

NORTHERN COUNTIES CRICKET CLUB

Newsletter - July 2017



Hi everyone,

Well, Summer is a rollin' on and both the 1st and 2nd teams are getting into their strides and have cup finals to look forward to. So, let's get behind the teams and give them the support they deserve. C'mon and bring a pal to the next home game.

Also, Jess has received her first full cap for Scotland: well done to you from all of us at NCCC.



New Kit/ Equipment

We've bought a set of twelve water bottles to be used at games and a new hot water urn for the kitchen. Mike has also donated his old vacuum cleaner to the club - Thanks for that Mike. (Full training on its use will be given to all players !!)

Sponsors

We have 3 new sponsors joining the club they are: G M Leith (Materials Handling), William Grey Construction and Birkenshaws Distributors Ltd. Well done to Mollie (Mike MacKenzie) for getting them on board and Thanks to them for their support. We will do a feature on each of them during the season.

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Fund Raising

A special fund raising event will be held on the 8th July at the Northern Meeting Park.

This will be a charity match between a select Counties team and Huntly

We're helping raise funds for our friend Gary who has terminal lymphoma

<https://www.gofundme.com/help-save-our-son-fund>



 Raffle Tickets 



Will be drawn at the match

£1 for a strip of five numbers and great prizes....



A fun day out for all the kids at Northern Counties Cricket Club, Northern Meeting Park, Ardross Street, Inverness.

Thanks to everyone who has donated so far.



  Child's Mountain Bike

  £50 Marks and spencer voucher

  Case of wine

  Pair of Scotrail return tickets anywhere in Scotland

  venison

  £70 laser treatment Voucher

  HD Brows Darren Charlton


  Beauty voucher Emma-Jayne Catterson

  1-2-1 swimming lesson Julie Mackay

  Cruise Loch Ness Boat tickets

  Toni and Guy cut and Blow dry Toni Guy

  Highland Boxing Academy Lessons Liam Foy

And more to be added 

Northern Counties gets Archived

Some of you may have seen in the papers recently but just in case you didn't...

Devjit Srivistava and **Stewart Lackie** visited the Highland Archive Centre to deposit some of Northern Counties Cricket Club's records dating back to 1909. The records included minutes, agendas, correspondence and photographs. Northern Counties will retain ownership but the

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Archive Centre will now care for those records and, once they have been catalogued, provide public access to this important history of cricket – a sport which has been an integral part of the development of Inverness since 1864.

The club was formed at a meeting at the Town House in 1864 presided over by Bishop Robert Eden who wanted cricket to be played in his garden between the Bishop's Palace (now part of Eden Court Theatre) and Inverness Cathedral.

We would be very happy to hear from anyone who has any documents or photographs relating to cricket in Inverness so they can either be added to the collection or just studied and catalogued for research purposes.



Update from the Reserve Team.

I asked **Mike Evans** and **James Lean** about what was happening with the reserves. Here's what they said.

"In Regards of progress, Mike and I set out a clear plan at the start of the year which ultimately was about progressing the Junior players of the team (Gregor MacDowall, Lewis Pacey and Finley Saunders) we discussed this the other day and feel that there have been huge strides made by all three:

Gregor has improved enough to start pushing into the First team, but yet to be seen in the first team is his ability with the bat. Greg', with an average of 15, is turning into the Geoffrey Boycott of the team. He is difficult to remove from the crease and bowlers have to be at their best to get him out. That has really stood out with Mike and me. We hope that he has a bright future with Northern Counties and beyond

Lewis bowls at that belies his age. He is barely in his teens but already his line and length is spot on time and time again. His fielding is getting better week by week and he is turning himself into a promising all-rounder.

Finley has only just started playing but in his first game he took a difficult catch at fine leg at Nairn and hi batting is coming on a treat

Star performers have to be **Billal Akbar**, who has been decimating bowling attacks with some very impressive power hitting sending several balls into the Eden Court Car park and **Neil**

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Gallacher who has been rolling back the years with some very impressive and tight spin bowling, as well as being the lynch pin of the batting attack, coming in at number 3.

It would be impossible to talk about the reserves without a mentioning **Dev Shrivastara** and **Paul Pacey** - two senior players who time and again save the day with a great bit of play or simply a bit of wisdom.

Highlights – We have made the T20 Finals alongside Elgin and Highland, it will be a tough test, but if we all perform to our best we have a chance,”

Photo of the week



*Taken and supplied by Stewart Lackie this photo was taken at the cup game between Highland and NCCC on the 1st July. **Dave Dugdale** takes the catch from **Nuwan Eshwara's** bowling.*

Oh my goodness, what a game - worthy of TV any day - with the game going in to the last over it could have gone either way. Spectators couldn't bear to watch and jitters abounded everywhere... except with "**Boomer**" **Leckie** whose boundary with three balls to go, took Counties to victory and a Cup Final.

It was one of those "I was there moments" and I was!

Northern Meeting Park

Jobs that still need doing if anyone has any spare time are:

- Doors and frames in corridor need sanding and painting white
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- The newly liberated benches at the front of the stand need sanding down and painting black
- Ceiling in yellow entrance to corridor needs painting white
- Does anyone have any floor paint for the corridor?
- Boundary wall needs painting white

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Contact him or his team with any questions you may have or to book into see around the facility.

....and finally

If you want to contribute to the newsletter with **anything** - anecdotes, stuff for sale, news or the like - stick it in an email and I'll get it in there.

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