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Cricket Ground Equipment

The Great New Machine has arrived, and representatives of more than 20 Norfolk cricket clubs saw an impressive demonstration at Great Witchingham earlier this month.



The Norfolk Cricket Board (Secretary Derek Cousins) hopes that the kit combination will soon be in use throughout the county to help improve playing surfaces for next season. The equipment, complete with trailer, was donated by the England & Wales Cricket Board and will be housed at Easton College under the control of the

Norfolk Groundsmen's Association.

John Morland, Secretary of the NGA, says that the machine is available for hire to clubs for £100 a day. "It has everything you need for autumn renovation of your square," says John. "The machine has a vertical aerator with 5 inch tines and a scarifier, with variable depth control, can be set to

scratch the surface or dig in down to 30mm." There is also a top dressing spreader and various hand tools. The daily charge includes delivery and collection. For further information, please contact John on 07962 001970 or via his e-mail on morlandj@aol.com.

Derek Cousins is hoping to encourage all clubs to take advantage of this unique resource. "As a special incentive, the NCB is prepared to pay the £5 annual fee to the NGA," says Derek. Contact Derek on 01603 762887 for further details.

Annual General Meeting
25 November 2005
7.30pm
Drayton Golf Club

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Sponsors' Claim Inaugural Win

A strong team representing Knights XI comfortably beat the League Chairman's XI in the first end-of-season Sponsor's Match thanks to valuable contributions from Paul Reeve (Aldborough), Tom Vaughan (Horsford) and Chris Alger (Rollesby).



The League's opening attack of Gary Foreman (Drayton) and Adam Penton (N&Colt Wanderers) made the hosts work hard for their runs initially, before a brutal half century from Vaughan threatened to take the game away. But young Chris (leg breaks) and Peter Lambert (medium fast) – both from Belton – bowled impressive spells, with Chris ending with 3 wickets, including top scorer Reeve, who made 78. The League XI looked to have restricted the Sponsors to a decent total before a quick fire cameo by Dave Ellis (Shipdham) boosted the score to 231. In reply, John Cooke (Old Catton) made a bright start with

23 before being run out and then Alger claimed 2 wickets in 9 tight overs. The Lamberts added some respectability with Peter making 34 and Chris 30, and there was an impressive knock of 30 from Ed Sturnam (Brooke) before Tim Knight also claimed 2 wickets with his flighted spin. Despite a late flurry from Foreman, the League XI finished 66 runs adrift after their 40 overs.

Chairman, Keir Hounsome thanked everyone for their efforts in preparing for and playing the match. He said that the League had already formed a good relationship with the sponsors and hoped that the match would be the first of many.

Peter Lambert of Belton faces Paul Reeve (Aldborough) on his way to a highest score of 34 in the inaugural Sponsors' Match at Aldborough. Tony Chang (Bungay) is keeping wicket.

'Spirit of Cricket' and Wides

Judging by comments that a number of teams have made about low SoC scores, it is still clear that not all teams and clubs are judging wides according to the NCL rules. We seem to have to make this comment every year because many teams insist on judging wides (especially on the leg side) as strictly as those shown in One Day Internationals.

Please note: interpretation of a 'wide' delivery as seen in televised matches are following Special Competition Rules and NOT Law 25 of the Laws of Cricket.



NCL Match Rule 1b says that NCL matches should use Law 25, which requires the Umpire to judge a ball as a Wide **ONLY** if it passes wide of the striker, both where he is standing, and would also have passed wide of him in his normal guard position. The ball will be considered as passing wide unless it is sufficiently within his reach for him to hit it using a normal cricket stoke.

If a ball is so judged the umpire must **CALL** and **SIGNAL** "Wide Ball" as soon as it has passed the striker's wicket.

So, remember these two key points:

- 1 INTERPRET A WIDE AS IN THE LAWS OF CRICKET
- 2 TO AVOID CONFUSION, CALL AND SIGNAL A WIDE AS SOON AS IT PASSES THE STRIKER'S WICKET

Awards Night & Dinner Dance

Friday, 7 October

City Suite, Ramada Jarvis Hotel
Open 6.45 for 7.30pm

£17.95 per head

Bookings, with payment, to

**Trevor Smith,
4 Havelock Road,
Norwich, NR2 3HG**

**by
30 September**

End-of-Season Awards

Our Annual Awards Dinner Dance is coming up on 7 October. Once again, the event will have Batsman, Bowler, Runner Up and Champion awards for each of our ten divisions, as well as our President's Awards for Best batsman and Best Bowler, and Hansells Under 19 Batsman and Bowler of the season.

We need nominations for these individual awards, which should be sent to General Secretary (address below)

Don't forget, that all teams / clubs are obliged to submit end of season statistics, and you can kill all these birds with one stone, by sending your statistics (minimum of 2 batsmen and 2 bowlers), including the award nominations, to:

Alan Harris, 18 Pristow Green Lane, Tibenham, Norwich, NR16 1PX to arrive by Friday, 16 September. e-mails are also accepted