



Clackmannan County Cricket Club Newsletter November 2009



All Clackmannan senior sides promoted

After arguably the best season in club history, all three senior teams have been promoted. The first team from ESCA Division 4 to division 3, the second team from ESCA division 7 to division 6 and the thirds from S&PCU division 3 to division 2. Added to this notable achievement both the first and second teams finished top of their divisions.

After two years of the first team just missing out on promotion, this year they succeeded, the seconds built on last years success to be promoted for the second year running. Not to be outdone the third team put in a late spurt to finish in second place in division 3.

Congratulations to all of the players for this fine effort and for the positive attitude which has been evident throughout the season both in practice and on the field. While there have been several noteworthy personal displays, the most encouraging aspect of the season has been the excellent team spirit within the club and the involvement of the players, in all of the teams, in the clubs success. This has been, in no small part, down to the hard work of the captains, Craig Black, Scott Malcolmson and Tippu Sultan in the way they have organised and run the sides both on and off the field

As far as individual success is concerned ESCA presented awards

to Craig Black as top batsman in division 4 with 785 runs to his credit, Rizwan Ashraf, top bowler in division 4 with 39 wickets and Graham Oliver, who achieved an ESCA junior award. The 17 year old scored two centuries - 111 against Watsonians 3 and 121 not out against Townhill.



Other noteworthy "events" for the firsts were Tippu Sultan's blistering series of five sixes in one over against Kirk Brae to leaving him 48 not out after only 12 balls. Craig Blacks 174 not out against Broomhall, Keith Hefer (86) and Gordon Oliver's (82) partnership against Kirkbrae at the Arns and Rizwan Ashrafs 6 for 27 against SMRH.

For the second team several excellent individual displays were also evident. Auranzeb Alamgirs well skelped 83, in no time, against Dunbar at the Arns. Ken Hutchisons mature 70 at Marchmont, Tippu Sultans 74 not out in quick time against

Marchmont at the Arns. Will Kays 5 for 12 against Edinburgh, Kash Ali's 4 for 10 at Dalgety Bay and Neil and Alison Ramsays four wickets apiece for a total of 32 against Dunbar. These were only some of the highlights of another successful season for the twos.

Not to be outdone the third team had their fair share of individual success to augment a great team effort for the season. Keith Hefer was unlucky to be out on 94 at Kinross as his first century for the club loomed. A quick partnership by brothers Noor Jhanger(57) and Auranzeb Alamgir (70) help create a win at Falkland. In the same game Kash Ali for once achieving the success he

deserves with 4 for 46. Rizwan Ashraf scored his maiden club half ton with 57 at St Modans, Rizwan also took 5 for 8 against Almond Valley to give the side an unexpected win in an exceptionally close low scoring game.

Many of our younger players impressed by their consistency in all aspects of their game, working towards their own personal goals, confirming their ability and showing their undoubted worth to the club in years to come.

All in all much to be upbeat about throughout a season which contained many champagne moments.

Roll on 2010.

Juniors have a mixed season

The Junior section is probably the most important part of the club since it is from here that the clubs future is decided. This year has been a mixed year with the Kwik Cricketers doing well in all the games they have played, both in the Forth Valley League and in the other festivals they have attended. So congratulations to those that took part; Brett Young, Jack Golledge, Ged Howarth, Imogen McLeod, Sarah McCann, Alexander Gilvear, Dylan Malcolmson, Ross Broomfield, Gordon McGregor, Ross McGregor, Moray Sharpe, Gregor Smith, Jake MacLean. The under 13 and under 15 teams had no games at all, due to a lack of player numbers, exams, opposition calling off,

Senior awards

The senior awards night was held in late September at The Arns.

Awards were, as usual, given to the top batsman, bowler and all rounder in each team. There were also some other, less serious awards, which added to the light-hearted nature (mostly) of the evening. Just don't mention curry to Graham Fraser!!

