



RAINHAM CRICKET CLUB

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February 2014 Newsletter



Veolia Funding Success & Nat West Cricket Force Weekend

February got off to a great start with our application for £29,000.00 to Veolia North Thames Trust being successful for new grounds equipment, including a new mower, scarifier and relaying the cricket square at Thames RFC, where we plan to make more use of this facility in the future for a potential 4th team and for youth team cricket. Our team of volunteers will ensure Thames RFC is ready for league cricket this season, but it is likely the relaying of the cricket square will commence at the end of the 2014 season, which will give the pitch another 6 months worth of maintenance to ensure it is in very good order for the 3rd XI fixtures in 2015.

Another couple of dates for the diary is the Nat West Cricket Force Weekend on 5th & 6th April, where the usual tasks of cleaning the changing rooms, the outside of the club house, the kitchen and the shrubs at rear of the club house. On top of this there is likely to be some painting, as James Fuller, John Wratten, Mick Clifford, Ash Foster and Rob Holton have plans to raise the ceiling, re-plaster the walls and have some new lighting. As usual we will be expecting contributions of free labour and materials for this weekend and we have applied to the ECB Jewson Scheme where we could open an account with £50 and the Jewson Scheme will contribute another £350 into the account for materials. Initial works have already commenced on this project with our existing suspended ceiling being removed as well as the lower panels on all the walls.

We are hoping to obtain a free skip from Veolia over this weekend and we have met with the Rainham Construction College who will be providing half a dozen young volunteers (I hope Goughie's one of them!) for the day to gain some work experience, so if anyone knows where we can obtain some free paint for the internal walls and some weathershield paint for the external walls then please contact one of the committee. Most important is volunteers from club membership to ensure our club house and facilities are ready for cricket for the 2014 season.



Volunteers from 2013 Nat West Cricket Force day

Playing Update – Indoor Season

'B' Team Go Down Tamely

2nd February 2014 'B' Team v Goresbrook 'B' – Jas was keen to put some pressure on top of the table Goresbrook on a Sunday with a tough double header. Goresbrook batted first and were in a bit of trouble at the start losing a couple of early wickets, one taken by Ankit and the other by Ash Foster. This could not prevent Goresbrook getting the upper hand as they continued to score runs at a good rate, with only Captain Jas keeping them below 100 runs with figures of 0-11 from his 3 overs.

Chasing an above average target of 91 for victory it was back to the training ground for the 'B' team as the running between the wickets lead to 4 run outs. Only Ash Foster 18 and Jas 14 put up any resistance as Rainham were bowled out for a tame 40 runs and a 50 run defeat

Kenny Top Score Just Not Enough

2nd February 2014 'B' Team v Seven Kings 'B' – The 'B' team's second match was against 3rd place Seven Kings 'B', so it was important to try and win to keep within distance of Goresbrook and to try and move further away from Seven Kings. Rainham chose to bowl first and had Seven Kings in early trouble with Jas taking 3 for 22, but the gung ho batting style of Kings ensured they were bowled out for before the 12 overs, but not before they had posted 112 runs, with Ankit taking a wicket and a run out and Joe Sarro taking the final wicket.

Jas was determined to put up a better batting display this time around as he added 18 runs, but the star man on this occasion was Kenny Sims scoring 40 runs (Is that his highest score in any form of cricket?). With little support from the rest of the batsman Rainham were dismissed for 80 runs, which rules out any hope of winning Division 2 for the 'B' team.

Youngsters Help Defeat Last Seasons Champs

9th February 2014 'A' Team v Ardleigh Green – After a couple of early defeats Jono's 'A' team had followed with 3 consecutive to leave them just one point adrift of last season's champions Ardleigh Green. Jono selected youngsters Harry Light and 'A' team debutant Ronnie Jackson for this match and Harry immediately got into the action taking a wicket with the first ball of the match and then added further damage by taking a second Green wicket in the same over. This left the opposition reeling and consolidation was then the order of the day. All Rainham's bowlers were bowling well as Green continued to struggle as Ronnie added to their misery by taking their final 2 wickets in his last over as they were bowled out for 48.

Jono and Jas opened the batting and Jas was out scoring Jono as he fell just short of retiring scoring 21 runs. With only 10 runs required for victory the cool head of Ash and the aggressive nature of Jono guided the 'A' team to a 5wicket victory with Jono not out on 22 and ash not out on 5. This leaves the 'A' team 3rd in the table with 2 matches to play.

