

East Bridgford Cricket Club

Spring 2010 Newsletter

A message from the Chairman

The Saturday XI consolidated its position in the SNCL League F but wasn't able to find the final push for promotion. Again, there were excellent individual and team performances. We won games that perhaps we should have lost, we lost games that undoubtedly we should have won and we even tied a game that we could have either won or lost! Not to mention the most remarkable innings at Wymeswold. A blistering start by Tom, a masterclass from Andy and a belligerent innings from Ryan! Perhaps Neil will need less convincing to get out of bed next time!

The Sunday XI had a tougher time of it and we must be very grateful to Trevor (Vennett-Smith). Without his total commitment it is extremely unlikely that we would have fulfilled our fixtures. Nevertheless, the Sunday XI produced some pretty impressive results and blooded some very promising young cricketers.

As with all cricket clubs the success on the field is only part of the club; it would not be so without the great support from a number of people who work tirelessly behind the scenes. I know I speak for everyone in thanking all of those "Special" people for their fantastic support year-on-year (they know who they are!).

As for Junior Cricket - a successful year? - I am not sure. We arranged coaching sessions which became over-subscribed! The interest in East Bridgford for junior cricket is excellent. But as a club we have only done a fraction of what we could do. Since taking over as Chairman this has been one of my biggest frustrations. I am not sure what the answer is to take junior cricket to the next stage. We must have a co-ordinated approach and we must have a committed support team. It's easy for me to say, but I do acknowledge that everyone's time is precious and it's the way of the modern world, and I know it is highly unlikely that I will have any more time in 2010! What ideas do YOU have? I believe that we must continue with the coaching, we must arrange competitive cricket and we must have a Junior Cricket Manager. JUNIOR CRICKETERS ARE THE FUTURE OF EBCC!

Warren Hepples

2010 officers

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Scott Brownson, Mark Kavanagh, Neil Foster

2009 season

Congratulations to the Saturday XI on a good season, finishing 5th in Division F of the South Notts League. Commiserations to the Sunday XI, which endured a difficult season because of lack of players and was relegated.

The Saturday XI record reads: played 17, won 9, lost 7, 1 tied. Congratulations and our thanks go to Glenn Willis for his captaincy, and in his absence, Tom Griffiths. Many thanks also to Stuart Johnso, who umpired most of the Sunday matches. In terms of individual performances, there is absolutely no doubt as to who was the star player of the season. Ryan Stahlberger topped the batting averages (again!) with an average of 39.84, topped the bowling averages (again!!), with 27 wickets at an average of 13.22, and won the Sixes Competition by a country mile with 25, the next best being 8. But for going walkabout and running himself out on 90 against Long Eaton, he would surely have got a century. The honour of the only one of the season went to Andy Wright, with 121 against Wymeswold in a match abandoned because of rain. In addition, there were five fifties for Ryan Stahlberger, three for Andy Wright and two for Jamie Pearce. In the bowling department, there was one 5-for each for Chris Sapey, Neil Foster and Tom Phillipson, Tom being again the highest wicket taker with 31 wickets. Congratulations go to Andy Wright for being the Division F's best wicketkeeper.

The Sunday XI record was: played 11, won 3, lost 8, and one called off because of player shortage. This was a real problem and headache for Chris and Trevor throughout the season. For the record, Al Khan again topped the batting averages, with 25.88. There were 50s for Al Khan (2), Colin Goodwin, Ben Lambourne and Tom Griffiths. Usman Kappaya topped the bowling with 12 wickets in 67.2 overs at an average of 19.25. Trevor Vennett-Smith also took 12 wickets, but bowled only 32.2 overs, arguably making him the best bowler, but with insufficient overs bowled to qualify for an average. Our thanks again go to Trevor Vennett-Smith for captaining the side in an extremely difficult season and to Chris Sapey for acting as Team Manager to the Sunday XI, as well as Saturday side.

