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Diary Dates ...

*Representative
Match -*
Sunday 12 August 2007
Aldborough

Awards Dinner -
Friday 12 October 2007
**City Suite, Ramada
Jarvis Hotel**

AGM -
Friday
23 November 2007
UEA SportsPark

AGM Review

Fifty-three Clubs were represented at the 35th Annual General Meeting of the NCL on 24 November. Chairman Keir Hounsome was re-elected together with most of the Executive Committee. The Chairman was joined by the AGM in thanking Trevor Smith and Andy Marshall who had decided to step down from the Committee after a number of years' service. Tony Gregory (Drayton) and Jonathan Cooke (Old Catton) were unanimously approved and elected on to the Committee.

Rule Changes

Eaton proposed changing the start time for all matches to 1.30, to avoid late finishes. There was some support for the idea, but a number of clubs indicated they would have problems raising a side because of Saturday working. The proposal was defeated.

The Executive Committee's proposal to extend the Spirit of Cricket awards to cash prizes for the top three teams was carried, but the AGM dismissed the idea of requiring teams that regularly finished at the bottom of the Spirit table should apply for re-election.

Structure for 2007

The NCL had consisted of 99 teams in 2006. Ashmanhaugh gained promotion to the Alliance - and once again there was to be no relegation into the NCL. The League had received applications from Norwich Union and Great

Melton to enter teams in Division 10 and these were both approved, raising the number of teams in 2007 to 100 in ten full divisions.

Safe Hands

The Executive Committee once again stressed the need for all clubs to have a properly qualified Welfare Officer. The Chairman told the meeting that the Norfolk Board had decided that any club not meeting the requirements before April 2007 would lose their affiliation to the NCB and would - therefore - not be able to play any cricket in Norfolk next season. The criteria are: completing the two nominated courses ('Good Practice' and 'Time to Listen') and having passed a CRB check.

Malcolm Kauffman, the League WO, told the AGM that CRB checks carried out by other organisations were not valid and that the check had to be done through the ECB.

After several reviews by the EC, there were still a number of clubs who were under threat because they did not appear to have appointed a CWO or they had a CWO who did not yet meet the criteria.

All Mod Cons

Although we appreciate that not all Club Secretaries have access to e-mail, we would like to hear from anyone who is prepared to receive messages on behalf of a Norfolk Cricket League club. It is very useful to be able to send out short-notice information to all our member Clubs and we have done this a few times already in recent seasons. We have e-mail details for 52 of our 64 clubs, so there are a dozen gaps we would like to fill.

If you are prepared to accept messages for any of the 'missing' clubs, please send us an e-mail (below):

- Brisley
- East Harling
- Frettenham
- Garboldisham
- Great Witchingham
- Hemsby
- Kirkley Sports
- Loddon
- North Elmham
- Vauxhall Mallards
- Wotton

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Annual Awards

Around 280 cricketers and supporters enjoyed the Awards Presentation evening at the Ramada Jarvis Hotel on 13 October. In addition to the Divisional awards, the Executive Committee introduced two new awards for 2006 - All Rounder and Wicket Keeper - and these went to Matthew Ellis (Hethersett & Tas Valley) and Alan Fakes (Rollesby) respectively.

'Safe Hands'

As reported elsewhere, all clubs should be aware that the Norfolk Cricket Board (NCB) is actively checking that clubs now have a Welfare Officer who has an ECB validated CRB check and has attended the following training courses:

"Good Practice/Child Protection"
"Time to Listen"

Details of known courses are included here ...

"Good Practice and Child Protection" Courses

Contact:

Sue Alden (01603 727885)
[sue.alden@norfolk.gov.uk]

Cost: £15 max Time: 18:30-21:30
9 Jan Long Stratton Leisure Centre

"Time to Listen" Courses:

Contact:

Godfrey Batley
(01508 522915 / 07785 722281)
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Cost £10 Time: 18:30-21:30
8 Jan Easton College, Easton, Norwich
15 Jan North Walsham Sports Centre

Contact

Many thanks to all those Clubs who have returned the requested contact details. For those who have not yet done so, please ensure that they are returned to the General Secretary before the end of January so that they can be included in next year's handbook.

We are planning to have the handbooks and balls ready for collection in early April. The KNCL and Mid Norfolk Sunday League will be co-hosting the event, which will held at Anglian Windows, Horsford. Date and timings will be announced later.

If you are unable to attend, please make arrangements for a neighbouring club to collect books 'n' balls on your behalf.



The two Under 19 Players of the Year: on the left is Eddie Botwright, who scored over 400 runs for Aldborough in Division 1, including a century. Eddie received his award from sponsor Tim Knight, who is also shown with Matt Parkin, who claimed the bowling award. Matt started the year in Div 10, playing for Hales Colts, but after a few weeks was claiming victims in Division 2, ending the season with over 30 wickets in all League matches, and was also awarded Player of the Month in June

Award	Batsman	Club	Bowler	Club
Div 1	Tom Watson	Ashmanhaugh	Lovedeep Brar	Ashmanhaugh
Div 2	Paul Daynes	Hardingham	Matt Parkin	Hales
Div 3	Kevin Stagles	Shipdham	Simon Spurgeon	Kirk & Low Rail A
Div 4	Andy Baker	Loddon	Charlie Webster	Overstrand
Div 5	Sean Grimes	Bradfield A	Dan Kelly	Costessey
Div 6	Sam Butcher	Eaton	Henry Wanchoo	Gt Melton B
Div 7	Tim Porter	Bungay A	Jeff Lake	Felthorpe
Div 8	Mike Trueman	Gt Yarmouth A	Carl Yallop	Sprowston B
Div 9	Julian Dismore	Norwich Union A	John Spaxman	Norwich Union A
Div 10	Graeme Talbot	Blundeston	David Trivett	Happisburgh A
President's Under 19	Julian Dismore Eddie Botwright	Norwich Union A Aldborough	Dan Kelly Matt Parkin	Costessey Hales

Spirit of Cricket Award

Drayton A (Div 8), with Lowestoft A (Div 6) runners up and Rocklands (Div 4) finishing third.

Player of the Month - August

Paul Daynes (Div 2 Batting award) doubled his tally when he also collected the 'Player of the Month' for August after hitting two consecutive centuries to follow another scored in the last game in July

Dates for 2007

Please make a note in your diaries of these important dates for next year:

Deadline for return of fixture dates	31 Jan 2007
Deadline for payment of entry fees	30 Apr 2007
First league Saturday	28 Apr 2007
Last league Saturday	25 Aug 2007
Awards Evening	12 Oct 2007
Annual General Meeting	23 Nov 2007

It has been very frustrating over recent years to be told that a number of clubs cannot attend our Annual General Meeting - which is compulsory, of course - because they have arranged a club event for the same date, There is no excuse for this, as the dates for the Awards Evening and the AGM are published well in advance.