

## 2014 SEASON AT SCCC

1ST JULY 2014

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## JUNE'S PLAYING HIGHLIGHTS

June was a great month on the pitch for plenty of County's players. For the First XI, there was no batsman in finer form than overseas amateur Brad Williams. He recorded scores of 99\*, 124, 49, 91 & 67 in June at an average of 86. Our second amateur, Anton Ehlers, also recorded his first half century for the club in the local derby with Stenhousemuir. With ball, Paul Bielby was the main destroyer in June taking 9

wickets across the month. The Second XI saw Sean Ferrie hit great form with the bat over the last month, notching 167 runs from three innings. Skipper Andrew Lees has also been in decent touch making scores of 34\*, 20, 41 and 58. The outstanding figures of the month came from Kev Ferrie who rolled back the years to take 7-27 against Ferguslie 2's. Sandy Watt was the most consistent bowler during June, taking

13 wickets in three games.

Veteran Malcolm Cromb was the pick of the Third XI's bowling in June as he took remarkable figures of 5-9 in the team's victory of Edinburgh South 2's. Youth excelled for the Fourth XI, with Jacob Withers scoring an unbeaten 66 in victory over Morton 3's. Morven Ross was in the wickets in the same game, with figures of 3-24.

SPECIAL POINTS  
OF INTEREST:

- Senior outdoor training every Tuesday and Thursday
- Membership subscriptions are now overdue for the season
- Make a note of the events taking place and come along. Your support is needed.



Stirling County Cricket Club

Aerial Photography by Mike Dow

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## RACE NIGHT

The annual race night takes place on **Saturday 19th July**. There are still three races to be sponsored, at the cost of £10 and a prize for the winning horse in each race. If you

can sponsor a race or would like more details on the event, please see Graeme Taylor.

**Saturday 16th August** – Premier League Darts Finals Night

**We are on the web**

**[www.stirlingcountycc.co.uk](http://www.stirlingcountycc.co.uk)**

## **Bonus Ball Winners**

7th June – Colin Finlay  
14th June – Eileen Taylor  
21st June – Chris Morton  
28th June – Matthew  
Tweedie

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## **Cricket Scotland Update**

In all probability, one of the most important press announcements affecting the Club, took place on 12th June with the following opening statements:

*“Stirling Council’s Community Planning and Regeneration Committee today gave approval in principle for an agreement securing the new home of Cricket Scotland at New Williamfield, Stirling, the home of Stirling County Cricket Club.*

*The proposed new world class facility will see Cricket Scotland relocate its headquarters from the National Cricket Academy at Ravelston, Edinburgh, to New Williamfield, Stirling, and a new pavilion being built incorporating indoor net facilities. The ground will be upgraded to international match standards and serve as a training ground for the Scotland international team as well as being the home of Stirling County Cricket Club.*

*Upgrading works to the ground are expected to begin this year with a view to the first international matches being played at New Williamfield during the ICC T20 World Cup qualifiers in the summer of 2015.”*

## **JULY FIXTURES**

### **1st XI**

5th July – A vs. Poloc  
12th July – H vs. Prestwick  
19th July – H vs. Weirs

### **2nd XI**

5th July – H vs. Shawholm  
12th July – A vs. St Ninians  
19th July – A vs. Albert Park

### **3rd XI**

5th July – A vs. Watsonians 3s  
12th July – A vs. Holy Cross  
2s  
19th July – A vs. Largo 2s  
26th July – H vs. RH Cor-  
storphine 2s

### **4th XI**

5th July – H vs. Tranent 3s  
12th July – A vs. Tranent 2s  
19th July – H vs. Edinburgh  
South 4s  
26th July – H vs. RH Cor-  
storphine 4s

Although this is not yet a contractual position, there have been on-going discussions with Cricket Scotland and the Council to facilitate this momentous decision.

There is still a great deal of work to be done by the Club’s Committee members to ensure any final agreements are in the best interests of the Club and its membership but there is no doubt that Stirling County Cricket Club will become an iconic location for world cricket.

With the move will come a great deal of additional facilities, equipment and ground improvements. One of the most significant benefits to Club players will be the indoor net facilities that will be available for all-year training. And you never know who might be watching, so a good incentive to get to training for all up and coming cricketers.

The next couple of years will be an exciting time for everyone connected with the Club and we look forward to our membership growing, our youth development reaching a new level and the envy of every other club in Scotland.