

NORTHERN COUNTIES CRICKET CLUB

Newsletter - May 2017

Hi everyone,

Oh my gosh, we are already halfway through May.

A bit of a mixed start to the season but a good win, for the First Team over Nairn at the week end has put a spring back in in our step.

Loads of effort has been put in pre and early season with regard to our infrastructure.... stuff like raising money for new equipment, smartening the NMP up and improving communication within the club. So we need to keep this up. Let your captain know if there are any issues with premises, equipment etc

Finally, we would like to develop the social side of the club. For example, see more partners getting involved by either just turning up for a game (or part of one), helping with jobs that need doing, anything in fact.

Any ideas for events welcome.

Some ideas already in and actioned are the quiz night, a barbecue evening and the end of season awards night/ dinner

Social events are a way of getting people involved and we hope the the whole club will support them.

New Kit/ Equipment

The date for the launch of the new kit has been put back to 27th May when we play Fochabers in a cup game.

I have a large polo shirt with the new club badge for sale. It's too small for me (and the diet starts tomorrow). - £20.

Last Tuesday we had a visit from Joanne Stennett of **Bell Ingram** - a potential sponsor - who, by all accounts, was impressed by what she saw and heard. Following on from that visit it looks as though they will be sponsoring a **boundary rope**. So once she has confirmed we'll be getting that organised. Well done Will'.

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Sponsors

As mentioned above, Bell Ingram have "come on board". Many thanks to them for their support.

HBS Ring have shown an interest in our basic package and we are waiting to hear from them

Fund Raising

Get you **Cricket Ticket** Number from Jon or Cris. £12 gets you a number for the year which will be entered in to a monthly draw. Prize depends upon the number of ticket holders. We are limiting it to 50 numbers to begin with so get yours quickly. All the profit goes back in to your club.

The **Quiz night** will be held on the

Northern Meeting Park

What a difference some paint and bit of TLC makes.

We are getting there slowly. So many, many thanks to everyone who has pitched in to make NMP a place to be proud of.

Jobs that need doing if anyone has any spare time are

- Doors and frames in corridor need sanding and painting white
- Doors and frames in the dining room need sanding and painting white
- 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

People at NCCC

Jess has just got engaged - sorry guys, you missed your chance! - to Jon (no, not me) Clayton. Congratulations to you both. When's the party?

Also Jess was playing for the other "Wildcats" - The Scotland Womens Cricket Team - and was a major contributor to their victory with a great spell of 4 for 12 off 7 overs.

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Sponsor Profile

Starting in this issue, each newsletter will feature information regarding one of our sponsors

This issue features **The Crown Court Hotel**

The Crown Court have been with us since the start of the season and provided a much needed financial boost enabling us to purchase a set of covers for the wicket.

Dani Lee, the manager of the hotel, is not a cricket follower but we are working on it and have a promise that she will get down to training one night. She has a sporting pedigree of her own having played for Tranmere Rovers women football team. She also competes regularly on one or both of her horses (Annie and D'Arcy).

The Crown Court Town House Hotel is located in the highlands capital, the city of Inverness. The hotel originates from the 1700`s when it was used as a residence for crown court judges. Just a short distance from the city centre the hotel having recently been refurbished now offers stylish accommodation coupled with first class service, and great food all with a highland welcome!

The Rannoch bistro offers fantastic locally sourced home cooked food, with some of Scotland's classic dishes including a few old favourites. Experience true highland hospitality from Dani and her team. With complimentary WIFI throughout and free parking, exceptional road links and just a short walk to the city centre The Crown Court Hotel is a superb choice. Perfect for leisure or business The Crown Court Hotel boasts 9 individual en-suite bed rooms all furnished to a high standard.

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