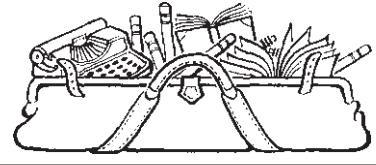




Cricket Bag



Newsletter for Norfolk Cricket League Clubs

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Fair Play Award

The Fair Play Award, which was introduced in the middle of the 2001 season, will be repeated again this year, but in a different format. The sponsors, Hansell Stevenson, are keen to popularise the scheme and the Committee also feel that it is important - especially for a League that represents recreational cricket - for all clubs to support it.

The scheme will be based on a mark out of ten, awarded by the Home team. This additional score should be passed to Results Secretaries with the rest of the telephoned match report. The scores will be faxed or e-mailed to the General Secretary, along with the other statistics, and he will compile the Fair Play tables. These will not be published every week, although a mid-season table might make for some interesting reading!

By the end of the season, each team should receive a

mark from every other team in their division, giving them a score out of 90. Of course, the Great Old English Weather may intervene ... The team with the highest total will win the award. In the event of a tie, the team with the most number of "10"s, then "9"s etc would be the winner.

What we mean by "Fair Play" has not changed. To paraphrase Trevor Smith's introduction last year: "fair play was evident and cricket was the winner. The game was an absolute pleasure to play".

Please support this important initiative.

Spirit of the Game

Cricket is a game that owes much of its unique appeal to the fact that it should be played not only within its Laws but also within the Spirit of the Game. Any action which is seen to abuse this spirit causes injury to the game itself. The major responsibility for ensuring the spirit of fair play rests with the captains.

The Spirit of the Game involves RESPECT for:

Your opponents, your own captain and team, the role of the umpires and the game's traditional values

It is against the Spirit of the Game

To dispute an umpire's decision by word, action or gesture to direct abusive language towards an opponent or umpire, or to indulge in cheating or any sharp practice. For instance to appeal knowing that the batsman is not out, to advance towards an umpire in an aggressive manner when appealing or to seek to distract an opponent either verbally or by harassment with persistent clapping or unnecessary noise under the guise of enthusiasm and motivation of one's own side.



"The Umpire strikes back ..."

KO Cup 2002

To date, 19 teams have indicated they want to take part in this year's Knock Out Cup, and the draw will take place at the next Committee meeting on 10th March.

At our last meeting, we did discuss a potential problem with one of the existing KO Cup Rules, 7b, which states:

"No player who has played in the Norfolk Alliance in the current season may play in the NCL Sunday KO Cup competition."

According to my archives, this rule was already in place in 1990. But until last year, when East Harling's first team were promoted to the Alliance, whilst their A team remained with us, the rule was not a cause for concern.

From this season though, with Coltishall being promoted and Beccles and Diss teams joining our lower divisions, there are potentially 4 teams who are affected by this rule. The Committee's interpretation is that regular Alliance players cannot take part in our KO Cup, and this rule will apply for the 2002 competition. However, it may be something that you want to think about and decide upon at our end-of-season AGM.

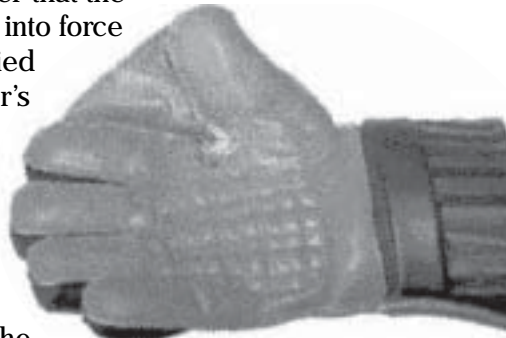
The Final will be played at Pinebanks on 4 Aug 2002.

Important Dates

KO Cup	12 May,
	2 Jun, 30 Jun, 21 July.
Main Final :	4 Aug
Plate Final:	18 Aug
Dinner Dance	12 Oct
AGM	22 Nov

Wicket Keeping Gloves

You may remember that the Laws which came into force last season specified that wicket-keeper's gloves should have no webbing between thumb and fingers to act as a pouch. The ECB allowed a year of grace for the manufacture of new gloves. However, we understand that gloves to the new specification are still not available and so we have extended this year of grace until the 2003 season.



Money Matters

A brief reminder for those Clubs who have not yet paid their subscriptions. These should have been paid by 31 January - Are you up-to-date?

If you are 'guilty', don't forget to include the affiliation fee to the Norfolk Cricket Forum, as agreed at our last AGM.

Player of the Month

Don't forget to send in your nominations for Player of the Month. These should be sent to David Amis by post (11 Sporle Road, Swaffham, Norfolk, PE37 7HL) or Fax (01760 721928) by the Tuesday following the last match in each month. You should receive nomination sheets with your Handbooks (middle of April).

Handbook

The 2002 handbook will be going to the printers within the next 2 weeks. Please let the Secretary know of any changes to Club Contact details, e-mail or website addresses, or any other items for inclusion.

League Website

Tell all your friends and colleagues that the Norfolk Cricket League is on the internet at

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- Comprehensive "RECORDS" section
- All the league tables (since 1972)
- Each club has its own page
- Separate pages for the Awards since 1998
- Full details of the new Laws of Cricket
- Comprehensive reports from the AGM, Dinner etc

Please notify changes to club contacts (phone numbers, e-mails etc)
We need your comments and suggestions