

Langley Manor Cricket Club

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AGM NEWS

The club has entered a 4th XI in the league this season and have been accepted into Regional Div IV South West. This season they will play at the Sports Centre as we have had no feedback from other options discussed at the AGM.

We have entered colts teams at U9, two at U11, two at U13 & two at U15. Both under 11 teams will play at Hounslow School.

There are some positions that we have been unable to fill. As yet, we have not as yet got anyone in place for 2XI captain. We also need managers for colts teams at U13B & U15B. We would also like volunteers for a press officer and a fund raising coordinator. If you are keen on any of these, contact us asap. A full copy of the AGM minutes can be obtained from the secretary.

Your Views

If you have something to say, would like to produce a relevant article for the newsletter or have something to advertise email it to the secretary.

Membership

Also discussed at the AGM was the subject of membership fees. Following on from the last newsletter it has been decided that senior membership fees will rise to £70 for the coming season. There will however be a reduction of £20 if they are paid before 15th June. This will be strictly adhered to. Anyone that has not paid their 2007 dues will not be able to play or use the club facilities until their debts are brought up to date. This will also be strictly applied. Colts membership remains at £35. **Remember, your match fees are for playing cricket, your membership subscriptions are for being a member of the club and being able to use the club facilities and insurance etc.**

There are facilities to pay monthly over 6 or 12 months. Ask for details.

As always, in cases of genuine hardship, speak to the treasurer, secretary or chairman in confidence

Umpires Course

The Association of Cricket Officials in the New Forest are holding their annual Umpires Course on Wednesdays starting 16th January at 7.30pm for 10 weeks. The cost is £45 or £22.50 for under 16's. It is not compulsory to do the exam at the end.

It is an interesting course and you will realise you do not know the laws as well as you think you do.

Fortunately for us the course is held at our clubhouse. All Welcome.

Indoor Pre Season Training

Colts:

Hounslow School
U11 & below
Sundays 2.30 – 4.00

U13 & U15
Sundays 4.00 – 5.30

Starts January 20th
10 weeks until March 30th
NO SESSION EASTER SUNDAY

Seniors, above U15 & Colts playing in Senior teams (and those aspiring to):
Redbridge School
Wednesdays 6-7pm
Starts January 23rd until 27th March inc

Costs will be the same as last year £3 per session colts and £4 seniors.

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Menorca 2008

**We have been having a few problems sorting out the Menorca tour arrangements. This is mainly due to the fact that some members asked about using more salubrious accommodation. Whilst Club Menorca is very good for the view, the staff and bar etc, the rooms are very 1* especially if you are on the ground floor. We therefore, have been requesting prices for other accommodation in Calan Porter. I should have an idea of prices very shortly, but it may be a bit higher than the £300 we originally thought. If we use a different company, we will not have the flexibility that we enjoyed with Celtic Holidays. Therefore, it is very important that you confirm you intentions to tour NOW and we will need deposits and full payments when requested, not 4 weeks later when you feel like it !
Dates again are 26th September – 3rd October**

SOCIAL EVENTS

In order for our club to progress and to be able to make improvements we need support from all members during the season whilst playing and also during the winter months. A recent event had to be cancelled through lack of interest, namely NEW YEARS EVE. Those that wanted to go were disappointed at the late cancellation but we need more than 20 members, especially when over half of those were colts or brother/sisters. In order to make an event enjoyable and profitable for the club, we need a minimum of 30-40 people attending these events. It is very disheartening for the people that give up there time to organise these functions to not get enough, or any, response from club members. Surely members and their families can make the effort to try and attend a couple events during the year. After all if you want to see improvements at the club then you need to be actively involved, either helping or attending functions.

Please make 2008 your year to give more back to the club. We need the support of all members and families at events or even hiring the facilities for their own event. Don't be shy; become more involved actively by either attending or behind the scenes helping.

Mary Jerram

YOUR NAME IN LIGHTS

Well, on covers actually. We need to fit new coverings to the three wicket covers and are looking for a sponsor. If you know any company that would like to have their name and logo on the covers (just like on the telly!!!) let us know. Go on ask, you never know what the boss will say.

We expect the cost to be in the region of £1200 - £1500 or maybe they would like to sponsor just one or two of them ?

Fixtures

The league fixtures for 2008 are now on the HCL website and also our own website.

GOLF NIGHT

We would like to hold a LMCC Golf Night. However, due to lack of response to events organised over the last couple of years, we will only arrange this if we have enough firm commitment beforehand. This event will be held in the clubhouse. At present a suggested date is Friday or Saturday 8th or 9th March. Let us know if and which date you would be interested in. All welcome