

2015 SEASON

100-Club

There is still time for you to become a member of the 100-Club in time for June's bumper re-launch.

The 100-Club is a way of raising funds for the club while, at the same time, giving something back to the members.

It costs just £36 a year (or £3 a month) to be a member and you will be entered into our monthly prize draws.

For June's bumper draw, the prizes will be set at: 1st - £150, 2nd - £50 and 3rd - £25.

You have to be in it to win it and if you would like to be just that, please contact Graeme Taylor.

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New WiFi Setup

The Club has invested in some new Wifi equipment providing better access to the Internet in the Club area and over by the Scorebox which, incidentally, has also been upgraded for the forthcoming International fixtures.

Please use the "SCCC Guest" access initially, then follow the instructions if you are a paid-up member.

ICC Intercontinental Cup Match

The Club is delighted to be hosting Scotland vs. Afghanistan in the opening ICC Intercontinental Cup match. The tournament will run from 2015-2017 with the eventual winner earning a playoff spot against the bottom-ranked Test nation for a chance at joining cricket's elite in the ultimate form of the game.

The fixture is a four-day match and will run from Tuesday 2nd-Friday 5th of June. For those wishing to help out at the club over the course of the week, please contact Jon Taylor. If you are just looking to come down and take in the game, admission is free and play will begin at 11am each morning.

Second and Third Team Rebranding

During the past couple of seasons, when the First Team has been competing in the West League First Division, it has become clear that, on many occasions, our Second XI has not enjoyed sufficiently competitive matches in the West Reserve League. This has happened at the same time as our Third XI, perhaps weaker than previously, has struggled in the East League, resulting in relegation last year. Players have often commented that in their opinion the standard of East League Four last year was better than the West Reserve League.

During the early weeks of the season this situation has continued as the Second XI has had some easy victories while the Third XI has struggled. Some players have expressed dissatisfaction with the situation and so the matter was raised at Committee on the 20th May so that it could be debated and, if agreed, a new policy could be introduced which addressed this situation with two objectives: to enable as many players to play at as competitive a standard as possible and also to ensure that we played at as high a level in the East League as possible (where we have scope for four

Membership Subs

Membership subscriptions are now overdue but can be paid to membership secretary Donald Morton. Donald will be around on training nights, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and at the weekends as well. The cut off date for subs to be paid is May 31st. After this date, those who have not paid will not be eligible for selection until payment has been made.

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Race Night

The annual Race Night takes place on Saturday 6th June, beginning at 8.00pm, in the club house. It is the biggest fundraiser of the season for the club so we'd encourage everyone to make the effort to attend. **Friends and family are more than welcome.** There will be eight sponsored races on the night, with a limited number of horses still available to buy from behind the bar at a cost of £3. The winning horse in each race will scoop a prize donated by each races' sponsor. We also ask that everyone attending brings a prize that can be grouped together to form a huge prize pot for the ninth and final race: The Auction Race.

In the Auction Race, we auction off the eight horses to bidders from the attendees and the winning syndicate will win all the prizes on offer.

It is an evening that is always a big hit and if the races themselves weren't enough to draw you in, we'll also have live coverage of the UEFA Champions League Final between Juventus and Barcelona from 7.45pm!

promotions).

The Committee agreed that in order to achieve these objectives the West Reserve League and East League Division Five XIs should in future be selected from a 'pool': the purpose being to select teams which are more evenly balanced than now and, importantly, take account of batting and bowling requirements of each team. In making their weekly selections, the captains will take account of the weekend oppositions as far as possible.

What this means for this season (at least) is there will no longer be 'Second' and 'Third' XIs: both will be considered equal but playing in different leagues. Critically, it therefore means that progression to the First XI can be from either the 'West XI' or the 'East XI' team.

We hope this is clear but if you have any questions please contact any of the captains (Gavin, Sandy and Colin) or Chairman, Rod Turnbull.

May Performances

May was a very decent month for the club on the field and included some fantastic individual performances.

The First XI's month started poorly with back-to-back defeats but there were signs of hope in the batting form of Matthew Tweedie. He performed terrifically during the month making scores of 74, 66, 28, 7, 118* and 16*. His century, in particular, was a fantastic innings against a strong Arbroath outfit in the Scottish Cup. Gavin Anderson also found form early in the month, making 85 against local rivals Stenhousemuir. There was a second century-maker in the month for the 1s with overseas amateur Anton Ehlers hitting 112 against Kilmarnock. Andy Carswell made his first half-century in nearly two years when he made 58 in a comfortable win at Glasgow Accies.

The bowlers were also in good form and Blair Campbell is starting to find his feet after his winter move from Clackmannan County. He bowled beautifully against Accies to take 3-21 from his nine overs. Sean Lyon has also adapted well with the ball in Scotland and he took 11 wickets in the month. While wickets weren't always free flowing, there have been some stellar economy figures, with veteran Andrew Patterson taking 1-34 from fifteen overs against Stenny.

June Fixtures

First XI

6th June – H vs. Weirs

13th June – A vs. St Michael's

20th June – A vs. Irvine

27th June – H vs. Greenock

West XI

6th June – A vs. Albert Park

13th June – H vs. Kingholm

20th June – H vs. Marress

27th June – A vs. Glenpark

East XI

6th June – H vs. Falkland 3s

13th June – H vs. Edinburgh Accies
2s

20th June – A vs. Tranent

27th June – H vs. Preston Village

4th XI

6th June – A vs. Tranent 3s

20th June – H vs. Largo 3s

27th June – A vs. Tranent 3s

28th June – H vs. Watsonians 4s

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The Second XI recorded some big runs in their opening fixture with newcomers Chris Priddle and Chris Geddes recording centuries against Stenhousemuir 2s. Geddes notched a majestic 108 while Priddle reached the next milestone and blitzed a mammoth 158*. Chris Geddes was unlucky not to make it two tons in the season as he made 97 against Glasgow Accies 2s at the end of the month. There was also a debut half-century for Fergus Martin in the romp against Stenny.

On the bowling front, it's great to see Jonathan Bowes back at the club and he showed why with a 5-wicket haul in the season opener. Lois Wilkinson also took five wickets in the second game of the season against Prestwick 2s.

The Third XI have struggled for form at the start of the season but have still managed to put in some impressive individual performances. There was a half-century for Adam Dawtrey while Kari Carswell finished up on 48* against Heriots 3s in the Third XI's only win.

Kari also took 4-34 in that match to cap a fine, all-round performance and Stuart Bailey sits top of the bowling stats with 7 wickets for the month. Special mention must also go to Rachel Scholes for a stunning diving catch in the victory at Goldenacre. It took social media by storm!

At the time of writing, the Fourth XI have only played one match in May which resulted in defeat, but it's great to report on some performances from our youngsters. Craig Sharp got himself a wicket as did Umar Rasul. With the bat, Donald Obre made his top senior score of 19.

(The final games of May were too late to be included in this edition)

New Domain name

We've now got a new domain name for the club, so please feel free to use www.StirlingCricket.club for accessing our web site and all of the club email addresses can now be accessed using this address (see panel to left)

The old one still works though so it's an either/or decision.

