

# 2016 SEASON

## April Fixtures

The first games of 2016 are just over two weeks away. The first three weeks will see a variety of friendly matches with competitive matches beginning on Saturday 30th April.

1st XI:

09/04/16 - H vs. Fleetwood (Friendly)  
 16/04/16 - H vs. Ayr (Iffla Trophy)  
 23/04/16 - A vs. Ferguslie (Friendly)  
 30/04/16 - H vs. West of Scotland (League)

2nd XI:

09/04/16 - H vs. Fleetwood (Friendly)  
 23/04/16 - H vs. Meikleriggs (Friendly)  
 30/04/16 - A vs. Partick (League)

3rd XI:

30/04/16 - A vs. Old Contemptibles (League)

## 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!

## Juniors Welcome Day

We are holding another Welcome Day for new and younger cricketers, aged 7-12, at New Williamfield on Sunday 17th April (last day of the Easter holidays) from 2-4pm.

Last year we had 56 youngsters and a lot of parents stayed the duration of the day to see the fun unfold.

We're aiming for more of the same to kickstart this season so please do encourage boys and girls who are interested to come along and join in the fun. No previous cricketing experience is necessary and entry is free. There will be lots of fun challenges, refreshments available and qualified coaches on hand to support with batting, bowling and fielding top tips.

For more information, please contact Nick Mackay via phone on 07446 197 431 or via email at [nick@mackayfive.co.uk](mailto:nick@mackayfive.co.uk).

## Overseas Player Update

Since our last newsletter, there have been many more developments on the overseas amateur front. You will remember that Sean Lyon, our South African from 2015, was slated to return for a second season. Since then, however, Sean has dislocated his shoulder and will no longer be able to play for us in 2016.

We have been able to tie up two new faces for the summer ahead. Kevin Loggenberg, a seam bowler and big-hitting middle-order batsman, joins us from New Zealand. He comes with endorsement from former club professional Russ Mawhinney.

Secondly, we have South African Dalen Mmako. Dalen is an opening batsman and spin bowler who comes following a recommendation from Anton Ehlers, last season's overseas amateur.

Both players will be arriving in early April and we look forward to welcoming them to the Stirling County family.

## 200 Club

Congratulations to our 200 Club winners for March!

1st - Liz Fuller  
2nd - Roger Fuller  
3rd - Jenny Howell

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 by cash or by card. See Graeme Taylor for further details.

## Card Payments

Don't forget that membership fees are now due for payment and we are delighted to be able to offer a variety of methods for payment this year.

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.

We are making membership forms available on our web site so please take a look at the "Join Us" tab at the top of the page, fill-in or download a relevant form (all juniors must complete the form for 2016 even if you've provided details previously).

Pricing has been simplified for this season with all member fees being set at £50 for juniors, ladies, students and non-playing members. Full senior playing membership is £140 (with £20 of this available for spending at the bar). If in doubt, please contact Doc Morton at: [membership@stirlingcricket.club](mailto:membership@stirlingcricket.club)

## Senior Outdoor Training

Senior outdoor training will begin on Tuesday 5th April. From then on, training will be on our regular Tuesday and Thursday evenings, with a 6.15pm start time. With our opening friendly matches taking place on Saturday 9th April, it gives us two sessions ahead of these games and six sessions before the first competitive games on Saturday 30th April.

Whatever your standard, do try and get to one or more of these sessions.

## WDCU Reserve League & Team Update

Following discussions held at our AGM in November and our Spring Meeting in March, decisions have been made regarding where our 'Second' and 'Third' XI sides should play in 2016.

It was discussed at the AGM that the uncompetitive nature of the WDCU Reserve League left it undesirable to many players and that we would raise our concerns with the WDCU. This was something that we did and, in late February, the WDCU announced that there would be promotion and relegation between the WDCU's two reserve leagues for the 2016 season.

As we had already decided to reduce to three Saturday XIs, this left us with the quandary of where our 'Second' and 'Third' XIs should play. This was discussed at the Spring Meeting and we have decided that the 'Second' XI will play in the WDCU Reserve League and the 'Third' XI will play in ESCA Division 5.

## Open Mic Night

On Friday 22nd April, New Williamfield will be hosting, for members, friends and family, an Open Mic night. Yep, you can get up there and play!

A local band will form the back drop to budding singers, guitarists and music people in the clubhouse from 7.30pm onwards.

So loosen up those vocal chords and tune up those musical instruments for an evening that has never before been tried at the club.

## 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)