

2015 SEASON

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

While it may still be a few weeks away, this will be the last newsletter of 2015. With that being the case, the club would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, with 2016 bringing you a successful cricketing year!

Forth Valley Dog Walk

The first-ever Stirling County Dog Walk took place on Sunday 4th October and was hugely successful. Plenty turned out, on two legs as well as four, as we helped raise over £400. This was a pilot run and it is hoped that we will hold a similar event in the spring.

County Fundraiser

Throughout the summer, new recruit Blair Campbell was raising money for Yorkhill Children's Charity through his on-field performances and, when all was said and done, he was able to present a cheque for £300 to the charity. Blair enjoyed a solid start to life at Stirling County, taking 19 wickets in his first season at New Williamfield.

AGM

The 2015 Winter AGM will take place on Wednesday 25th November from 7.30pm at New Williamfield. This is where decisions on and off the field for the next year are affected and the only way for you to influence and have your say is to be there. All club members are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Senior team captains, including Ladies will be elected.

Several key matters will be discussed, perhaps most notably how many teams the club will be entering in to the leagues next season and which Leagues we will compete in.

Awards Night

The 2015 Award's Night took place on Friday 9th October at New Williamfield and it was a very enjoyable night as we celebrated the

on-field achievements of the players over this past summer. The night's big winner was chairman Rod Turnbull as he took the prestigious Willie Little trophy for his

hard work before and during the many international fixtures that took place at the club during the summer and in recognition of his help and assistance over the last few years.

A special mention must go to John and Jenny Howell as well, as they took great time and pride in repairing and cleaning all of the trophies, which looked immaculate. It was also great to see Andrew Patterson without protective boot after he suffered a serious achilles injury back in June.



100 Club

The draws for October and November in the 100 Club have been made, with winners listed below.

The 100 Club is also receiving a face lift. If you currently pay your standing order of £36 a year, you are entitled to one ball. However, as of January's draw, you will now be entitled to three balls as we move from £3 a month per ball to just £1. You will be informed via email of your additional numbers.

If you are currently not a 100 Club member, you can still pay by current method of standing order but you can also now pay at the bar in the clubhouse in cash or by card using our new PayPal function.

The minimum amount is a year's term per ball, equating to just £12 a year for twelve draws. Should you wish to purchase a ball, contact Graeme Taylor via email on grahataylor@fsmail.net.

October winners:

1st – Donald Third (£25),
2nd – Rod Turnbull (£15),
3rd – Gavin Anderson (£10)

November winners:

1st – Joan Anderson (£25),
2nd – Catriona Robinson (£15),
3rd – Helen Middleton (£10)

Overseas Amateurs

We wish Anton Ehlers good luck as he heads for pastures new and pleased to confirm that Sean Lyon will return for a second season in Stirling. The South African had a very successful year with the ball in 2015 as he took 25 wickets at an average of 17.92 in his debut season abroad.

Our second overseas amateur will be New Zealander Danyn Stewart, a 19 year-old all-rounder from Hamilton. The left-hand batsman is currently playing in Otago before venturing over to Scotland for our season in 2016.

County Ladies Are At It Again

The County Ladies side played their first indoor tournament of the winter season on Sunday 8th November at Glasgow Club Holyrood.



Entered into a group with Ayr and two Galloway sides, the Ladies were victorious in all of their games, meaning another title in the bank for our ever-successful girls, this time under the stewardship of Helen Murray. Debbie Nolan and

Fiona Sheridan were present on the day to score and umpire, and special mention goes to Georgie Howells for her spectacular indoor dives!

Senior & Junior Indoor Training

Senior indoor training is scheduled to start after New Year in February. The sessions will once again be run by Kari Carswell and Ian Shaw. The feedback from last year's sessions was very positive and it is the perfect way to get you back in to the swing of things ahead of the outdoor season beginning in April. Full details of dates and times will be confirmed by our next newsletter in January.

From now until the end of the Autumn term the club are running indoor sessions for children between the ages of 7 and 12, taking place at St. Modan's High School. The sessions are targeted at both children with and without experience of the game, as we aim to keep our current crop of youngsters engaged with cricket through the off season as well as encourage new kids to take up the game.

There is no charge on the night for the session and, if the kids are enjoying what they're doing, there are details on how to join the club ahead of the new year and another outdoor season. If you have any queries about junior sessions, contact Nick Mackay on 07746 197431.

Women's World t20 Qualifiers

This week, the Scotland Women's team depart for Thailand and the Women's World t20 Qualifiers and it will come as no surprise to see that three of the seats on that plane will be filled by Stirling County representatives. A huge congratulations and good luck to Kari Carswell, Rachel Scholes and Lorna Jack who will be part of the squad to face up to Papua New Guinea, Thailand and Bangladesh in their group. Their progress can be followed via the Cricket Scotland website and on social media following the handle @WildcatsCricket.