



Braunton Cricket Club

Junior Section

Newsletter

March 2012

Hi and welcome to what we hope will be the first of BCC junior section newsletters keeping you in-touch with what's happening.

First we are sad to see Sally and Justin take a step back from Colts Managers as they undertake their new enterprise at South Sixteen Fish and Chip Restaurant.

As a result we have had a bit of a restructure and now have a standalone committee from the main club. Andy Parker (Lofty) chairs the junior section and provides the link to the main club. Dean Davies takes over as Colts Manager and the running of the U13s. Andy Parsons continues with the U9s, Lofty the U10s, Mark Davis the U11s and Kev Huxtable the U15s, Andy Jones takes over as both junior and club fixture secretary. Also on the committee are Mark and Derek Lathwell. The new structure means that we will become responsible for the junior section including its finances. Hopefully this will mean that we can identify and provide the things that will benefit us as a section specifically.

We are implementing a few changes and we think that both parents and players will see a difference.

Coaching at West Buckland School

For the past few weeks a number of players have benefitted from a new initiative with West Buckland School and have joined the school for indoor nets. The school has first class facilities and the players that have attended have really enjoyed themselves.

Winter Nets

The club has secured the use of West Buckland School for Winter Nets and the Junior Section (U11, U13 and U15s) has been given the opportunity to join in.

The dates are 4th 11th 18th and 25th March between 2pm and 4pm. We need 20 players to make it viable and each session costs £2.50.

Players don't have to commit to all sessions but we do need to know who's interested. Please text Deano with your details and dates if you're interested 07974944984.

Colts Training

For your diary we are starting Colts training on the week beginning Monday 16th April. Training will finish in the week beginning Monday 16 July. There will be no training on the Bank Holidays in May and June.

One of the first changes we intent to make is to try to get some focus back into cricket at our training sessions. This is in response to player and parent feedback from last year's sessions lead by the **club professional**.

First big change will be with the U15s. Many of these players should be starting to make their move toward playing adult cricket. To help them we are moving the U15s training session to Tuesday evenings with the main club. They will still receive coaching and novice players especially will also be welcome on Monday evenings. Some of the U15s will be encouraged to help with the other age groups coaching.

Other things we are hoping to try is to vary the playing times especially on Sundays. The main club is keen to see us being '*more visible*' and some games may be scheduled to take place on Sunday afternoons. We also have a number of TOURING sides hopefully coming. This should help to boost our fixture list which for

some teams last year was very disappointing.

BCC COLTS DEVELOPMENT FUND

We have been very fortunate to have Derek Lathwell join us this year. Derek is a highly respected and experienced coach and he has recognised that in order for players to develop we need to improve the training facilities. Number one item on his shopping list is a state of the art bowling machine which costs about £2,700.

It's no secret that the Cricket Club currently has some financial difficulties and wouldn't be able to afford to buy one. So Derek has set up a Development Fund and so far has raised an amazing £1300 from corporate and personal donations. He hopes that very soon we will be close to buying the bowling machine but it doesn't stop there. We also need another mobile net so that more players can have a 'proper net' rather than being restricted to playing soft ball games in the outfield. The fund which Derek intends to be ongoing will provide other equipment as well.

If you can help with fund raising please contact Deano on the above number

Here looking forward to a long summer and an enjoyable cricket season