Brearley Shines Again

9th February 2014 'C' Team v Hornchurch 'B' – Brearley was determined to get the 'C' team back on track after a disappointing last ball defeat in their previous match, but it was against tough opposition Hornchurch 'B'. Brearley opened the batting with in form Kieran Howard as 4 runs were scored in the first over. Kieran then lost his wicket and was soon followed by George Light for 2 and Brother Harry for 1. Brearley continued to score runs and retired on 25with Ian Gibbs adding some good support. George Gough added just 1before being bowled as Brearley came back in adding a further 6 runs before being bowled. Ian Gibbs carried on as last man standing to see out the 12 overs scoring 20 not out as Rainham managed to score 66 for 5.

The young opening partnership of Hornchurch got off to a good start scoring quick runs as both retired on 25. Harry Light halted the Hornchurch progress momentarily as he took a wicket assisted by a fine catch by Brearley. This was the only glimmer of hope as Hornchurch reached their target in just 7 overs for an emphatic 5 wicket defeat for the 'C' team.

Crushed Again by Goresbrook

16th February 2014 'D' Team v Goresbrook 'C' – The 'D' team were set on improving on the earlier season defeat by Goresbrook and Captain Reynolds lost the toss for the 7th successive game as Goresbrook chose to bat. Goresbrook set off at a rate of knots as the pick of Rainham's bowlers, Bradley Manning, tried to stem the flow. Both openers retired on 25 and a further flurry of runs was stemmed when Charlie Puncher ran out one of the Goresbrook batsman. The second Goresbrook wicket was taken caught and bowled by indoor debutant Joe Attfield in his second over after a difficult first over. Bradley Manning then got a deserved wicket caught by Reynolds at Square Leg, as Goresbrook amassed 151 from their 12overs.

Peter and Charlie opened the batting and kept the runs flowing for 3 overs until Charlie was stumped for 3. Bradley manning played some good shots and the Reynolds retired on 25. Steady innings from Bradley and Umer ensured the score went over 50 before Bradley was bowled and Umer was caught. Danny Sadai was

caught going for a six which then brought Reynolds back to bat, who only added another 1 to his score and was bowled playing on to a wide full toss. Joe Attfield was last man standing adding 3 runs to his personal tally and was bowled in the 11th over for an emphatic defeat.

'B' Team Strike Back

23rd February 2014 v 'B' Team v Romford Post – After the disappointment of 2 defeats on the 'B' Team's double header week it was time to knuckle down for Jas and his 'B' Team squad against bottom of the table Romford Post. Jas was struggling to get a team out and had to call on the services of the 'C' Team captain and superstar Brearley to make up the team of 6. This proved to be an inspired change as Brearley top scored with 38 boundary less runs, which was well supported by Dan Skipper's 30 and Jas's 19 as the 'B' team were bowled out for 106.

This was a good target to set as it's always challenging chasing 100 runs indoors and the bowlers of Kenny Sims, Joe Sarro, Jas, James Fuller and Skipper bowled some tight lines against a cautious Romford batting effort. Romford Post were never really in the match as Kenny took one wicket, Jas another and a run out from Joe Sarro restricted Post to 72 runs for just 3 wickets, with the only black mark being Brearley's dolly of a drop to let one of the Post batsman off the hook. Depending on Seven Kings results it is likely this leaves the 'B' team in 2nd place in the league behind run away leaders Goresbrook

Winter Nets @ Champion School

Just 6 more weeks left to go at Champion School before we start training and playing outside, so if you wish to keep your batting and bowling skills well honed during the build up to the start of the new season then seniors should attend on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8pm until 2nd April and Junior members every Friday until 4th April.

Funding Opportunities

Lords Taverners – Cricket Equipment

We recently applied to the Lord Taverners for a full bag of Gunn & Moore cricket equipment and our application was successful. This will only cost £40 for approx. £200 worth of equipment. The bag will include all of the following equipment and will be given to the under 13 in readiness for their Peter Coe Cup campaign. The £40 will be taken from the excess money we currently have in the kitty from indoor nets at Champion School and it should be delivered within the next 4 weeks.

3 cricket bats 2 x size 5 & 1 x size 6
3 pairs batting pads 1 x youth, 2 x boys
3 pairs batting gloves 1 x youth, 2 x boys
1 pair wicket keeping gloves 1 x youth
1 pair wicket keeping pads 1 x youth
1 pair cotton W/K Inners 1 x youth
1 set of stumps & Bails Y – 27 ins
3 cricket balls 4 ¾ oz
3 helmets 3 x youth

Royal Mail – Sports Foundation

Jason Downton, our new under 11 team manager currently works for Royal Mail and he has put in an application with the Royal Mail Sports Foundation to apply for £500 of playing kit for the youth section, which should be able to secure around 20 shirts. Let's all hope this application is successful as we are now running low on junior team shirts especially as we now have 3 regular youth teams. We have been successful in the past, but the criterion has changed this year, which will make it more difficult to obtain the funds. Thank you to Jason for putting in this application.

