



Beckenham Bugle

The Newsletter of BECKENHAM CRICKET CLUB

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"We don't just do cricket!"

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Welcome to this, the second edition of the Bugle. A lot has happened in the past three months or so since the last issue, some good and some bad. First the good, the long room has been redecorated and has had new carpet and curtains. We have changed our main brewers from Shepherd Neame to Greene King. The move has resulted in more choice for you bitter drinkers. I am sure there are not many clubs of our size who can boast five different real ales being offered on a daily basis. Credit must of course be given to Eddie and his staff for the condition of all the beers served from the bar. The Club enjoyed a day out at the Kent County Ground at Beckenham back in June to watch the game between Kent and Warwickshire from our own marquee. Eddie provided the beer and food. I can remember arriving, having lunch. I can't really remember anything else!

It is with regret that I have to report that we have had two break-ins within two weeks in May and June. The prime targets on both occasions were the fruit machines. Luckily we are insured and we are waiting payment from our insurers. The club was without fruit machines for 5 weeks. We now have machines which are emptied daily and left open and empty overnight. Other losses included the video projector, cases of wine and damage to a window and furniture.

Over the next few pages you can read articles from the various sections. If you wish to contribute with any items of news or gossip then please send it to me here at the office.



Under the leadership of Maggie Whiston, the ladies Priory team is holding its own against other club teams, and thanks are due to members including Mira Doig, Nikki Grainger, and Jenny Hill. Hopefully Carol Hinchley will soon recover from her injury and will resume playing.

The Junior section continues to thrive under coaches Keith Palmer and Ray Vella. I remind members that the juniors meet on Monday evenings from 5.40 until 7pm and that any parents who have youngsters interested in taking up the sport or improving their existing standard are welcome to bring or send them along.

Complaints have been received regarding the state of the indoor squash gallery, which is often used as a dumping area for forgotten items of clothing or umbrellas, etc. I have also seen empty glasses, and plates with half-eaten food left on the ledge which overlooks the squash courts. I ask all club members who have occasion to use the squash gallery to take responsibility to ensure that it is maintained as a clean and tidy area of the clubhouse.

**Leonard Emmerson
Chair, Squash Committee**

SUMMER HOLIDAYS
JUNIOR SQUASH
with a Squash England Qualified Coach
MONDAY 16TH AUGUST and MONDAY 23RD AUGUST
10am – 11am ages 10-under 12
11am – 12noon ages 12 – 15 open to boys and girls
cost members £2 per session
for booking forms call: The office on 020 8650 0266

Saturday 19th June saw 125 years of lawn tennis at Beckenham celebrated in style. We were the first club in the country to reach this historic milestone and the event was given good prior press coverage.

Adverse weather forecasts for the day had given some worries but “sunny” Sue Buddell never had any doubts and sure enough it stayed dry until 20 minutes after the presentations!

Maria Bueno, our guest of honour, gave a stylish display of grass tennis against Brett McLennan who was later to partner Peter Hannon to victory over John Watton and Andrew Searle in the exhibition match. Peter and John were later awarded honorary tennis memberships at the trophy presentation that featured a moving exchange of gifts with our twinned club Tennis Club de Containville.

*photo left Brett McLennan & Maria Bueno
with court manager Nicholas Clegg*

*photo right Brett taking a class of youngsters
in a come and try session*

The evening concert was a sell out with Anthony Goldsbough giving a fine singing performance. Little did we know what shortcomings were later to be revealed!

I would like to thank all who helped create such a memorable day from the inter section club morning, through to a great lunch and tea and the other events previously reported. Too many people to mention but their names are published on the tennis notice board in the main pavilion.

By the time the next issue is published I will have ended, for good, a long period of senior office in the tennis section. I wish I had been able to achieve more in the wider club but it wasn't to be. Thanks to all my friends for their help and support, always to be remembered.

Peter Clegg Chair Tennis Section.

Foxgrove

G'day to all from Sydney in Winter. The seasons Down-under are blurred, like both County

cricket and the F.A. Cup final in May. Still, a season away from Beckenham lets you spot the changes, big and small. While Hussein retired valiantly, Hussein has been dropped. Tony is still Captain but Gordon is seeking selection. And somehow Pogose has unseated Box-Grainger!!

