



PCC NEWS



Paignton Cricket Club Newsletter

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Chairman's Season Update.....



Happy Christmas to one and all! It is quiet strange writing about cricket in the winter, however I am very mindful that the cricket season will soon be upon us after the festive celebrations are over.

Last season was a very successful one for the club; the first team were champions of the A division and next year they will be playing in the highest division in Devon, the premier league. The 2nd and 3rd teams

stayed in their respective leagues: the junior section as always was very successful and our highly acclaimed women's section goes from strength to strength. Every year we aim to build on our success and continue to drive a community based club forward.

One of our key priorities is to stay in the premier league next year. We have an outstanding junior section and it is important that they aspire to play the highest level of cricket possible. I am glad to announce we have signed two high profile cricketers from Brixham; Tom Blundell and Mark Orchard. Tom has played for Paignton previously and we welcome him back into the PCC family. Mark Orchard has played minor county cricket for Devon and we are delighted to have signed him. I personally wish them both well for the forthcoming season. Finally, we have also recently signed a full time cricket professional from South Africa! More details to follow.

It is important to us as a club that we offer cricket for all, hence we are the only club in South Devon that offer cricket for every age group and we are one of only a few clubs in the county that have a women's section. We are especially proud of our Friday evening cricket, making the use of all areas of Queens Park where we have regularly over 40 children aged between 4-8 playing softball cricket. The nets are brimming with under 10 and 11 players. The artificial has the under 13's girls training and in pockets of the outfield girls under 10's can be seen playing softball cricket whilst on the other square the under 13's boys are playing a match. Then finally we have our wine and wicket ladies who have an hours training session from 7-8pm. Whilst the cricket is going on Tony Milton is busy taking orders at the BBQ and the parents are basking in the sun enjoying a well-earned drink at the end of their busy week. A community drawn together through the medium of cricket.

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Dates for your Diary:

⇒ 8th March Club AGM / Social Evening / Presentations

⇒ 2nd May—Registration evening

⇒ 4th May—Season starts with 1sts at Plymouth, 2nds home to Plympton and 3rds at Shaldon.



Chairman's Season Comments Continued.....



However none of this is possible without the incredible commitment of a band of people who support the club. As previously mentioned we want to build on our successes and for this to happen we need to extend our workforce. If any of you can offer help in any capacity such as running a draw on a Friday evening, or encouraging a local business to sponsor the club, any help with marketing the club, or perhaps you would like to get involved in coaching. Whatever your skill and volunteering capacity please contact Nick Harman if you are willing to offer your support.

Finally have a great Christmas and New Year and I look forward to seeing you in early May.

Tim Ward, Chairman

1st XI— 'A' Division —Thoughts from the skipper.....

2018 was a great year for the club and a great year especially for the 1st XI squad. From being in 3rd for the majority of the year to taking 1st spot and the title away from rivals Torquay was a fantastic achievement.



Starting the year with a once again young squad but experienced we knew what we had to get done to get back up a division. We started strongly with a more than convincing win away to abbots where debutant Cole Harford showed exactly why we wanted him to be apart of Paignton with a fantastic 5 wicket haul. Rich Ashworth led the team brilliantly and we were in real contention throughout the opening few games playing some great cricket, but dropped points with losses against Cornwood and abbots hindered our chances and place in the A division. I took over captaincy from Rich and couldn't be happier to be leading the 1st team for my first time although having my first full game as captain against Torquay was a nervy moment. But I knew the lads would really

support me and they did. Dan Wolf has been consistent with bat and ball and he really showed his firepower against a strong Torquay side smashing boundaries to all parts of the ground and putting the game to bed before we had even sat down for tea. From there we went from strength to strength and dominated the remaining fixtures with a hammering over Cornwood which then placed us top of the league and from there we were unbeaten. Kev Reneke our overseas for the year was fantastic and really boosted the runs for the team scoring the most for Paignton this season. Kev finished 3rd in the league for runs scored with some brilliant knocks along the way. Having someone with real class like Kev was just what we needed against decent attacks.

Everyone in the squad played there part in helping us gain promotion. Harry Ward stepped up to open the batting and got some real confidence about his game and achieved his first century for the 1st team. Young spinner Rory Medlock has been knocking at the 1st team door for some time and he didn't let me down when I called him up to the team taking a fantastic 7 wickets against Chudleigh. Luke medlock played some superb innings and has a very bright future and also Charlie Ward who both saved us away at Bideford. Several young Paignton boys made debuts for the team and hopefully from being around the team more and more there confidence and ability grows to improve more. I hope we can take the positivity of winning the league into the prem and really cement ourselves in the league and aim to really achieve things next year. It's going to take a lot of hard work but everyone is more experienced and ready for the challenge. We have recruited 2 very good cricketers from Brixham in Tom Blundell and Mark Orchard. We also welcome back Connor Bryan from a year away and a big welcome to the new overseas player Sohail Mahmoud and very talented and exciting batter bowler from South Africa.



