

NORTHERN COUNTIES CRICKET CLUB

Newsletter - August 2017



Hi everyone,

Happy August to everyone out there. We hope you're having a good Summer. Here at The Northern Meeting Park aka "The Factory" things are building towards an exciting climax for both 1st and 2nd XI teams. Spirits are high in both camps and there is a healthy flow of players moving between the two.



We Don't Like Cricket - We Love It

Montgomery Cricket Club

Sorry to have to start this edition with some sad news.

You may remember that we recently bought our covers from a club down in Shropshire - Montgomery Cricket Club.

A few weeks ago a talented young player - James Corfield - from that Club, went missing. He was later found dead in a local river. Although we don't know the circumstances, we at NCCC, were very saddened by the news and send James' family, friends and team mates our thoughts and prayers

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A few words from the Club Captain



More than half way through the season see the 1st XI in a very strong position with only 5 league games left and on course to beat last years 4th place.

Nearly forgetting we have a Cup Final to win. Being under dogs we have no pressure on us and everything to win.

Really good to see new faces down at the Meeting Park with Nicky and Radjesh fitting nicely into the fold.

Can't thank people behind the scenes enough. James lean, Mike Evans for making decent tracks week in week out. Jon Ford for changing the direction of the club to a more positive, forward thinking club.

Coaching Courses.



As part of our medium term plans NCCC want to enhance and build our junior membership as well as attract more girls in to the game. To that end, over the winter, we plan to get as many of our players involved in and trained to deliver coaching sessions.

The club will pay for the training which will be delivered locally. Venue and dates TBC.

We need to get a firm idea of numbers, so have a look at the courses below - further information by following the links given - then let Jon Ford (email below) know as soon as you can, if you want to take up this opportunity .

- Coach Support Worker
- Level 2 - Certificate in Coaching Children
- Level 2 - Certificate in Coaching Young People & Adults

See <https://www.ecb.co.uk/be-involved/coaching/coaching-courses>

This is really important if we want to have a club with a future and the time has never been better.

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Grant to help with youth development



We are delighted to be able to say that LifeScan have awarded us a grant of £1000 to go towards youth development.

LifeScan are a major employer in our area who take their social responsibility seriously and support local groups who are involved with youth welfare issues.

Jess Mills



Great news that Jess has been called up to the Scotland T20 squad which will be playing in Stirling next week. These are qualifying games for next years World Cup so we wish her and the team the very best of luck.

End of Season Bash.

Dust off your party frocks and glad rags the end of season Club dinner and presentation night is nearly with us.

We will confirm details and send invitations a little later but it will be held at the end of September. Players, club members, partners, sponsors and invited guests will ensure a great night.

Photo of the month

If I could choose a picture that epitomises NCCC this would be it. To me shows the spirit and exuberance which runs throughout the club as well as the young talent we now have. It bodes well for the future



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Website

You will know that our website has been undergoing a re-vamp and to be honest it has taken longer than I thought. We are still tinkering and waiting for our domain name to be changed and then it will go "live".

In the mean time you can visit it by going to invernesscricket.wordpress.com

We would love your feedback and any suggestions - jonrebeg@hotmail.co.uk