London's inaugural Cricket Week century may be a memory, but Centuries at Foxgrove and Cricket Lane are becoming the norm. Grice, Sheen and Murtagh have each beaten the mark. Benefits of nets facing the likes of Johan vdW, who with his 7-25 haul gave the "Highwaymen" some of their own medicine. But beyond belief is internet reports that Twad's has turned from Poacher to Game-keeper. My world IS upside-down! To further confuse, Cricket is now also a winter sport in Oz. Two tests v. Sri Lanka were played in the tropical north the very same week the Wallaby's were trouncing England (oh thanks for last years world-cup emails everyone). There is also a Sydney "9-a-side" league on synthetic pitches. How long before the Ashes is played on a "drop-in" pitch in a covered stadium? When is the new Wembley finished? I've certainly missed the character(s) of Beckenham and Sydenham.

It's fitting then that we've named our convict-era stone cottage "Foxgrove"!

Do come and visit our Clubhouse when you're Down-under.

Darcy Wright.
Sydney NSW

Beckenham Ladies lead the way...

The end of another fine season for the section, with plans to build on the success into the next season...

The ladies first team under new captain Louise Bartley gained promotion to the 'East' regional league as champions of Kent Ladies Premier Division. The ladies also remain undefeated all season in their league. They also reached the Kent Cup final, facing a Canterbury side that included three internationals, but were unfortunately defeated 2-0.

The Men's first team finished a disappointing second in the Southern Premier league on goal difference under coach Grant Von Mayer and captain Tom Laurie, who are both returning to South Africa this summer. Our best wishes go with them, and we are working hard on replacing them. Elsewhere in the club, the men's 2nd X1, and Ladies 4th X1 also gained promotion in their respective leagues.

Again our juniors had a great season, Antoinette and Steve Whitfield managing the U14 and U16 girls, looking after over 50 juniors, managed to produce half a dozen Kent juniors and still having time to take a side to Scarborough. The under 16 boys won both their divisional leagues, with an 100% win record in the Kent league. The under 18 boys in John Gilder's final season won both the Kent and Mercian leagues, beating both Canterbury and St. Albans on the way to the Mercian title.

To celebrate the team and John's achievement a celebratory game was played on Sunday 18th July between the men's 1st X1 and the victorious U18 side. The game was played at Langley Park and resulted in a win for the first team. Both teams returned to the club for a famous 'Goldsbrough' BBQ. Club president Bob Beaumont kindly sponsored the BBQ for the U18 side.

Finally congratulations to this seasons award winners:

Ladies Junior Player of the year	Emily Beaumont
Mens Junior Player of the year	Alan Slater
Ladies Senior Player of the year	Sarah Bentley
The Corinthian Award	John Gilder
The Joint Award	Steve Studd
The Atlanta Cup	Alex Bezant
The Jack Brazil Cup	Grant Von Mayer

I would just like to thank all my fellow committee members, my captains, and all those who have helped earn success this season.

Gareth Wharton Chair Hockey

A word from the club president Bob Beaumont

Members with over 25 years membership are invited to the President's buffet on August 15th at the club, a separate invite is enclosed for eligible members. If you have been a member for more than 25 years and have not received a copy please contact the office.

WELLCOME SPORTS CLUB NEWS

Notice is hereby given of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Wellcome Sports Club, to be held on 7 September 2004 at Beckenham Cricket Club at 7:30pm

All wellcome members are invited to attend, please remember to bring you BCC Club card with you, this will gain you entrance to the meeting.

The Executive Committee apologies for the delay in the holding of this meeting.

The Agenda for the meeting will be available on the night, as will the Club accounts and any reports relating to the Club,

Members are reminded that should they have any proposals for consideration at the AGM they should send them, in writing, to the Secretary at least a fortnight in advance of the meeting, showing both the names of the proposer and seconder.

AGM INFORMATION

Executive Committee:

CHAIRMAN: Keith Carter

SECRETARY: John Pearce

TREASURER: Richard Challand

MEMBERS: Keith Impiazzi, Peter Vousden, Geoff Dicken, Mick Pether.

CLUB TRUSTEES: Jim Cody, Mike Brockwell, Peter Wates.

ALL ACCOUNTS & TAXATION WORK UNDERTAKEN-REASONABLE FEES

Should you need help or advice?

