



Between the Wickets

The Newsletter of Spofforth CC

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Introducing the new Chairman

As this my first communication with most of you, as the club's new Chairman may I wish you a belated happy new year and with Easter just around the corner a happy Easter too.

Having assumed this role at the November 2009 Annual General Meeting I will try to carry on from where Barry left off; his shoes will be very hard to fill but he will still be around the club and available for advice to keep me on the straight and narrow.

With the 2010 season almost upon us I wish Simon and Nigel and every member of the club a successful 2010 and hope that the season is as good if not better than 2009. The year is going to see a few improvements off the field with quiz nights and race nights now that we have some new faces around to make the club an even better place to be during and after matches.

If anyone has any concerns or just wants to ask a question please feel free to approach me. I am at the club on most match days and if you don't know who I am someone will point you in the right direction.

Finally I am looking forward to working with the Management Committee and all members of the club in making 2010 as good if not better than 2009.

Steve Gill
Chairman

The Club's Development Plan

To obtain the full benefits of its Clubmark accreditation and its gaining of ECB Focus Club status the club has to prepare and meet a Development Plan. The plan can be found on the club's Play-Cricket website and can be accessed by going to the main Play Cricket website at www.play-cricket.com and following the registration procedures, remembering to include the club name Spofforth. This will flag up a message for the club's website administrator who, when he remembers, will give you the necessary sanction to access the site and the plan.



Cricket Force - Saturday 27 March 2010

Cricket Force is an England and Wales Cricket Board volunteering initiative aimed at rejuvenating the nation's cricketing facilities. With enough volunteers involved to fill the Millennium Stadium (not all at Spofforth!) it is the largest volunteering programme in British sport. Cricket Force encourages cricket supporters, their friends and families to give something back to their local community cricket club by volunteering to undertake both major and minor renovations to clubhouses and grounds.

Whilst the club has no major projects in mind there is still work to be done to get the ground and facilities ready for the season ahead. Please join us on Saturday 27 March, from 9.00AM onwards to get this work completed, it's good fun, refreshments are provided, both liquid and solid and it gives us all a chance to get together before the season starts for real. One of our coaches, Ross Atkinson, will be available to organise cricket based activities to keep the more junior members amused. More details will be published on the club's website at www.spofforthcc.org.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

As a result of our Clubmark accreditation the cricket club has been able to register with the Sainsbury's Active Kids scheme.

You can help your club by quoting the club name on any on-line purchase you make with Sainsbury's, which will enable us to obtain vouchers towards equipment to help with the coaching and training of our junior players. Your help will be much appreciated.

EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An Extra-ordinary General Meeting will be held in the clubhouse on **Monday 22 March 2010 commencing at 8.00PM** to consider the following business only:

I The future of Spofforth Cricket Club in the Wetherby Cricket League.

John Addison Club Secretary

Sponsorship 2010

At the time of preparing this newsletter the following sponsorship deals have been agreed for 2010:

Club Sponsor:

1stXI matches:

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The two teams still requiring sponsorship are the 2ndXI and the under 17 XI. If you or your company are willing to help please contact the Treasurer, Terry Kavanagh, on 01937 590499.

Electricity Generation

Club Website

Thanks to the sterling efforts of Simon Giddings the club's website has now been brought up to date with new pages added for each of the club's junior teams. Both junior and senior membership forms for 2010 are available to download from the membership page. A new page has also been included to keep members up to date with forthcoming events; you can contact Simon via the website if you have anything you wish to add. The website can be found at www.spofforthcc.org.uk.

Junior Registration Day

Junior registration will take place on **Friday 9 April** in the clubhouse commencing at **6.30PM**. Junior registration forms are downloadable from the website by following the link from the committee page to membership.

