



# BULLFROG GAZETTE

Sept 2016

## 2017 Team Contacts

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## Development X1

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Despite the very best efforts of Neil Dixon over the last couple of years the lack of player availability last season, conceding a number of games and an expectation that the situation will not improve next season the Cricket Committee made the difficult, but unanimous, decision to withdraw the Sunday 3rd X1 from the Aire-Wharfedale league and to adopt a different strategy to give our juniors the best opportunity to make the transition to playing adult cricket.

Our juniors will be the focal point of a new Development X1 and an application is being submitted by Mick Dawson to enter us into the Harrogate & District Evening League.

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*“The 2017 Season gets underway on 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Will you be ready? Train hard - play easy!”*

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*“Winter nets are being organised at Rosset School from 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – 26<sup>th</sup> Mar. Ryan assures us that there is new lighting in the Gym so batters have a chance to see the ball – always a bonus.”*

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This frees us from the restrictions of player availability on Sundays that the Aire-Whare league rightly has and means that juniors can play in the same side as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 players. If approved, we will enter into a low division and the sole objective is to give our juniors the opportunity to play adult cricket and they will have the responsibility for scoring runs and taking wickets and not the seniors who will be there to support, mentor and coach our future stars.

The administrative details are yet to be worked out but the thoughts of the Committee are that a talented junior should Captain the side but should always have an experienced senior on the field to offer guidance when needed.

For this to work it needs our senior players to buy in to what we are trying to achieve here. How great would it be that in 15 or 20 years' time we are sitting in Critics Corner watching some of these players turning out for our 1<sup>st</sup> X1?

## Player Pathways

Now that we are going to be getting our juniors to play the leading roles in the Development X1 - what next?

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*“The Junior Presentation Night is on Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. Let’s get a big turn out from our 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team players down to support the future of our Club”.*

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The ultimate aim of the Club is that some of our talented juniors of today become our 1<sup>st</sup> X1 players of the future and even play higher (another Yorkshire player with Bilton CC on his / her cricketing CV is something the Club would be justly proud of).

In the past some of our best juniors have moved to other clubs because they just didn’t see that they had any chance to progress to that higher level within our Club.

Obviously not all the juniors are going make the grade but we are introducing a Player Pathway Scheme to give our most talented youngsters a vision of what could lie ahead within the Club if they continue develop and practice their skills.

This is going to be a joined up approach involving the player, his/her parents and the Junior Coaching Staff, Cricket Committee Chairman and the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Captain.

## Senior Team News

Our 1<sup>st</sup> X1 Captain, Vic Craven, is extremely pleased that all of the team that completed the season have verbally agreed to turn out next year. In addition to this we are delighted to announce a couple of signings that will add to the batting strength in John Inglis from Beckwithshaw and Andy Hawkswell from Harrogate. In addition to this the Club are looking at signing an overseas left arm spinner but this is in very early stages so watch this space for more developments. Obviously this means that the 1<sup>st</sup> X1 will have competition for places, and ready-made and able cover for injuries and unavailability.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 has mixed news in that Liam Ford will be concentrating on his Ironman competition so will be stepping down although could be available if we are short but this is countered by Lewis Mallinson being back in the country again and keen to play.

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*“Aire-Whare League Annual Cricket Dinner is on the 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. Huge congratulations for Vic Craven winning the 1<sup>st</sup> Division batting award with a total of 996 runs at 58.59”*

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## News from the League

The Aire-Wharfedale league has published the provisional averages for the year and despite a disappointing season overall the Club has a number of individuals who have performed well.

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*“Social Dates for you  
Diary*

*30<sup>th</sup> Oct – Cheese and  
Wine Tasting night  
hosted by Miles  
Corish.*

*4<sup>th</sup> Nov – Spectacular  
Fireworks Display.*

*12<sup>th</sup> Nov - Little Miss  
60's – Live music to  
sing and dance along  
to.*

*Tbc Dec – Cricket  
Xmas drinks”*

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Top of the honours board obviously goes to Vic Craven who won the 1<sup>st</sup> X1, 1<sup>st</sup> Division Batting Award but fell an agonising 4 runs short of 1000 runs for the season averaging 58.59 with a top score of 139no.

Ryan Bradshaw came 4<sup>th</sup> with 583 runs with an average of 41.46 and a top score of 96no (again 4 runs short of a milestone).

Although he only came 8<sup>th</sup> in the 1<sup>st</sup> X1, 1<sup>st</sup> Division Bowling Mustahsan Ali Shah took the most wickets with 61 and returned five 5 wicket hauls.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1 Simon Bridson came second in the 2<sup>nd</sup> X1, 1<sup>st</sup> Division Bowling taking 35 wickets at an impressive average of 12.14 but could not improve on this playing the majority of the second half of the season in the 1<sup>st</sup> X1.

Chris Dawson just finished outside the top 10 in the batting averages with 575 runs at 31.94 with a top score of 119no and Carl Heptinstall qualified in both batting and bowling.

Neil Dixon also advised the committee that a number of propose rule changes have been issued to Clubs. Neil is going to circulate these to the committee for comments with responses needed back to Neil before the 11<sup>th</sup> Oct when the League Council meets to discuss.

The League AGM is to be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> Nov

## About this Newsletter

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