Warren Hepples set up the junior coaching last summer; many thanks to him for organising this, but mainly to Chris Sapey who was there every evening to ensure that things ran smoothly, and to Tom Griffiths who helped; also to Nigel Birkett who did the coaching. The President's Match was won by the President's XI, and we are grateful to Brian and Linda for hosting the day.

The Annual Sportsmen's Dinner was again held at the East Midlands Conference Centre. We are most

grateful again to Tom Griffiths, who organised the event perfectly and Alan Haydock who again compered the evening. With the recession, numbers were well down on last year's 226, with 170 attending. Our guest speakers were Notts captain and wicketkeeper Chris Read and comedian Billy Bean. Thanks are due to all who sold tickets and tables, but particularly again to Ann Clarke at Clegg Food Projects, who sold most of them. Our thanks also go to Michael Foster and Basher Hassan, who donated raffle prizes and auction items.

2009 stats (compiled by Chris Sapey)

Saturday XI batting

	M	I	R	HS	NO	Avge
RStahlberger	14	14	518	90	1	39.84
A Wright	16	16	545	121	2	36.33
J Pearce	17	17	383	61	1	23.93
W Hepples	16	16	273	47	0	17.06
J Foster	15	14	145	32	5	16.11
N Foster	16	15	191	42	2	14.69
T Griffiths	14	13	186	28	0	14.30
G Willis	14	14	116	38	2	9.83
T Phillipson	14	10	61	39	0	7.46

Saturday XI bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge
RStahlberger	89.5	13	357	27	13.22
T Phillipson	119.5	16	454	31	14.64
G Willis	46.3	10	118	6	19.66
C Sapey	152	34	432	21	20.57
N Foster	46.5	8	188	9	20.88
M Kavanagh	49.3	6	221	9	24.55
J Foster	126	26	409	14	29.21

Sunday XI batting

	M	I	R	HS	NO	Avge
A Khan	9	9	233	90	0	25.88
U Kappaya	9	9	185	44	0	20.55
TVen-Smith	9	9	115	46	2	16.42
S Iqbal	6	5	78	44	0	15.60
T Crossland	6	6	68	29	0	11.33
C Sapey	7	6	21	13*	4	10.55
D Fowkes	8	8	59	16	1	8.42
M Maaz	6	6	18	15	0	3.00
A Shah	6	5	4	2*	1	1.00

Sunday XI bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge
U Kappaya	67.2	7	231	12	19.25
S Iqbal	38.5	5	156	6	31.20
A Khan	40	6	162	5	32.40

Playing awards for 2009 season

Saturday XI batting	Ryan Stahlberger
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Sunday XI bowling	Usman Kappaya
Young player (Fred Hunt Trophy)	Tom Crossland
Sixes Competition	Ryan Stahlberger

2010 season

The **Saturday XI**, skippered by Glenn Willis, will again play in Division F of the Gunn & Moore South Notts Cricket League. Our opponents will be Chilwell, Wymeswold, East Leake, Whatton & Aslockton, Epperstone, Oxtun, Calverton II, Kinoulton and Long Eaton. The first match is on 24th April at home to Chilwell.

The **Sunday XI** has regrettably been withdrawn from the Newark Alliance Cricket League. We have struggled to field sides over the last two seasons and have now had to bow to the inevitable with the further loss of key players and the absence of new ones. This is a great shame, as the Sunday XI provided a platform on which to develop young players. However, social patterns change and it seems that very few village cricketers now want to play on a Sunday. We sincerely hope that our junior coaching initiative will produce a new generation of players and that we can re-enter the League in the not-too-distant future.

Cope Cup

Our opponents in the qualifying stage of the Cope Cup will be Gedling (away on 18th May) and Caythorpe II (at home on 3rd June).

Annual Sportsmen's Dinner

Our annual dinner will take place on Thursday 14th October 2010 at the East Midlands Conference Centre. At the time of writing, guest speakers are yet to be confirmed. This event keeps the club in a sound financial position, so please support it.