The main awards were presented by President David Henderson as follows;

1st team

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| Batsman | C. Black, |
| Bowler | R. Ashraf |
| All Rounder | K. Hefer |

2nd team

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| Batsman | R Passe, |
| Bowler | N Ramsay |
| All Rounder | G Taylor |

3rd team

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| Batsman | A Alamgir |
| Bowler | T Sultan |
| All Rounder | N Jhangir |

The special **Jack Brown Award** for the most promising junior in a senior team was given to Graham Oliver.

Extras

Over the past year several of the club members have taken part and passed UKCC Coaching certificates and the associated child protection and First Aid qualifications required to allow them to help coach the juniors and seniors.

Website update

Over the last year the club website has been viewed by more than six thousand seven hundred unique visitors, which led to some 15 thousand site visits. Favourite visit times, strangely enough, at coffee break and lunch breaks during the week. It's always nice to hear from guys who have played with the club and are now working out of the area. Keep the e-mails coming.

weather etc etc. A totally unsatisfactory situation for all concerned. We desperately need more players in these age groups to augment the seven or eight we regularly have available for each of these teams. Plans are being put in place to attempt to get more local children playing cricket both in Primary and Secondary schools.

The club has become more actively involved in **SportsCentral's Forth Valley Cricket Group** meetings and events. The Forth Valley group meetings help to promote junior cricket in the Forth Valley Area and provide the opportunity for selected club juniors to become

Trip to the Netherlands

In July as part of the Forth Valley Cricket Academy coaching scheme several of the clubs under 17 players spent a week in the Amsterdam area. The Clackmannan players involved were Blair Campbell, Jamie McCann, Charlie McNish, Graham Oliver and Dan Smith. The guys played three games against the Dutch U17 National Squad who were preparing for the Europeans Championships in Ireland the following week. The Under 17's played two fifty over games and a 20 twenty game, all on artificial surfaces. Jamie McCann wrote a diary of the event a very short extract of which is reproduced below.

"The Tour to Holland was an extremely enjoyable experience filled with joy, laughter and great moments of cricket in many different forms. It will be an experience which none of the team will forget and will have a huge influence in how we approach cricket from now on".

Diary Dates

Thursday 3rd December

CCCC AGM

Saturday 5th December

Pre-Christmas Dinner

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involved in both Area and Academy coaching squads.

The club has advanced in Cricket Scotland's **Top Club award scheme** to Bronze level, a jump of two levels in the last year, congratulations to Linda Ross on her hard work achieving this.

The club also became involved in the promotion of a **Positive Coaching Scotlands scheme** through links with Clackmannanshire Sports Development. Training has taken place for all of the coaches presently working in the club and a meeting was held for parents to explain the ethos of this scheme. For details of this scheme and the others mentioned here check out the club website.

Indoor Coaching

A coaching venue for Juniors and seniors has yet to be finalised for the 2010 indoor practices starting in January. Since the "old" Alloa Academy closed, our nets are no longer available, negotiations are still ongoing with Clackmannanshire Council to have the nets reinstated in a suitable venue. Hopefully a venue can be found which allows us use of the nets and provide continuity for a facility which has both helped local cricket develop over the last 20 years and provided Scotland with some key national players.

Dates and times for indoor training will be given on the website and by text message when the situation becomes clearer.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Alison Ramsay on her continued selection for the Scotland Women's squad - The Wildcats - (say nothing!) and to Morven Ross for her selection to the Under 17 Women's squad.

Congratulations also to Morven Ross on her successful appointment to the cricket Scotland Apprenticeship scheme and on her UKCC Level 1 coaching qualification. Morven is based in Falkirk and coaches in the Forth Valley Area.

Present 2009 Committee

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| President | J D Henderson |
| Vice President | A Hardie |
| Treasurer | W P Crowe |
| Secretary | J Pennycook |
| Fixture Secretary | R Ramsay |

Conveners

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| Ground | J D Henderson |
| House | G S Oliver |
| Bar | J Cox |
| Catering | L Ross |
| Junior | L Ross |
| Social | G Fraser |
| Child Protection | W Kay |

Plus K King and team captains, C Black, S Malcolmson, T Sultan and vice captains, P Hooper & N Ramsay.