 2 from Noak Hill and a host of other clubs also applying. Due to the amount of applications the league may be considering forming another division, which we feel would help our application. All the best to all that will be attending from the club to assist in our application.

Social Events News

Dinner & Dance 16th November 2013

The end of season dinner and dance has been booked for Saturday 16th November at Berwick Manor. Tickets will be £35 and for non-diners £10. Luke Burr will be back by popular demand to provide the entertainment for the night, so please get in and reserve your tickets early by seeing organiser Graham Thwaites.



Luke Burr in practice for the highlight of his gigging calendar – The Rainham CC annual Dinner and Dance

The night will also be a presentation night with players of the year, the prestigious Chairman's award and the usual club Honours ties for those taking either 5 wickets in an innings or scoring 100 runs in a match. This year's recipients will be Sid Patel, Ash Foster and Mickey Clifford for scoring 100 runs and 3 youngsters Kieran Howard, Will Emsden and Tyler Bunn taking 5 wickets.

Funding Opportunities

Peoples Post Code Trust, Dulux Let's Colour Scheme & Playing Fields Legacy Fund

A recent applications has been submitted to Peoples Postcode Trust for some Go-Jack wheels, which will ensure we do not have to lift our sight screens and should make them easier to manoeuvre, some coaching mats which will help with feet positioning when batting and a Bow Dry machine to assist with mopping up the water on rainy days. We should hear by Christmas if our application has been successful.

The Dulux Let's Colour Scheme had an extremely quick turnaround time, but on this occasion we were unsuccessful to secure some paint for the exterior and internal surfaces of the clubhouse.

The last application that has yet to be submitted will be to the Playing Fields Legacy Fund to try and secure some money to relay a brand new cricket square at our 2nd ground at Thames RFC, which should ensure a future for a 3rd XI in league cricket and further potential to filed a 4th XI.

General News

Annual General Meeting – Friday 25th October 2013

As mentioned at the start of the Newsletter the AGM took place on Friday 25th October at 7.30pm down the club and all positions were filled with the exception of Vice Chairman. If anyone wishes to stand for the role please contact any of the new committee listed below.

One aspect that was notable at the AGM was due to the amount the council will charge us for using the pitch in the future annual subs will be going up to £50 for juniors and concessions and £80 for full members. Match fees in senior matches will be £10 for full members and £7 for juniors and concessions. It is with regret that club members have voted for these changes, but we need to ensure we cover our costs and we are still cheaper than every other cricket club in Havering.

There was also a proposal to vote in 3 Vice Presidents to the club who were Jit Singh, Derek Sullivan and Gary Littlechild. These are all former club members who have given sterling service to the club over many years. The proposal was accepted so it's good to see their service has been rewarded with a Rainham CC Vice Presidency.

Chairman	Danny Sadai
Vice Chairman	Vacant
Treasurer	Joe Sarro
Club Secretary	Jon O'Neill
Fixtures Secretary	Graham Burr
Social Secretary	Pete Reynolds
Club House Manager	Sharon Adkins
Bar Treasurer	Ash Foster
Bar Chairman	Paul Collis

Bar Manager	Mickey Clifford
Youth Section Manager	Pete Reynolds
Club Welfare Officer	Sharon Adkins
Club Development Manager	Pete Reynolds
Grounds Maintenance Manager	Ash Foster
Press/Publicity Officer	Rob Holton
Website Administrator	Jamie Adkins
Saturday 1st Team (Club) Captain *	James Fuller (Jas Hothi)
Saturday 2nd Team Captain *	Ian Gibbs, Jr. (TBC)
Saturday 3rd Team Captain *	Nick Thwaites (Danny Sadai)
Sunday 1st Team Captain *	Jas Hothi (Biren Patel)

* Vice Captains in brackets



Mickey Clifford can't wait to get stuck into his duties as new Bar Manager

New Net Facility

After the ongoing saga of posting our planning application to Havering Council back in December 2012, we have finally got some activity on our new outdoor net facility at Spring Farm Park. Exclusive Leisure arrived on 7th October and had to depart on 10th October due to their fence supplier letting them down, but they will be back on Monday 4th November to commence the final stages of the work, which is anticipated to be completed by 11th November. Can't wait!!