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Social Events

Next year's dinner and dance will be at a new venue this year at the Thurrock Hotel Belmont Room (Although older club members would probably say the same venue as years gone past) and the date has been set for Saturday 15th November. The Belmont Room can sit up to 90 people so although it's early please let Peter Reynolds know if you wish to attend. The cost will be in the region of £35 again, which will be for a 3 course meal (choices below) and evening entertainment provided by Luke Burr. Times will be: arrive at 6.30pm for pre-dinner drinks and be ready to sit down by 7pm with the evening drawing to a close at midnight.

There will be 3 choices for each course as follows which will have to be selected by attendees 10 days prior to the event and if anyone would like to pay in instalments then this shouldn't be a problem. Put this date in your diary and reserve your seat early at the dining table, as it's normally a good night.

Starter

Goats Cheese Mousse, Sweet & Sour Peppers, Crisp Bread

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Cured Tomato, Mozzarella & Olive Salad

or

Classic Prawn Cocktail & Granary Bread

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Main

Roast Pork Loin with Crackling & Whole Grain Mustard Sauce, with Rosemary Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

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Herb Crusted Salmon with Lemon Burre Blanc with Herb Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

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Roast Chicken Breast, Apple Stuffing Pancetta and Red Wine Jus, with Herb Roast New Potatoes.

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Dessert

Crème Brulee with Short Bread Biscuits

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Treacle Tart with Clotted Cream

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Eton Mess - Meringue, Cream & Fresh Berries



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Graham 'Officer' Burr collecting
The Thurrock Hotel's Belmont inner
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May fixture debacle!

General News

Under 16s – Match Play Alliance

We have been approached by Goresbrook to play in the under 16 Matchplay tournament and to have a joint Goresbrook/Rainham team playing in this competition. Seven of our boys have expressed an interest in playing and a joint net session will be arranged at the start of the season, as Goresbrook have the same number which gives a squad of 14. There will be 5 teams in the qualifying league as follows: Monday 5th May home to Writtle, Sunday May 11th away to Old Parks, 26th May at home to High Roding and Sunday June 15th away to Basildon. This will help our under 16s with the transition from youth Cricket to senior Cricket and ensure they are playing regularly.

Under 11s – Mini Matchplay

We will be looking to enter our under 11s in the Mini Matchplay Festival on Wednesday 20th August at the Essex County Ground, played under Kwik Cricket rules. This will be played under lights and is open to the first 32 that apply and should keep our under 11s active during August when all of their league fixtures will have been completed. Applications are open on 28th February, so let's hope our application is successful.

Rainham CC, Shirts, Sweaters, Caps & Trousers

The order has now gone into our kit supplier Galaxy for all those that wanted new kit for 2014. It's likely we will have to pay 50% up front and the remainder on delivery. I'll let all those that want kit know what to pay and by when. The new kit should be ready for the beginning of the season.

For anyone that did not place an order for a shirt ready for this season will have to wait until next season, as the 2014 order has now been finalised.

New Roller

With the poor weather continually delaying the delivery of our new roller it is hoped the roller will finally be delivered on Thursday 27th February and our old roller taking to our 2nd ground at Thames RFC on the same day, which should signal the start of the much needed pre-season preparation works at Spring Farm Park and Thames.

Official Opening of New Net Facility

There will be an official opening of our new net facility either before the season starts or at the start of the season, where we are hoping to get an Essex County player or ex Kent County and England player to perform the ribbon cutting task. We would also like to invite some of the staff from the Havering North Thames Trust who provided a vast amount of the funding for our new practice facility, for which we must be very grateful. Nothing has been confirmed as yet and once details are confirmed we will want to publicise it and ensure there is a good attendance from all club members and their parents as the net facility will be ready to use and the bar open for those that would like a less strenuous activity.

Chairman's Notes

So we're nearly at the end of February, the cricket season is almost here and Ash still needs more volunteers to help with the pitch preparation, if you can spare a bit of time during the evenings to help out, please contact Ash Foster.



As you've read earlier, Peter has been busy with funding, organising the new net facility, meeting with the Havering College, Head of School for Construction re; Nat West Day and the End of season spectacular at The Thurrock Hotel, so make sure you're diaries are free for the Nat West Cricket Force Weekend on 5th & 6th April and the Dinner/Dance, get your bookings in early for November to avoid disappointment!

Last 5 weeks of nets, last chance to shake of the cob webs before the season starts!

Have a great month

Danny S