We hope the support we had this year from the club and everyone involved around the club continues into next season to give us that edge and morale to really achieve great things. My aim for next season is not to go into the prem just to survive but really show that Paignton is there to stay and my personal aim for the 1st team is top 4 and with the current players we have and players coming through I can't see us falling short of my expectations.

George Benton, 1st Team Captain

2nd XI—Young Talent Challenged in New 'All Through League Format'

This was the first time that the Devon League introduced an all through league. In previous years we have competed against other 2nd teams across the County but with the all through league we were pitched against first teams including their overseas players. We have prided ourselves on giving our talented youth a chance so it was always going to be more challenging playing against teams of adults on some very indifferent wickets! We finished 6th out of the 10 clubs in the league with the bottom three clubs being relegated which included local clubs Torquay and Barton 2nds. Mark Smith had a great season topping the batting with 585 runs ably supported by Jason Woodcock with 374 runs. Key wicket takers were Rory Medlock with 28 wickets. Rory had an amazing end of the season where he took 7 wickets in the first team against Ivybridge. Other key wicket takers were myself with 23 and Tony Medlock with 22. As you can see except for Rory the youngsters found it hard going. The experience will put them in good stead for next year.

I would like to offer a Special mention to Sam Glanfield, our wicket keeper who had a great year. It was Sam's first year behind the stumps and he went from strength to strength showing real courage standing up on some very indifferent surfaces. Jack Harman bowled some very effective opening spells with encouraging signs of good pace. Charlie Ward(who represented Devon Under 15's who made the national final against Yorkshire where they narrowly lost) produced some very polished performances with bat and ball resulting in him making his first team debut. Archie Farkins who schools at Plymouth College was only really available for the second half of the season due to this but batted with increasing maturity. Rory Medlock and Archie Farkins have been selected to represent the Devon U15 South Africa development tour – I wish them every success, enjoy the experience boys!

We are all very proud of your achievement. Sam Simcox is a member of the team who encompasses the true meaning of being a 'clubman'. He would do anything to help the team. He would bat in any position he even fielded when he damaged his knee and could hardly stand up! Alongside the commitment to his cricket he would drive or do anything to help with the running of the game. Sam is one of the very few us that enjoy a customary debrief after the game in the club bar, an important aspect of supporting the club!

Thank you time: Richard Hussey, our ever present umpire who leads our health and well-being programme by bringing his gluten free packed lunch and adds a calming influence. Sam and Andrea for producing fantastic teas as always. Dave for producing the wickets. Paul Worth for doing the occasional umpire stint. Finally to the players, thank you for your continued support throughout a challenging season.

Tim Ward, 2nd Team Captain



3rd XI—Great Year for Player Development



The 2018 season was ultimately a successful summer for our 3rd XI having managed to fight off the threat of relegation in the first half of the season and finish in the safety of mid table. Throughout the summer we managed to win eight games and lose nine with only one Saturday a victim of the weather such was our glorious summer.

The development of Youth featured highly and it was marvelous to see so many youngsters becoming regulars. For some it was their first season playing adult cricket and we saw genuine progress. Charlotte Massey, Ollie Woodcock, Brenton Pedley, Katie Harman and Lucas Cope all played their first full season whilst George Woodcock and the ever competitive Brad Mckee continued their cricket development. All of the above performed admirably throughout the summer and all contributed positively towards our respectable finish in the F Division West with some notable performances. With a great emphasis on developing the Youngsters in our club, it was tremendous to see all our young cricketers compete so well yet enjoy their cricket and play in true Paignton style with smiles on faces!!!

Top run scorers throughout the summer were Steve Parkin with 411 averaging 37.3, Paul Harding with 273 at 39, Liam Talbot 265 at 33 and Ben Massey 256 at 36.5. All fine efforts.

With the ball, Paul Harding and myself took 20 wickets each with youngsters George Woodcock taking 18 and Brad Mckee 16.

In the field it was certainly the youngsters that shone as the “Dads Army” element limped around the field smelling heavily of Deep Heat, especially yours truly!!!! Charlotte Massey took a couple of glorious catches whilst ever sharp and enthusiastic Brenton Pedley was involved in a number of impressive run outs. A mention should also be given to young Ollie Woodcock who midway through the season began to accept the gloves from Steve Parkin behind the stumps and he performed and improved well as the season progressed.

It was an absolute pleasure to slip on the old Paignton jumper and cap to play cricket again and to end up as captain was a privilege. We played some good competitive cricket, saw our youngsters develop and progress and shared some quality Champagne moments and a lorry load of laughs throughout a really enjoyable cricketing summer.