End of day 1



End of day 2



Biren's in a Spin

Biren Patel recently applied to go for a spin bowling trial at Edgbaston, the home of Warwick CC, with 6 selected bowlers being sent to Pune in India for a master class of spin bowling. On this occasion Biren wasn't successful, but he was pleased he attended and learned many trick of the dark arts of spin bowling, which no doubt he will use and share at Rainham CC. Well done to Biren for being positive and giving this trial a go.

T-Rippon Mid Essex League Presentation

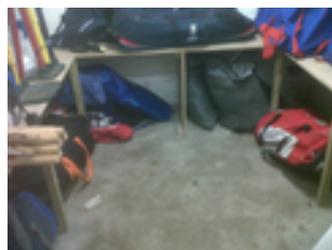
Did anyone fall for the Trophy photo last month? (Skip!!). The truth of the matter is the 2nd Team have been invited to the T-Rippon Mid Essex League presentation on Friday 15th November with Captain Ian Gibbs Junior and Vice Captain Paul Collis representing the club to collect the Division 9 trophy and the 12 team medals. The trophy and medals will also be presented to all members that played a minimum of 6 matches at the club dinner and dance on 16th November. For all those players that played 6 matches this is another opportunity to ensure you secure your tickets for the dinner and dance.

Club Tidy Day – Saturday 5th October 2013

Thank you to Jono, Johnny Wratten and Sharon Adkins for attending the end of season club tidy day with the tasks of the equipment room, umpires room, bar area and the rear of the clubhouse being put back in good order ready for the new season. Below are some before and after photos of the equipment room, which should be left in the 'after' photo condition at all times after training nights and match days.



Before



After

The next time we will be requesting club member volunteers to attend will be the pre-season Nat West Cricketforce weekend of 5th and 6th April for the usual job of ensuring the club is ready for cricket for the new season. Watch this space in the New Year for further details.

Youth Section Volunteers Required

A meeting will be held down the club on Monday 18th November at 7.30pm for all club members, parents and coaches so as to decide what youth section roles any volunteers would like to participate in during the 2014 season. With our youth section growing it's important that the work load is spread to ensure we fulfil all of our fixtures and ensure training nights are successful and enjoyable for the youth section players and coaches. The type of roles that will be on offer to volunteers will be Team Managers, Coaches, Cricket Support Worker, Youth Team Administration, Social Co-ordinator and a few more. If anyone is interested please attend the meeting or contact Peter Reynolds on 07711-144497 or peter.reynolds@romec.co.uk.

Chairman's Notes

Not too sure whether to thank or chastise all of you that attended the AGM and right royally, stitched me up by voting me in as Chairman.

I joined the Club 3 years ago, with the intention of not having anything to do with the administration but just to play cricket and do the odd bit of coaching, how wrong could I be...

"Cooky's" on his way to Oz for the Xmas Ashes and I'm left to carry on, where he left off.



I'm sure that I echo everyone's thoughts in wishing to thank Graham/Cooky/Brearley/Thwaitsey, whichever name you know him by for his excellent Custodianship over the last 10 years and hope I can carry on the good work started by him.

Moving forward, as you've read at the start of this newsletter, we have been accepted into the Essex Sunday League (West Division) for the 2014 season; Peter has kindly given me part of the credit for this but it was all down to the good reputation of the club and a brilliant presentation by Thwaitesy, who will be leading a delegation from the Club in making an application/presentation, to have our 3rd XI accepted into the T Rippon League in the near future.

So next season looks to be a very exciting/challenging season with Rainham possibly putting out 4 sides over a Saturday/Sunday and don't forget we've got 4 indoor sides going through the winter to keep your skilled fine tuned and off course the winter nets starting in November.

I'd like to finish thanking all the hard work put in by volunteers at the club, the grounds men, bar staff, the tea ladies, the volunteers who help out with the youth section, who are the future of the club, to mention a few;
Without Volunteers, We Have No Club!

Have a good month and I hope to see most of you at the Dinner/Dance next month!

Danny S