As well as registering your children you will have the opportunity of meeting with the respective team managers and the coaches. **Not to be missed.**

Spofforth CC Annual Golf Day

The club's annual golf day for the Caines Trophy will be played this year at Wetherby Golf Club on Sunday 18 April with the first tee off at 10.00AM. The price is £180 per team of four which includes tea/coffee and bacon sandwich on arrival, then down to the outdoor driving range with a basket of balls to loosen up for the main event. This is followed by 18 holes of golf on the new course with once again the chances to win a car, holiday and golf clubs for a hole in one. After a shower (optional) and a drink or two in the bar sit down to a welcome 2 course dinner in the clubhouse.

If you would like to enter a team please contact Steve Gill on 07881 957395

Who said?

"If you ever even dream of beating me you had better wake up and apologise"

For the first three correct answers e-mailed to **Terry at Kavanagh.spofforth@virgin.net** there will be a free drink at the bar

Junior Coaching.

Junior coaching evenings will this year commence on Friday 16 April and run through until the end of July. The sessions will commence at **6.30PM until 8.00PM**.

As usual we are on the lookout for volunteers to assist with the staffing of the tuck shop as well as assisting the strengthened coaching team. If you are able to help please contact any of the junior officials at the registration evening.

Again don't forget the EGM on Monday 22 March 2010 commencing at 8.00PM

To discuss the future of Spofforth Cricket Club

The Spofforth Cricket Club bar is available for hire.

So if you have a Birthday, Christening, Engagement, or any other social evening,

Just contact Terry Kavanagh on

01937 590499

Junior Cricket

With the worst of the winter weather now hopefully behind us and the days lengthening our thoughts turn to the forthcoming Cricket season. Teams have been entered in all age group's Wetherby League and cup competitions and winter nets are now well underway in preparation for the season ahead. Throughout the winter we have added to our UKCC qualified coaching staff and Ross Atkinson and I have been busy preparing and planning for the Friday evening coaching sessions to come.

The website for all age groups has now been fully updated. All 2010 fixtures are available online and as a download for the fridge door as are a full set of rules for each age group.

Please make a note of the following important dates in the junior calendar:-

Winter Nets – Sunday 7th February – Sunday 28th March 2010

All juniors who would normally play with a hard ball are invited to warm-up for the season ahead. Ross Atkinson has put together a full programme of training for the eight weeks so that we're ready to "hit the ground running" when the season begins. Sessions run 6.00pm – 7.00pm at St John Fishers School Sports Hall, Harrogate.

CricketForce – Saturday 27th March 2010

Please find time to give us a hand to get the ground, training and social facilities ready for the season ahead. There's plenty to do to make sure that our juniors have the best possible conditions to play their Cricket.

Registration Evening – Friday 9th April 2010

We will be available on the above date to register juniors from 6.30pm at the clubhouse. Applications for Junior Membership are now downloadable from the website; follow the link from the committee pages to membership.

Junior Coaching – Friday 16th April – Friday 23rd July 2010

As usual 6.30pm – 8.00pm.

For up-to-date news and to download the latest Junior Members' Newsletter please visit www.spofforthcc.org.uk.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Simon.

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The club's website has now been updated with a host of additional up-to-date news and information available on-line; please visit the site for all the latest news and information. The process of improving the site is on-going so please feel free to email me with any suggestions that you may have to add to the site. If there are any "techies" amongst you who would like to help improve the design of the site please contact me.

simon.giddings@virgin.net

Bonus Ball 2010

Simon Taylor, 1st XI Captain, will once again be running the weekly National Lottery "bonus ball" draw. This will commence Saturday 1st May, for 20 weeks, until the last Saturday fixture of the season, 11th September. The cost is £1 per week payable in advance. The person who matches the bonus number on the Saturday night lottery draw will win £25 with the remaining £24 going towards club funds.

To acquire your lucky number, or for further details, please contact Simon on **07814133688** or e-mail **simon.taylor@rsim.co.uk**. Numbers will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

GOLDEN OLDIES FESTIVAL 2010

Spofforth is looking to host a series of games for the over 40's as part of the 2010 Golden Oldies World Cricket Festival in August – more details of which can be found on either www.goldenoldiessport.com or www.nidderdaleleague.co.uk. We are even looking at entering a team, so anyone over 40 from any local club, who fancies participating contact Nigel Kenyon on **07955 04011** for more details. Should be a great experience as this tournament attracts teams from as far afield as Canada and Australia and is regarded as one of the great world cricket events.

