



The Norfolk Cricket League is sponsored by



Please send any comments or items for inclusion in "Cricket Bag" to: 18 Pristow Green Lane, Tibenham, Norwich, NR16 1PX

Issue 5
Spring 2003

Visit the Official NCL website - www.ncleague.co.uk

Big Changes Ahead

Norfolk are at the threshold of the biggest change in recreational league cricket. You will remember that the AGM of the Norfolk Cricket League voted in support of the proposed changes to the structure of league cricket in Norfolk.

Since then, there have been a number of further discussions with representatives of the Norfolk Cricket Board (NCB); the Norfolk Cricket Alliance (NCA); the West Norfolk Cricket League (WNCL) and the NCL.

There was wide agreement in terms of the changes to the structure of the feeder leagues from 2004 and the incorporation of Norfolk Conference (NC) teams.

The Special GM in early April (see panel - right) will ask the NCL to approve the following structure for league cricket in Norfolk. With the changes being made after 2003:

- The NCA would be supported by 2 feeder leagues, based on an East/West geographical split
- WNCL would comprise 5 divs, NCL 10 divs
- Champions of each feeder would be offered promotion (provided facilities criteria were met) and would be replaced by bottom 2 teams from NCA Div 3.

- In the event of Champions not meeting criteria, or electing not to progress, the promotion would be offered to second-placed teams
- Incorporation of NC teams would be by integration, from top to bottom of the appropriate feeder league, using a straightforward mechanical method, allocating 2 teams to each feeder league (see over)
- WNCL and NCL would continue to play Win/Lose over 45 overs per innings.

Current & Forecast Strengths of Norfolk Leagues

	2003	to West	to East	2004
NCA	40			40
WNCL	40			50
NC	29	7	22	
NCL	80	3		99

Special General Meeting

Friday
4 April 2003
7.30pm

Norfolk Dumpling

to discuss detailed plans for integration

Please make sure that your Team/Club attends this meeting which will change the structure of the League.

Executive Committee for the 2003 Season

President:	Tom Bartram	Vice President:	Chris Free
Chairman:	Keir Hounsome	01603 452550	
Secretary:	Alan Harris	01379 674427	alanjharris@aol.com
Treasurer:	Trevor Smith	01603 651359	trevor.d.smith@btinternet.com
KO Cup:	Andrew Marshall	01603 409034	andrew.marshall@thalesfieldforce.com
Awards:	David Amis	01760 721928	
Results (1-3):	Dan Kelly	01603 501892	dliam.kelly@virgin.net
Results (4-6):	Paul Combstock	01493 603501	paulandebbs@aol.com
Results (7-8):	Helen Hanley	01603 473832	helenhanley@cwctv.net
Complaints:	Roger Symonds	01603 810748	rogersymonds@appliedonline.co.uk
Committee:	Roger Horn	Simon Richardson	

Integration

The numbers of moves between the feeder leagues should be minimal. The 10 additional WNCL places will come from 7 teams currently in the NC who are based in the west plus 3 sideways moves from the NCL.

These 3 should be Thetford and the Swaffham teams. Thetford will play in Div 1 of NCL in 2003 after being relegated and would prefer to be based in the West. In response to the NCB Questionnaire, Swaffham indicated that they would be prepared to move under certain circumstances.

Mechanics

The proposed 'mechanical' integration is outlined below.

- 1 Carry out promotion and relegation within each of the feeder leagues (NC, NCL and WNL)
- 2 Starting from top position in Div 1, number the teams in the order they have finished. For WNL 1-40; for NCL numbered from 1 to 80 (bottom in Div 8)
- 3 The 29 teams in the NC, 'allocated' West or East, depending on location, and are numbered NC(W)1 to NC(W)7 and NC(E)1 to NC(E)22
- 4 The champions of each of the feeder leagues (NC(W)1 or NC(W)1, WNL1 and NCL1) are promoted to NA Div 3. The bottom 3 teams are relegated. Assume that NCA38 goes to WNL and NCA39-40 go to NCL.
- 5 Within the NCL, top 2 NC(E) teams to Div 1; then next 2 to Div 2 and so on to Div 9; NC(E) 20-22 join Div 10
- 6 Fill up remaining places in NCL in order (see table below).

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Div 1	NCA39	NCA40	NC(E)2	NC(E)3	NCL4	NCL5	NCL6	NCL7	NCL8	NCL9
Div 2	NC(E)4	NC(E)5	NCL10	NCL11	NCL12	NCL13	NCL14	NCL15	NCL16	NCL17
Div 3	NC(E)6	NC(E)7	NCL18	NCL19	NCL20	NCL21	NCL22	NCL23	NCL24	NCL25
Div 4	NC(E)8	NC(E)9	NCL26	NCL27	NCL28	NCL29	NCL30	NCL31	NCL32	NCL33
Div 5	NC(E)10	NC(E)11	NCL34	NCL35	NCL36	NCL37	NCL38	NCL39	NCL40	NCL41
Div 6	NC(E)12	NC(E)13	NCL42	NCL43	NCL44	NCL45	NCL46	NCL47	NCL48	NCL49
Div 7	NC(E)14	NC(E)15	NCL50	NCL51	NCL52	NCL53	NCL55	NCL56	NCL57	NCL58
Div 8	NC(E)16	NC(E)17	NCL59	NCL60	NCL61	NCL62	NCL63	NCL64	NCL65	NCL66
Div 9	NC(E)18	NC(E)19	NCL67	NCL68	NCL69	NCL70	NCL71	NCL72	NCL73	NCL74
Div 10	NC(E)20	NC(E)21	NC(E)22	NCL75	NCL76	NCL77	NCL78	NCL79	NCL80	Blank

Assumptions

Please note that this can only be a guide at this stage, because it makes a number of assumptions:

- that the bottom 3 in the NCA will be split 1 to West and 2 to East
- that neither Thetford or Swaffham finish top of NCL Div 1, and that both Swaffham teams and Thetford will move to WNCL
- that an NCA team is NOT relegated from the East Anglian Premier
- that there are no withdrawals from WNCL, NC or NCL

Any variance from these assumptions may have an impact on the forecast structure ... but it is a starting point.

Implementation

The NCB intend that all participating leagues will approve these arrangements before play starts in the 2003 season, so that everyone knows what will be at stake. At the end of the 2003 season, the NCB, NCA, WNL and NCL will meet to finalise the moves, when the finishing positions are known.

The new structure will come into effect at the start of the 2004 season, when normal promotion and relegation will be restored, including accelerated promotion from Divs 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Knockout Cup Draw

Round 1 (11 May 2003)

Overstrand	v
Winterton	
Great Melton	v
Old Catton	
Saham Toney	v
Gressenhall	
Aylsham St Giles	v
Rackheath	
Ketteringham Hall	v
Shipdham	
Yarmouthians	v
Watton	
Ashmanhaugh	v
Kirkley Sports	
Lowestoft Railway	v
Rollsby	

FIXTURES 2003

The full set of fixtures for 2003 are included with this newsletter. Many thanks once again to Trevor Smith for his efforts in turning these out very quickly.

2003 DATES

*Awards Evening
& Dinner Dance*

Jarvis Hotel

Friday, 10th October 2003

**Annual General Meeting
21 November 2003
7.30pm**

FINAL CHANCE

please pass
Team contact details
to NCL Secretary on

01379 674427

for this year's
Handbook