



Wokingham Cricket Club Junior Section Pre Season Newsletter March 2009 www.WokinghamCricket.co.uk

Welcome to the Wokingham Cricket Club Junior Section pre season newsletter. At the time of writing the winter training sessions are due to restart after a two week break. Attendance at the sessions has been very good. Following feedback from last year a big effort was made to reduce the amount of nets and spend more time playing and developing cricket skills. This has proved very successful, with the children and the coaches really enjoying this year's activities. With the season just around the corner there is plenty of news for everyone, so please read on.

Aims for the Season

Over the winter the Junior Section Committee has thought long and hard about how our teams can improve on last season. Whilst the basic ability of the players has never been in doubt, there have been far too many matches lost through carelessness, poor fielding, laziness and lack of team play.

The committee has therefore put together a few basic aims and objectives for this season and beyond

“The number one objective for the 2009 season is for all junior teams to win more matches by playing good cricket”

In order to achieve our number one target we need to:

- Be fit to play cricket
- Save 15 – 20 runs per match by:-
- Field better
- Work together with team mates as a team
- Respect all team mates
- Arrive on time, with the correct kit, ready to play
- Manage matches better, by concentrating for the whole match.

Remember failing to prepare is preparing to fail!

Outdoor Training

Outdoor training will commence week beginning 20th April and will continue through until Saturday 18th July.

The programme for each week will be:

- **Mon 6:30–8:00pm**, 20th April – 13th July
Under 11 Boys (Yr 5 & 6)
Girls of all ages.
(No session Bank Hol Mon 25th May)
- **Tues 6:30– 8:00pm**, 21st April – 14th July
Under 13 Boys (Yr 7 & 8)
- **Wed 6:30–8:30pm** starting 15th April
Under 16/17 and Under 18 Boys to train with Seniors
- **Thurs 6:30–8:00pm**, 23rd April–16th July
Under 15 Boys (Yr 9 & 10)
- **Sat 9:15–10:30am**, 25th April–18th July
Under 9 Boys and Girls (Yr4 and under) Softball.

If any team qualifies for the knockout stages of the Berkshire Youth League or Cup competitions, additional sessions may be put on at the coaches' discretion.

Teams for 2009

The club will be running teams for 2009 as follows:

U9 Acorns Manager: Bryan Stabler
Coach: Chris Vaal

U11 Golden Oaks Manager: Paul Grist
Coach: Alan Clarke

U11 Red Oaks Manager: Alison Mollett,
Coach: Paul Tatum

U13 Golden Oaks Manager: Robert Clarke
Coach: Bryan Stabler

U13 Red Oaks Manager: Nigel Pearce,
Coach: Gareth Duncan

U15 Golden Oaks Manager: Phil Healey
Coach: Paul Hayter

U15 Red Oaks Manager: tba,
Coach: Jack Fisher

The lead coach for the Junior Section will be Stuart Hayter supported by Simon Neate.

In addition there will be one U13 and one U15 team entered in the Berkshire Cup. Players may only play for their nominated team in the Berkshire League, but anyone may be selected for the cup teams. Squads for this season will be finalized right at the start of the outdoor training sessions.

Under 17s will play in senior matches on Saturday and/or Sunday throughout the season.



Wokingham Cricket Club will be participating in the ECB's Chance to Shine Scheme. This scheme encourages clubs to introduce cricket into the local state schools through a series of coaching sessions. Stuart Hayter will be leading the scheme on behalf of the club. There are a number of benefits including additional kit and some funding. Also, the England

Ladies Captain Charlotte Edwards will be spending some time at the club coaching girls on a Monday evening.



In addition to preparing the players for the new season, the ground and clubhouse will also need some work. The club will once again be participating in the ECB/NatWest Cricket Force scheme. This year it will take place on 4th April when club members across the country descend on their clubs with brooms, paint brushes, shovels and other miscellaneous tools to get the house and grounds in order ready for the first matches of the season. If you can give a couple hours of your time, please come down to Wellington Road any time after 10:00 am on April 4th.

Junior Registration

Registration will take place at the club on Saturday April 18th from 9:30 – 11:00 am and on Sunday 19th April from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. Subscriptions this year will be £60 for all existing members and £65 for new members (includes club shirt for new members). Don't worry if you miss registration, you can still join in the early weeks of the season.

Junior Fun Day

Junior Fun Day and presentations will take place at the club on Sunday 19th July. The committee are currently looking at the format for the day

Holiday Courses

The club will once again be running courses at Easter (April 14th – 16th, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm), during May Half Term and for 2 weeks in the summer holidays.

The courses are excellent value for money and cater for all abilities up to the age of 13/14. See the club's website for full details.