CLUB PLAYING SWEATERS

Slazenger Ultimate – Available now to order – Long Sleeved £25, Sleeveless £21. Please contact Darren Kavanagh on **07711 927170** for further details.

Junior Coaching

I know that it's a cliché but I cannot believe that the 2010 season will soon be upon us! It only seems like yesterday since we concluded the 2009 season with our Junior day and presentation. By the time you read this winter coaching sessions will be well under way on Sunday evenings at St John Fishers School. A good deal of work has gone on behind the scenes this winter and we are looking to apply a more structured focus to these sessions to make sure they are beneficial to our Juniors. It is important that we make sure that our juniors are doing the basics well in all three areas; Batting, Bowling and Fielding. After all the team that does the basics better than the other will usually come out on top. 2009 was a good year for our junior sides but I'm sure that we can make 2010 even better and hopefully get some reward for everyone's hard work by winning some silverware to put in the trophy cabinet. Following the winter nets will be the start of the junior season and the start of our Friday night coaching sessions. Again these sessions will be structured through all age groups to ensure that our juniors learn new skills, develop existing ones and of course enjoy their cricket! I would personally like to wish all juniors, managers, coaches and parents an excellent and successful 2010 season.

Ross Atkinson

Junior Cricket Coaching Co-ordinator

Clubhouse

With the new season fast approaching, our thoughts turn to the preparation for the season. As you will probably be aware the club holds a 'CRICKET FORCE' weekend on the 27th March.

I am appealing to the lady members for your help – traditionally we give the clubhouse its spring clean, wash the windows, bottom the kitchen, lend a hand with the painting etc. . Oh! And provide refreshments for the work force...

So could you spare an hour or two of your time to help

“Remember many hands make light work”
Please give me a call; Beverley **07801814296**
Thank-you.

Social

Please watch the local Notice Boards, Cricket Club website and Village column for events throughout the season at the Cricket Club.

Our first planned event is a 'MR & MRS' style quiz with a supper. We are hoping to hold this after the pre-season friendly. All Members are welcome, so watch out for the confirmed date. Look forward to seeing you,

Social Sub-committee

Electricity Generation

The cost of electricity supply to the club is currently one of our major overhead costs, currently running at around £1,200 per year. We are in the last year of a three year contract with our current supplier and bearing in mind the uplift in unit costs per KWh over the past two years we can expect a significant increase in any future tariff when we come to re-negotiate the contract.

One possibility that we have recently been made aware of is that of generating our own source of electricity through the on-site installation of a wind turbine. We have had discussions with a local firm of architects who have had experience in sourcing grants for the implementation of just such a project. The potential advantages of the installation would be two fold; firstly we would be able to generate sufficient electricity to cover our annual requirements; secondly there would be an opportunity to raise revenue by selling excess supplies of electricity back to the grid.

The project would involve the installation of a 9m low maintenance wind turbine of domestic scale designed to be quiet, highly efficient and work well in built up areas and close to trees. The precise location of the turbine is as yet undefined and would be subject to a full site survey as part of the project.

We have been advised that 90% funding for this project is available through various sustainable energy grants and as a community amenity we may well have priority over the sums available. We are at a very early stage in both negotiations and applications for funding for this project, but as a management team, strongly believe that in the medium and long term this is in the best interest of the club. We will keep you updated at every stage of this project via the website - **www.spofforthcc.org.uk**.

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So how does it work? You shop directly with the retailer as you would normally, but if you sign up to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/spofforthcc> for free and use the links on the easyfundraising site to take you to the retailer, then a percentage of whatever you spend comes directly to us at no extra cost to yourself. So if you spend £100 with M&S online, we get £5 cashback from your purchase; £100 spent with Amazon raises £2.50 for us, £100 with WH Smith puts £2.00 in our pocket, and so on. easyfundraising has over 2,000 retailers on their site, and some of the donations can be as much as 15% of your purchase.

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Thanks

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