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Beckenham Running Club

It's been a busy three months for the running section, with races and social events alternating as regularly as the weather switched from rain to sunshine and back again.

First the serious stuff. A record turnout of 26 runners braved the mist and downpour for the Ted Pepper 10K on May 3rd, with Steve Kemp not only managing to keep the rain off his specs with his baseball cap but also coming home 27th out of 204 and first for the Beckenham squad in 39.02. He was closely followed by Steve Elliott (29th in a time of 39.24), Craig Williamson (34th in 39.53) and Ben Calascione (39th in 40.15).

Scarcely having time to recover, the Beckenham Road Relay took place the following Wednesday on May 5th where Paul Browning, Will Smit and Eric Crane came 9th in a time of 47.53.

On June 6th, just over 200 runners entered the Beckenham 10K and on a blisteringly hot day that caused more than one runner a few problems, Andrew Green from Dartford Road Runners led the field in a time of 33.25, while the club's own team coach Mick Barlow wasn't far behind for Kent AC in 4th place in 35.06.

Eight Beckenham teams entered the cross country relay organised by Striders of Croydon on June 16th and Craig Williamson, Stuart Scott and Mick Barlow came in 1st in 47.25. Mick Barlow's time was 14.56, the fastest of the evening. Three further Beckenham teams came in 3rd, 4th and 5th, while the Beckenham women's team of Kate Marchant, Melanie Burdett and Catriona McCracken, stormed home 1st in 57.43.

The Summer Party on July 3rd, organised by Melanie Burdett, started off outside with a barbeque and carefully calculated measures of rum punch then retired inside for live music, from Sigo, a friend of Ben Calascione's from Malta, who with his long flowing black hair reminded us all of Marc Bolan. His repertoire included covers of tracks from the Beatles to REM.

The next day, Independence Day dawned and after only four hours' sleep, everyone was up early for the Beckenhamians 10 miler, followed by a barbeque at Ken Symmons' house, where the musicians, including Andy Hinds and Charles from the tennis section gave their ages away when they allegedly played tracks from Van Morrison and the Rolling Stones.

The Orpington 10K on July 11th started a bit like last year with overcast skies, and an injury prone race brightened up as Catriona McCracken, Nikki Howard and Amy Whidburn were the first ladies' team home for the second year in succession.

There was a change of sport on July 16th when Frank Parr organised a rounders match that turned into a battle between the runners and the tennis section. On balance, the runners were faster between the posts, but the tennis players had a better eye for the ball. It was a close-run

thing and the biting insects caused the dash for the bar just before darkness fell.

The next race in the fixture list will be the Alderney Half marathon on September 11th, when a team of eight will sail from Portsmouth, captained by Richard Seabrook and first mate Andy Hinds. The remainder of the crew is largely inexperienced but what they lack in seamanship they make up for with enthusiasm and commitment. As they prepare to make a night crossing of the world's busiest shipping lane, they can be found on a Wednesday night in the bar practising knots and learning basic radio communications skills such as "This is Beckenham Running Club on channel 16. Mayday, Mayday, Mayday....."

Steve Elliott
Chair, Running Section

The Tale So far: Beckenham & Sydenham Cricket Club.

The cricket section continues to move forward encouragingly with both the Senior club and the Junior section showing extremely promising results on and off the pitch. The Junior Section in particular is flourishing. As a result of the hard work of Dennis Grice and club coaches Garry Sheen, Matt Grice, Ches Browne and James Clark, over 200 colts are now registered with the club, which surely can only be a good thing for the future of cricket at the club.

On the field results have generally been very good. The third team led by first year captain Dominic Griffith has produced enough good cricket to ensure that they should stay in the league they are in. Despite the elevation of standard of the 1st, 2nd and 4th teams due to last year's promotion. This year we are competing well at all those levels. The second team have found the higher standard testing and many thanks must go to Peter Pogose who stepped into the breach as captain at the last minute to replace the injured Paul Box Grainger. With an upturn in form, largely due to the continued form of league leading bowler Ches Browne and the runs flowing from the blades of Matt Grice and Peter himself the 2nd XI have shown they can perform in a very strong league.

