

NORTHERN COUNTIES CRICKET CLUB

Newsletter - September 2017



Hi everyone,

Well, that's the end of the season! and what a season it's been. A Knock Out Cup win and third place finish in the League for the 1st XI



The NCCC Family - From 90 years old to 3 yrs old

We have had highs and lows, but mainly highs, with both the First and Second XI. The Club has moved forward thanks to an all round effort both on and off the field.

New faces and new ideas have been welcomed and put in to the clubs' melting pot. It's all very encouraging.

We now have several months to consolidate and plan for next season. New standards have been set everywhere. Let's build on them.

We Don't Like Cricket We Love It



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Thanks to....

None of the above would have happened without the help from a multitude of people. So let's name them : In no particular order.....

- Mike Evans and James Lean for keeping the square in tip top condition despite the weather.
- To all of the wives, mums, dads and partners of the players who have manned the fort, given lifts and supported while they have been playing.
- Pat Cronin - for his outstanding work with young cricketers at Fortrose Academy and getting Man of the Match award in the Cup Final - Did we mention that WE WON THE CUP ?



- **Lifescan** - for supporting our youth development programme
- **Monsternet** and **Teclan** - who sponsored our kit and will be hosting our new website.
- **Inverness Trophy Centre** - who have helped with medals and engraving
- **Crown Court Hotel** - Who have helped buy our cricket covers, provided linen, crockery, venues for meetings and will be hosting our end of season awards night.
- **Encore une fois** - have put us in touch with "Mikeys Line" and "Activeness" (charities that support those with emotional problems) as well as supplying us with a welcoming post training venue and chicken and chips.
- **Bell Ingram** - who helped purchase our boundary rope.
- **MacBride Signs** - who have done us proud with all of our sponsorship boards.
- **Silky Paws dog grooming, Angel Hair and Beauty Salon, Jamie Tulloch Fitness and Giraffe World Cafe** for generous financial donations which have helped with ground maintenance.
- **Sams Indian, Profile security, HBS Ring, Birkenshaw Distributors, GM Leitch, William Grey Construction**, again, for generous donations which have help buy all of those bits and pieces that no-one thinks about - stationery, coffee, tea, sugar, kitchen equipment, paint etc
- And finally, to Patrons who have made donations to the club but wanted to remain anonymous. You know who you are.

That's a lot of people and there may some I have missed. Apologies if I have but a huge "Thank You" to everyone. We hope you have enjoyed the ride and that you will hop on board next season.

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Closed Season

Rubber Gloves ready!! There will be a work day organised shortly to get the premises ready for its winter break. There is a fair amount to do and I'll be getting in touch with you all with the date.

Once the end of season Bash is out of the way (see below) we will be starting to get together a group to work on plans for next year. If you would like to get involved please let us know (jonrebeg@hotmail.co.uk)

Photos of the month



What can we say?

End of Season Awards Night Bash.

Everyone should have had their invitation by now. If you haven't and want to come along please let us know as soon as you can. The details are as follows.

Date - 29.9.2017

Venue - Crown Court Hotel

Time - 7 for 7.30pm

Dress - Smart Casual.

Cost - £20 per person / £10 for under 16's

Menu - Curry - 3 varieties (Hot to Not) plus desert

Partners welcome

All Sponsors have two complimentary tickets

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Website

Please visit your website invernesscricket.wordpress.com and get commenting, liking or whatever it is that you do.

We need your articles, feedback and any suggestions - jonrebeg@hotmail.co.uk so that we can keep it fresh and relevant. Even during the closed season.

Family news.

Richard (Smithy) Smith's wife, Michelle, is about to have a baby - very imminent
David (Duggers) Dugdale and his partner, Pam, are expecting their second child in January

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There may be others let us know.

Together with the wee ones already toddling around on game days, the clubs' future looks secure

Everyone at "Counties" wishes them all the very best for their new family

So, with that happy news we'll sign off this month. We will continue to send newsletters over the closed season with updates on what we're up to. So keep your eyes open.

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