



Stokenchurch Cricket Club

Juniors Update June 2017

As the season is now progressing and hopefully those dark, cold match nights (from May) are well behind us the Juniors Team would like to update you on activities.

Matches

All age group matches are well underway, a few matches need to be rearranged and some other clubs have let us down by not turning up for arranged matches. I am pleased to say, so far, we have fulfilled all our fixtures.

All the teams are improving steadily and their understanding of matches and match play grows by the week. All the fixtures and results are on the website. Please feel free to come along and support any of the teams, particularly the home matches, where the bar is always open and we know the players all appreciate the support.

Family Day

This year the Family Day is Sunday 23rd July from 2pm. The format as the day depends on numbers. If you do plan to attend please let us know, then we will be able to decide on the format. For those of you unfamiliar with the day, we try to get as many of the younger players (ideally U13s and below) playing some cricket, ideally against their parents, siblings, coaches etc. If you turn up and want to take part we will find a way of getting you out onto the pitch (even if it is with a beer in hand!).

Having some ideas of numbers also helps the catering, we try to provide some 'cricket tea' and if the weather is good will end the day with a BBQ. Juniors can be there without their parents playing (and vice-versa). It is surprising how many 'lapsed' players we have found in previous years.

More details will be put onto the website once we get an idea of numbers but it is always a fun day for everyone and a good chance to see how the players have all progressed during the season.

Dinner and Presentation Evening

This year this will be held at the Cricket Club on Saturday 16th September from 7pm. For those of you not familiar with this event it is a chance to end the season with awards for players, speeches from the age group captains and some good food and drink.

We put up a marquee on the outfield and the whole evening is informal. Adult players also attend and this is a really good chance for players of all ages to mix and feel part of the club as a whole.

We have not confirmed the catering arrangements for this year yet and will send out these details once we have them. We strive to keep the cost down as much as possible, with a good evening taking precedence over making a profit. There is no limit on numbers (we have had over 90 in previous years) but we do ask, closer to the time, that you let us know if you intend to attend so we can cater appropriately.

There is always plenty to do on the morning of the dinner and volunteers to help put up the marquee etc. are always welcome. We will remind people closer to the time.

Coaching

Coaching on a Thursday has been well attended and hopefully more fun for everyone with warmer evenings. We would like to remind everyone to make sure all subscriptions are paid, players sign in and out and tidy up after themselves and not leave litter and drinks bottles out on the pitch at the end of the sessions. The final session of 2017 will be Thursday August 10th.

Questions

If you have any questions please contact any of us through the website or email me at gary@theoldpost.com

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