Amazingly the first and fourth elevens have managed to keep the momentum from last year's championship seasons going and are in hot competition for their respective leagues. Johan Van der Westhuizen has taken over from Chris Whitaker in the fours and as a result of solid team batting and healthy wicket hauls by Johan himself and Ramesh Solanki, the team is placed second in the league and are confident of producing good cricket in the title run in.

The first team has experienced some of the highest points in the clubs history, a first match victory over Lordswood was inspired by magnificent bowling by Kent and England paceman Martin Saggars whose 6-34 promptly resulted in him being called up for England (club form got him the nod!!!!). A magnificent home victory over Bromley the first in 10 years, inspired by all rounder Richard Bedbrook, followed by an excellent win against Folkestone left us top of the table for the first time in many a year. The intervention of bad weather has seen us move to third spot in the league but with Garry Sheen in prolific form (league leading run scorer with over 500runs) and the continued excellent team work displayed there is every chance of Beckenham & Sydenham challenging for the Kent Premier league title for the first time in the merged clubs history.

Martin Sagers and Robert Key (playing for England by kind permission of BCC and BHC)*
*Robert Key has played hockey for the club and used to play cricket for us to, spending most of his formative years at the club, indeed he is a former Beckenham cricket colt and was awarded honorary life membership of the Cricket Club when he made his test debut two years ago.

SUMMER HOLIDAY JUNIOR COACHING & ACTIVITY

Tuesday 27th July – Friday 30th July
Monday 16th – Thursday 19th August
10am – 2pm

(with one hour lunch break)

2 hours cricket coaching with ECB qualified coaches

1 hour of related leisure activities with qualified sports coaches

Age groups 5-9, 10-12, 13-15 (open to boys and girls)

Fees:- per day Members £10 - Non-Members £12

Fees – per week Members £35 – Non-Members £40

to book please contact the office on 020 8650 0266

Direct Debiting – almost here!

We apologise to the membership for not quite being able to announce the start date for the introduction of direct debiting but I can assure everyone that it isn't far away

One of the problems has been obtaining various modules and quotes from different companies, some seem to be very eager others very slow in coming forward with proposals and this has made the selection process a very long and drawn out affair.

What are the differences you are likely to see?

The main difference will be how we collect your subscriptions. You will have the option of paying in one lump sum, or you can spread the cost over a number of months if you prefer. The choice will be yours.

We plan to issue new membership cards for ALL members with a magnetic strip and photograph. This could, after a trial period enable members to pay for services the club supplies on account. Of course safeguards would be in place to stop any fraudulent use of your membership card

We will keep the membership fully informed on the progress of the scheme either by post or electronically.

The Bugle – the future

Approx. 1200 copies are circulated to the membership. The cost involved in postage alone totals approx. £250.00. If any member prefers to receive their copy by email or if you do not wish to receive a copy please let the office know. Plans are in hand to publish the Bugle on the club website at ["http://www.beckenhamcricketclub.co.uk"](http://www.beckenhamcricketclub.co.uk) so members will be able to view and download copies themselves.

Dates for your Diaries

CRICKET WEEK - August 2nd -6th Games here daily starting 11am

Bar open Food available

Wednesday 4th August - Club Quiz Night - General Knowledge £2pp Cash Prizes 9.00pm

Thursday 5th August - Jazz in the bar after cricket. Food available

Saturday 7th August - Mexican Night Fancy Dress Disco organised by the cricket club see ad. for further details.

Saturday 12th September Tennis - Margaret Ross Day & Court Club Annual awards

Friday 5th November - Fireworks and Jazz Night - GSK RSA (Wellcome) see ad. for further details.

If you are planning any functions to raise money for your section or the club then please let the office have details for the web site and the what's on.

Summer Ball

Plans for the proposed Summer Ball in September have been postponed. It is now hoped to stage the event in late April or early May next year.

BECKENHAM & SYDENHAM CC

Saturday 7TH August 2004

MEXICAN

NIGHT

FANCY DRESS DISCO

(PRIZE FOR THE BEST OUTFIT)

(MOUSTACHES & SOMBREROS COMPULSORY)

8pm till Late
£10 (includes food)
tickets available from the bar at
Foxgrove

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&

JAZZ NIGHT

Friday 5th November

Welcome retired members

£10 per. head

**including Fireworks, Jazz Band
and nibbles**

**For further details phone Dick Challand 0208
650 1571**