Thanks so much to everyone that played, our umpires Paul Worth and Richard Hussey, our scorer Phil, all the tea ladies for the tremendous teas and thanks to Mr. and Mrs Mckee who served teas , drinks and cleared up for us during our home games at Torre Valley North. Bring on 2019!!!!

Matt Williams
3rd Team Captain.



Colts Update



As we move towards Christmas, plans are starting to be coordinated for the 2019 Colts season. Winter nets dates are now confirmed and will commence at the end of January. Last year we had a very comprehensive summer for children from 5 years old right up to our young adults who represented the club in the

Vitality U19 T20 Blast.

We had several new faces from the U13/14/15's who represented our adult sides in the Devon League on

Saturdays and many of our girls were key players in our Ladies side which completed its inaugural season in the Devon Ladies League. To give you an idea of the depth of our Colts teams and programs here's all the opportunities PCC gave young people in 2018.



Friday evening softball training

Friday evening training for all hardball age groups

Mixed teams for U10/11/12/13/14/15/19 years old

Age group teams for Girls at U11/13/15 years old.

All Stars cricket at Oldway School for U8's

Winter nets for all hardball age groups.

We would like to continue this again in 2019 and even maybe even offer other programs as they become available through the Devon Cricket Board. This is however a massive commitment and whilst we have a fantastic bunch of volunteers at the moment inevitably people move on and it's usually the same few who pick up the slack. Therefore I'd love it and Paignton Cricket Club would be most appreciative if you could make it your New Years resolution to give a little of your time to the Colts section. Any help would be greatly appreciated and we'd be happy to help with training where required. Could you help with Coaching? Managing teams? Scoring? Umpiring? Fund raising? Catering? Web or Social Media? Even if you think you're not qualified, it's surprising how we could use your skills! Please drop me an email if you would like to get involved.



Winning is definitely not everything for the teams which competed in the SDYCL last season. Getting players to transition from softball to hardball is a massive success on its own. Cricket is all about developing as a person and a player whatever the base you are starting from and we as a club are very proud of the way all our players grow over their time with us and we'd love even more to move into the adult ranks as they become eligible and capable. That said, when we do get successful sides in local cricket, it is equally important we celebrate the hard work those players have put into get to reach the top. So lets recognize those sides which came away with trophies from the League awards held recently at the Redcliffe Hotel. Well done to the following:

League Winners - U14's

League Runners Up - Girls U13's

League Runners Up - U15's

Vitality T20 Blast Runners Up - U19's

Have a great Christmas and New Year and remember, if you can, make your New Years resolution to help out PCC Colts in 2019!

Tony Medlock

Colts Manager

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Ladies Update—Another Year to Remember!



The ladies' section at Paignton had a busy 2018 - with social cricket on Fridays, Wine and Wickets softball festivals and also friendlies enabling new players to get a taste of hardball cricket. For the 1st time we entered a ladies team in Devon

Women's League (Division 2), finishing runners-up. Our ladies also brought home silverware by winning the league's 8 a-side cup tournament. In total, 30 girls and ladies represented the club at adult level.



Special mentions go to Claire Sinclair, the only lady to represent the club at every level this year, Libby Stanbridge who stepped up from girls cricket to become a valued member of our ladies' league team, to Julie Simpson (often the senior member of the side!), to Hollie Perkin, who was the ladies' top scorer, and to Poppy Bell, who consistently took wickets at crucial times. Champagne moments in the season included Miriam Barber being hit by a ball in the face – but nevertheless clinging on to the rebound, Jude Pinder taking a stunning caught and bowled and Freya Munson making her Devon debut. Katie Harman and Charlotte Massey jointly won the Player of the Season Award - between them they played over 50 games for Devon at U15, U17

and U19 level, played in Paignton's men's 3rd team, and figured prominently in the ladies' averages as batters and bowlers. Additionally, Katie was overall South Devon girls' player of the year and Devon U15 bowler of the year, while Charlotte vice-captained for Devon.

The girls' section also thrived. Our U13 girls came runners-up in their girls' league (with Trinity Richardson winning South Devon U13 Girls' Bowler of the Year). Meanwhile, our u11s and u15s won significantly more than they lost – against boys' teams as well as against other girls' sides. 14 Paignton girls are due to be involved in the county program for 2019, including 6 of our u12s – so the future looks rosy. Thanks to Nev, Steve, Phil, Liam, Nick, Steven and Trevor for their hard work in 2018!





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Memories of 2018 Season

Division 'A' Champions

Celebrating!



**Coaches for the
Ladies Training**



U12's at South Devon



U10's in the Sun !



**Winners at the South
Devon Youth league
Presentations**

