



Newsletter for Norfolk Cricket League Clubs

Cricket Bag

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Diary Dates ...

Awards Dinner -
Friday 16 October 2009
City Suite, Ramada
Jarvis Hotel

Annual General Meeting -
Friday
20 November 2009
UEA SportsPark

AGM Review

The 37th Annual General Meeting of the NCL was held on 21 November at UEA Sports Park. Alan Harris was elected Chairman and Tim Porter was elected as General Secretary. The remaining Executive Committee (see panel below) members were re-elected.

Rule Changes

There were a number of rule changes which were approved by the AGM. These are summarised here, and will shortly appear within the amended Rules pages of the website and will also, of course, be included in the revised Rules section of the League Handbook for the 2009 season.

General Rules

In an attempt to dissuade clubs from paying people to play cricket, a new rule was introduced making this unacceptable: *"No player shall receive any payment, inducements or provisions from any source whatsoever for playing in the NCL. It should be noted that provisions include benefits in kind, travel expenses, motor cars, fuel tokens, etc."*

In light of the recent attention to playing facilities, the meeting agreed to introduce a formal rule to allow clubs to submit a report where ground or facilities are not

up to standard and to allow the EC to investigate any such reports.

In future, all fines will have to be settled within 14 days of the letter of notification.

Match Rules

The meeting agreed to introduce a new ball for both innings in all NCL matches (previously, this only applied from Divisions 1 to 5). In an attempt to ease the EC's frustration, it was agreed that failure to notify the EC of the reasons whenever a low 'Spirit of Cricket' score was given would result in a fine.

Finally, the meeting agreed to overhaul the 'tie-breakers' required to determine promotion and relegation issues (Rule 16) when teams have the same points average.

Structure for 2009

Following the mass exodus of teams headed for the Alliance, the NCL were left with 73 teams. There were 8 new applicants and it was agreed that Lowestoft B

would be reserve, with Acle B, Bacton Sabres, Gt Witchingham B, Hemsby A, Hingham A, Martham A and Old Buckenham C joining in Division 8.

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 LFNCL and Mid Norfolk Sunday League will be co-hosting the event, to be held at Anglian Windows, Horsford from 7-9pm in April. We will pass on further details when these have been confirmed.

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 your 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. If you are prepared to accept messages for any of the following 'missing' clubs: (Brisley, Loddon, Rocklands and Sprowston), please send an e-mail to norfolkcricket@aol.com.



Executive Committee Details

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Awards Night

Nearly 300 players and guests enjoyed dinner at the Ramada Jarvis Hotel to celebrate the annual Awards.



Chris Fuller (Bungay) claimed three awards after taking 45 wickets in Division One. Shown above, with President Tom Bartram (left) and Graham Clarke from sponsors Lucas Fettes, Chris took the Division One bowling award, before also scooping the Under 19 Bowler and our President's Bowler of the Year awards.

This season, the 'Spirit of Cricket' trophy was claimed by Norwich & Coltishall Wanderers B (top right).

Annual Awards

	Batsman		Bowler
1	Richard Wood (Gt Melton)		Chris Fuller (Bungay)
2	Mike Breame (Hardingham)		Kaushik Trivedi (Sprowston A)
3	Steve Crane (Diss A)		Karl Gooderham (Diss A)
4	Will Defoe (Rocklands)		Steve Carr (Rocklands)
5	R Mitchell (Hethersett &TV A)		Jeremy Cocks (Aylsham)
6	Sam Butcher (Eaton)		Luke Billington (Eaton)
7	Michael Hall (Felthorpe)		Darren Flatt (Drayton A)
8	Graham Puttock (Rocklands A)		Joe Norman (Watton)
9	James Johnston (Topcroft B)		David Cossey (Hemsby)
10	Nicholas Mobbs (Blundeston)		Mark Chapman (Blundeston)

Presidents Awards

Batsman	Bowler
Richard Wood (Gt Melton)	Chris Fuller (Bungay)

Young Player Awards

Batsman	Bowler
Lewis Bellchamber (St Andrews)	Chris Fuller (Bungay)

All Rounder Award

Simon Pegg (Aylsham)

Wicket Keeping Award

Ivan Andrews (Happisburgh)

Spirit of Cricket Award

1	Norwich & Coltishall Wanderers B	Div 6
2	Horsford B	Div 5
3	New Buckenham	Div 7

Courses for CWO's

We would like to remind all clubs that the courses required for Club Welfare Officer qualification - 'Time To Listen' (TTL) and 'Safeguarding and Protecting Children (S&PC) - must be renewed every three years. We understand that the Criminal Records Bureau check also has to be updated.

Safeguarding & Protecting Children

Dec 3rd - Wed - Wymondham Leisure Centre NR18 0NT

Jan 5th - Mon - Fakenham Leisure Centre NR21 9HL

Feb 3rd - Tues - The Marina Centre (Yarmouth) NR30 2ER

Mar 18th - Wed - Lynnsport, King's Lynn PE30 2NB

All courses are 18:30 - 21:30. Cost: £8 (Coach/member of Clubmark club); £10 (Coach on Active Norfolk database). £12 pounds (member of general public). Active Norfolk on 01603 697011 or book on-line at www.activenorfolk.org/courses

Dates for 2009

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

Deadline for return of fixture dates

31 Jan 2009

Deadline for payment of entry fees

30 Apr 2009

First league Saturday

2 May 2009

Last league Saturday

29 Aug 2009

Awards Evening

16 Oct 2009

Annual General Meeting

20 Nov 2009

It is very frustrating 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 a year in advance, and they have occupied the same place in the calendar for many years.