

Senior Cricket Newsletter

Outdoor practice

Starts on Tuesday 6th April from 6.15pm until it's dark. During the season all players will be expected to attend the main training night on Thursdays from 6.15pm until dark/finish. There will be an optional training night on Tuesdays (the under 18's has been replaced by an u17's team that play on Wednesdays).

The Pro & Overseas

We have signed Indian Kuldeep Diwan as pro for this season. He's a left arm orthodox spin bowler and left hand bat who plays for Himachal Pradesh in the Ranji Trophy. Kuldeep will be bringing with him overseas amateur Vikas Tokas who is a right arm seamer. They will both be living in one of the new flats behind Dale Mill.

New Nets

We have secured funding from the ECB for a new 2 lane, all weather, practice facility that will be positioned on the car park. This has been the result of 3 years of hard work which included gaining the Clubmark accreditation in 2008.

The new facility will cost over £75,000 and will provide us with state of the art facilities that will be the envy of many other clubs in the area.

2010 Fees

Playing Membership will cost the same as being an ordinary adult member of the club at £17.50. Match subs will be payable by everyone at £3 per game (or £2 for those in education or unemployed).

Team Kit

Sterling Solutions is subsidising a 'bundle' of kit for each senior player including a playing shirt, sleeveless sweater, cap, full tracksuit, training top and shorts. Players are asked to contribute £30 to fund the remainder of the cost (kit worth £100). There will be 33 sets of kit available on a first come first served basis. Orders

will only be secured on receipt of the money.

Players are urged to take advantage of buying the kit as it will form the basis of creating a winning mentality – look like a team, play like a team! You will be expected to arrive at matches and training in the training kit and play in a club playing shirt during matches.

Selection Committee

Selection will take place after the main training night each Thursday. To be eligible for selection, players will have to be members of the club, registered with the league and not have any match subs outstanding. The selection committee will be made up of the captain of each team that is being selected and the cricket secretary (or member of the cricket committee). As selection will take place on a Thursday, it will be too late to notify the Rochdale Observer, therefore teams will be posted on our facebook site on Friday morning and on the notice board.

Fundraising & Socials

We will be running a number of social events throughout the season. We hope all players and supporters will get behind us and help to raise some extra funds. All players will be expected to attend the Annual Awards Dinner on Friday 1st October.

We will also be running a Summer Draw in 2010 to raise some funds. We ask for your support in helping to sell these tickets to friends and family. Further information will be made available during the season.

Facebook Site

We now have our own facebook site to keep players and supporters up to date with fixtures, results, important dates and club events.

Sponsorship

If you know of anyone who may be willing to get involved in sponsoring

the club in any way please let one of the committee know.

Important Dates

First Outdoor Practice – Tuesday 6th April, 6.15-pm - dark.

Last Indoor Practice – Saturday 27th March.

Annual Awards Dinner – Friday 1st October.

Pre-season mixed Dinner – Friday 23rd April.

Irish Night – Friday 19th March from 8pm.

Captains & Officials

1st Team Captain – Paul Winrow

2nd Team Captain – Darren Smith

3rd Team Captain – Oliver Hope

Cricket Secretary – Garreth Brown

CricketForce

This year's CricketForce event takes place on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th March. We held the event for the first time last year and managed to finish many jobs around the ground that quite often get left untouched. The ground looked spot on for the first game of the season and we hope to do something similar this year. The main jobs will include painting the perimeter walls and benches, repairing the netting on the cage and general maintenance around the ground. We only expect a couple of hours of your time over the weekend and the more people we get down, the more we can get done!

Barton Kendal Partnership

If you know of anyone who currently has their house up for sale or is considering doing so, please let them know that if they do it through Barton Kendal at their new office in Milnrow and they mention the cricket club, they will give us £200 when the house is sold.

Finally

Let's keep our fingers crossed for some decent weather and we hope all our teams can have an enjoyable and successful season.