



Byfleet CC Newsletter – January 2015

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On behalf of the Club we extend our condolences to Mark, Adam, Henry and Amy Boast on the passing of wife and mother Helen Boast at the end of November. Helen had been ill for some time but continued to visit the Club to support the boys in the Colts. She will be greatly missed.

AGM

The following were elected as Officers of the Club for 2015 at the AGM held on Thursday 27th November:

President: Bernie Dodwell
Chairman: Jim Crabtree
Secretary: Andy Savage
Treasurer: Greg Dodwell
Ground Manager: Malcolm Denham
Welfare Officer: Neal Jones
Colts Manager: Shaky Ahmed
Fixture Secretary: Andy Savage
1st XI Captain: Andy Savage/Liam Blake (joint)
2nd XI Captain: Jamie Austin
3rd XI Captains: Iain Bowman/Rob Deven
Sunday Captain: Neal Jones
Development League Captain: Ben Tyler
League Representatives:
 Surrey Championship – Will Crabtree and Andy Savage
 Fullers League – Malcolm Denham and Shaky Ahmed

The turnout was very good compared to previous years with 25 Members attending.

On behalf of the Club, the Committee would like to thank Greg Clough for his contribution and commitment as 2nd XI skipper over the last 6 years. He led the side through thick and thin and provided great encouragement and support to the Colts who graduated to senior league cricket.

All the various reports presented at the AGM can be found in the Documents section of the website.

A draft new management structure has been prepared to be discussed by the Committee and will be circulated for Members' comments during 2015. This will involve a new constitution for the Club which will need to be voted on at an EGM immediately before the 2015 AGM.

The 2015 AGM will be moved from the traditional last Thursday in November to the last Sunday in November, starting at 6.30pm, in an attempt to encourage more Members to attend.

2015 Colts Fees, Match Fees, Subscriptions

As agreed at the AGM all Colts training and match fees remain unchanged for 2015. The Colts Committee will be looking at the option of paying up front for a season's training fees with a discount in addition to pay-as-you-go. Further details will be available before the season starts.

All subscriptions (senior playing, Colts, non-playing etc.) remain unchanged from 2014.

Senior match fees will increase to £10/game or £17 for 2 games over a weekend. For Colts playing in senior sides the £5 match fee is unchanged. This is the first increase in match fees for 4 years and will offset additional costs including increase in League subscriptions as a result of the 1st XI achieving promotion to Div. 4, the 3rd XI joining the Fullers League, hire of Byfleet Rec for the 3rd XI and increased catering costs.

Congratulations on New Arrivals

Congratulations to Alex and Sam Gregory who now have a baby boy Jack Oliver born October 13th and also to Alex and Glyn Clough whose baby girl Ada safely arrived 5 weeks early on November 2nd.

Nets – 18th January at Woking Leisure Centre

Nets start at Woking Leisure Centre in Woking on Sunday 18th January. Colts nets (U10 to U14) start at 5.30pm and seniors plus colts U15+ at 6.30pm-8.00pm. U14's will be welcome to stay for the senior session as well.

Fees will be £4 for Colts and £5 for seniors per session. Paying for all 8 sessions up front will receive a discount. Full details on the website – note there are a number of Sundays when the nets are unavailable.

Golf Day – Sutton Green Golf Club, Friday 10th April

This year, the annual BCC Golf Day returns to Sutton Green GC in Woking. To book your place/team, contact either Sam Crabtree or Andy Savage – more details on the website.

Halloween Party

Attendance for the Halloween Party was disappointing with few Club playing members present. Lucy, Corinne and their merry band of helpers put in a lot of effort to prepare for the event and decorate the Clubhouse and it is a shame it was not as well supported as previously. The Fund Raising Committee will consider whether to repeat the event next year.

Byfleet Rec Pitch Renovation & Fullers 3rd XI League

Woking BC have instructed Serco (the contractor) to prepare the Recreation Ground wicket for use next year and, as a result, we have applied and been accepted into the Fullers League 3rd XI League for 2015. This will open up more opportunities for the older Colts to play in senior cricket under adult League conditions. Iain Bowman and Rob Deven will manage and organise the side and necessary arrangements for playing at the Recreation ground. More details will follow towards the start of the season.

Kings Head Lane/Byfleet Boys FC

We are still in discussions with Byfleet Village FC, Woking BC and the Football Foundation to create a square on the KHL ground in return for the football club being able to use our facilities for parking and for a 5/7-a-side pitch on the ground. The delay is due to the Council waiting for a response from the Football Foundation for permission to create a square on the land as they funded the original conversion. If this is agreed, we would hope that a square could be ready for the 2016 season. A number of things need to be discussed and resolved e.g. wicket maintenance/preparation, access to facilities & the existing pavilion for preparation of teas, sightscreens etc. but this will mean the organisation and running of the 3rd XI will be considerably easier plus we will be able to use the wicket for Colts games.

We will look to the 3rd XI using the KHL ground from 2016 rather than the Recreation Ground.

Overseas Player for 2015

No news as yet, Craig and Brian are working on finding a suitable player for us.

Land Purchase/Extension/Renovation

The land purchase grinds on but there is light at the end of the tunnel. The Club will pay £4,500 up front and the remainder on a monthly basis, interest free over 2 years. We will draw up a Trust Deed to protect the land and appoint Trustees.

In addition we are working on updating the Trustees of the strip of land containing the oak trees opposite the Clubhouse. It is believed that the Club actually owns that land already but no documentation or Trust Deeds have been found as yet. Bob Goldsmith was the last surviving Trustee and he has resigned from that role and appointed the Trustees of the main ground to replace him.

Car Park Extension

The work to bury the motorway overhead cables is due to start in Spring/Summer 2015 and be completed by end of 2015. It will still include extending the car park on both sides up to the entrance gate and a path round the back to the KHL ground at no cost to the Club.

Fund Raising

We have mixed news on the fund raising front. The good news is that we have been granted £35,000 by The London Marathon Trust but Woking Council have deferred our application and it will be considered under the local plan – this could mean a delay whilst consultations take place. The Committee will meet shortly to discuss the options open to us.

In October we received a most generous donation of £2,500 from the Matthew Hackney Foundation towards the fund, including the latest grant, the fund stands at just over £79,000. We are in the process of making a grant application to BIFFA Trust under the Landfill Scheme for community projects and await a decision from Sport England on our £50,000 application, which is expected in April.

Buy-a-Brick

For Club members, a “Red” brick costs £25 and a “Golden Brick” £50 and we are offering the opportunity to local businesses along with other sponsorship opportunities. Names will be permanently displayed within the new Clubhouse on a graphical “Wall of Bricks”.

There is a simple application form on the website at www.byfleetcc.co.uk/extension_project.php click on Buy-A-Brick. Forms will be available at registration evenings and throughout the summer from the Bar.

Captains & Honours Boards

The new boards are currently being completed, updated and will be displayed in the Club. We have added an Honours Board and updated the President, Secretary and Treasurer’s boards.

Ground Equipment

We obtained a grant of £1,500 from Surrey County Council towards the purchase of a new ride-on mower for the ground which has now been acquired and delivered at a total cost of £1,900.

Event Calendar

Sunday 18th January: Nets commence at Woking Leisure Centre
Friday 10th April: BCC Golf Day, Sutton Green Golf Club, Woking
NatWest CricketForce Weekend: 28th – 29th March