



Grange Park Cricket Club

4th Annual Newsletter

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Winter Update

Hi All. Happy New Year, hope Santa was kind and brought you the cricket kit you wanted!

Your committee thought it was the right time to drop you our winter update. You might think that the league and the committee go into hibernation this time of year but this is the period when a lot of preparation work goes in to making this a successful season.

Here's what's happened so far in brief:

- We held our 7th Annual Award Night at the Church Restaurant - Northampton.
- The league AGM has been rearranged for the 1st February
- The clubs AGM has been confirmed for 12th February
- We have been having indoor net sessions at Northants Cricket Club's indoor centre.
- The first league match is on the 4th May
- New Captain for the 2013 season...read on!!

We all know last season proved a long and wet one. Having to win the last game to stand a chance of avoiding the drop, thankfully we did both. The details of the game between Preston capes and Wroxton still haven't emerged but whatever did transpire kept us safe and kept people talking during the dark days of winter. Theories like "it all kicked off", "rain intervened and one team didn't fancy getting wet" to "Steve Day went over and nicked the match ball" have all been kicked around.

Lee has reluctantly decided to step down as your skipper, however the committee are delighted to announce that Ash Day has accepted the role for the 2013 season. Lee has either been vice captain or captain over the last 6 seasons and feels it a good idea to keep things fresh and as such passed the reigns to Ash. The committee would like to thank Lee (and Jen) for all the hard work he has put in, especially during the difficult period of losing our second team recently. We all look to him piling on the runs again this season, as long as we can contribute at the other end!?

Ash wants to build on the hard work that Lee and everybody else has put in since the club was formed, identifying young talent and attempt to help the committee to bring back the second team as soon as possible. We all play for fun and he wants to make sure we have a "play fair but play to win mentality, with a smile on the face and a beer in the hand". We hope you give Ash all the support he needs to consolidate our position in league one and perhaps look to challenge for the top half of a competitive league.

Finally we should all thank Karen and her coloured pens for keeping the scorebook in order, Steve for ripping people off selling the beers and Ana for providing our teas.

I Look forward to seeing you during the 2013 season.
Rob Pinnington - GPCC Chairman

Season 2012

Rain, rain and more rain. 6 out of the 18 league games were cancelled, most without a ball being bowled. One game played in a paddy field fit for ducks and one against a team we will welcome back with open arms this season. You know who we are talking about.

Only 3 league wins during the year but survival by two points means another crack at Division 1. Even when defeat was staring us full in the face every bonus point proved invaluable.

Two last wicket partnerships of note were Ash and Swede (46) and Ian P with Steve Day (36). These were two notable moments where points really did make the difference come the end of the season.

We would all agree that whilst the bowling fared well the batting side made things very difficult. Only 1 hundred partnership and only 6 fifties (3 by Lee) kind of sums things up but that's history now.

Club AGM- Join the Committee?!!

19th February - Grange Pub - 8pm

Make it a new year's resolution and take an hour of your life and come along to our AGM. If you would like to join the committee and help run our club please email Steve Cates by the 12th February. All posts are voted on the night (Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Social and 2 general members) are required. All you need is enthusiasm and the ability to get to a meeting once a month.

Maybe the question should be, why can't you join? See you there- Steve C, Secretary

Nets

As last year we are running these at Northants County Cricket Ground from 21st Feb to 11th April, Thursday evenings from 9-10pm. We all need to make a bit more of an effort this year, no excuses - lets train to win.

Outdoor nets will commence when the weather changes come the Spring. Watch this space for when and what time. The bowling machine is raring to go.

Social

Tony had a difficult time trying to drum up interest for any activities last season. Perhaps we can start by trying to meet up down the Grange after matches, tell each other how great we nearly were and bore our partners to distraction.

Golf Day

We'd like to try to get a golf day in before the start of the season, perhaps on a Saturday before the season starts - If you'd like to play email us at cricket@grangeparkcc.co.uk

Handbook

Due to increased publishing costs this will be published electronically. We will let you know when a copy is available to download.

2013 Annual Subs

Due to the success last year the committee has decided to continue with the same approach. Namely 'pay and play' scheme.

Adults £10 per game - inc. teas + £1 for the umpire - as required in Division 1.
Juniors/full-time students we will charge £6 per game.

In the interest of being fair to everyone if you don't pay for your game by the net session the next week you won't be eligible to play in the next game.

Club Milestones

Batting:

1000 league runs:

Rob Pinnington (1,376), Stu Butler (1,322), Ian Peterson (1,242), Rob Kilsby (1,032), Mark Everitt (1,005)

2000 league runs:

Lee Roberts (2,215)

Bowling

100 wickets:

Craig Holmes (151), Mark Everitt (149), Ash Day (148)

Website

Some of you may have noticed that the website has recently gone through a major overhaul - it's now on a platform that makes blogging and news much easier - meaning it will be kept up to date much more regularly. A coaching tips section has even been added - might not be a bad idea for some of you to take a look at it - even the old pros!

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