

# 2016 SEASON

## Pre-Season 2016

With the competitive season to start on Saturday 30th April 2016, the club has organised a series of pre-season fixtures in April to get us match-sharp for the opening weekend. Like last season, the fixtures are a mix of home and away games for both First & Second XI sides. We will see the return of the Irvin Iffla Trophy match between ourselves and Ayr, as well as a second tour to Scotland for Fleetwood Cricket Club. The fixtures are as follows:

Saturday 9th April 2016

First XI vs. Fleetwood CC (H)  
Second XI vs. Fleetwood CC (H)

Saturday 16th April 2016

First XI vs. Ayr CC - Irvin Iffla Trophy (H)

Saturday 23rd April 2016

First XI vs. Ferguslie (A)  
Second XI vs. Ferguslie (H)

## Participation

As always, we are very keen to get more members involved in helping run our Club. We will be in touch in the coming weeks with lots of specific jobs that we need help with. Be prepared!

## SPRING AGM

The 2016 Spring AGM will take place on Wednesday 16th March 2016. It will be an important meeting with discussion around where we play our cricket going forward; should we be all in the East, all in the West or remain split as we are? The only way to have your say is to be there!

The meeting will begin at 7.30pm sharp in the main clubroom.

## Rachel Scholes is a Sixer

Following on from the Scotland Wildcats successful campaign in the ICC Women's World t20 Qualifiers in Thailand in November, our very own Rachel Scholes was selected as a rookie-player for the Sydney Sixers in the Women's Big Bash League. It was a fantastic opportunity for Rachel and she sent us a short blog through, talking about some of her experiences down under:



*'It's been great to be able to train and attend home games with Sydney Sixers. They train as a squad twice a week and also have a team gym session with the specialist strength and conditioning coach who gives them all personalised programmes from pre-season all the way to finals day. The intensity and skills on show at training has been great and it's good to know that skills-wise we aren't a million*

*miles away back in Scotland. The Sixers had the opportunity to play a televised game at the SCG which was fantastic to be a part of and experience. There was a tense finish to make it into the finals, needing fourteen off the last over in the game against Hobart Hurricanes but a full toss hit for 6 by Sara McGlashan helped save the day. This means they're off to the semi finals and hopefully the final. I'm now off to be team analyst for the Scotland U19s team in their ICC World Cup campaign in Bangladesh.'*

## 200 Club

No, that's not a typo!

Our 100 Club has been revamped and expanded. If you had previously entered the 100 Club draw, you would have paid £3 a month for one ball. Our balls now cost £1 a month, so those already playing now have three balls in every draw.

For newcomers, it will only cost you £12 for a year's worth of draws. You can pay by standing order or in person. See Graeme Taylor for further details.

## Card Payments

The Club is delighted to announce that we can now take card payments via our new PayPal Here service. There is a small charge that we have to pay PayPal per transaction but we're not looking to pass this onto our clientele.

All main credit and debit cards are accepted, including contactless payments. The facility is available for all forms of payment to the Club so if you want to pay your membership, join or pay for your 200 Club tickets, top up your membership card or make a donation, just ask at the Club.

## *Overseas Player Update*

In our last newsletter, we told you of our overseas amateur players for the 2016 season, with South African Sean Lyon returning for a second season to be joined by New Zealander Danyn Stewart. Since then, unfortunately, Danyn has contacted the club to say he will no longer be coming across this summer. Sean will still be arriving in April and we have a couple of options on the table in bringing in a second OSA. Stay tuned to the website and Twitter for further updates between now and our March newsletter.

## Junior Indoor Sessions

The countdown to the 2016 season is well and truly on and, for juniors, that means the resumption of our indoor session and St Modan's High School. These proved extremely popular in the autumn and will continue to be run by Nick Mackay and Andrew Patterson. As well as these two, there were also several guest appearances from our First XI and other senior players during the autumn and these will continue through the winter sessions. It is a chance for newcomers to learn the ropes as well as our current group of young players to develop their skills.

If you have any questions regarding the sessions, contact Nick Mackay on 07446 197431.

## Senior Indoor Training

Our senior indoor training will, as ever, be held at Dollar Academy this winter. Sessions will take place on Friday nights and will run from Friday 12th February through until Friday 25th March, when we will transition to outdoor training ahead of our pre-season schedule. The sessions will run from 6.15-7.45pm and all players are welcome, no booking required, just turn up suitably attired.

Ian Shaw will be our lead coach for these sessions, which have been very beneficial and enjoyable over the last two winters.

## Pub Quiz

The club will be hosting a Pub Quiz night on Saturday 30th January, hosted by Stevie Nolan. It is the first social gathering for the club this year and a chance to renew acquaintances with one another for the first time in a few months. These events are always enjoyable and, with Stevie in charge, will prove to be laughs galore!

The club will be open from 7.00pm, with the quiz scheduled to start around 7.30pm. We look forward to welcoming you all back to New Williamfield for a night of brain teasers and laughs.

## Social Media

Please ask to join FaceBook Groups "Stirling County Cricket Juniors" and "Stirling County dawgs past and present" and keep an eye on [www.StirlingCricket.Club](http://www.StirlingCricket.Club)