

CLUMBER PARK CRICKET CLUB.

CHAIRMANS REPORT TO THE 2010 AGM.

2010 has been another successful year for the club, we have maintained playing standards on the field at all levels whilst making some progress on “Next Generation Project”.

Huge thanks go to all members who contributed to this both on and off the field, especially the President and the ground committee.

Membership remains strong and we continue to exert influence in Bassetlaw and Nottinghamshire cricketing circles both on and off the field.

As club chairman I am continue to be worried by “volunteer fatigue” and as a result we have instigated a new strategic planning approach that I hope will drive the clubs ambition for the next five years, we will discuss this later, please get involved. The initial involvement has been very promising, we now need names and commitment to specific strategies, more later.

The playing season can be summarised as follows

1. Playing.

Seniors.

- 1ST XI had a very solid season establishing the club firmly in Division 1. The standard of cricket was high with many great results and with significant contributions from all the squad at one time or another. To compete against professionals / oversees amateurs would seem initially to have been daunting, our success suggest we have some pretty good players in the team. Our initial campaign in the Mallen T20 Trophy was a huge success with a fantastic win against Worksop in the semi final before we fell at the final hurdle to a very strong Motts and Arnold Amateurs team from the Championship. Next year we will enter the Tomlins Trophy as well as the Mallen. Congratulations to Gareth and David Beard who both represented the Bassetlaw League Under 25 team.
- 2ND XI had a successful season in Division 5, managed considerable change in playing personnel and achieving the aim of involving young merging players had they had a better start to the season they might have gained promotion, they eventually finished in third place.
- 3RD XI competed well all season finishing 7th and gave senior cricket to many promising juniors. I would like to thank Ivan Stallworthy, the retiring skipper for all his and his family's hard work.

- 4th XI finished in 8th place in Div 8 and gave valuable experience to numerous young players. Captaining the team was a challenge, both on and off the field. The lot of the lower team is to lose players up the way at the last minute. This sometimes put a strain on our playing resource and Dave Shepard and Tony Mingham are again to be congratulated on his contribution to overcoming these hurdles.
- Sunday League XI continued to compete well, with mainly younger players and gained promotion, congratulations to both Steve Connolly and Oli Williams, promotion was confirmed at the end of the season.
- The Cleavers competed, had fun and gave juniors vital senior match experience. However we have much work to do here to re establish the ethos of some social cricket amongst the plethora of league competition. Please all remember the origins of the club!

Juniors.

- The Under 17 team played more this year and was ably managed by Trevor Pressley.
- The Under 15 competed hard all season and after narrowly missing the main league won the South division merit league. We introduce more players into senior cricket, a key aspiration. My thanks to Matt and Oli for all their help.
- The Under 13 played well all summer and provided strong opposition for all; they are in the Cup Final, to be completed next spring, they narrowly missed out on league honours but won the merit league with ease. Jack Palfreyman, having narrowly missed a place in the County Under 13 squad won the junior league bowling trophy.
- The strong Under 11 had some excellent results and finished fifth in the main league and second in the merit league.
- Both the Kwik teams had a lot of fun and the Acorns have great fun every Friday.
- 5 juniors represented Bassetlaw in District teams.

We continue to receive tremendous support in the structure of our junior section from our coaches and many other helpers, my thanks go to you all. These players we coach are our future and we have to continue this investment to secure this future.

2. Ground/ Facilities.

The ground, pavilion area and pitch have never looked better. The hard work on the square of the last few seasons is starting to bring reward as the quality of Clumber wickets improves each year.

The quality of the new ground exceeded expectations in every respect

Sincere thanks goes to Peter, Don, Oli, Piers ,Andy, Gareth, Joe and all those who helped and Richard for all their hard work in the year. Sorry if I have missed anyone out!

3. Finance.

As you will see from the accounts we are solvent despite having a few setbacks. These areas of concern have been identified and actions taken to ensure we do not repeat them are already in place.

Future funding is getting harder to access but we have various options still open to us to fund our future developments. Many thanks go to our new sponsor the Clumber Park Hotel, the recent 2010 presentation dinner raised over £2,700 for club funds.

Running the finances continues to be major operation requiring an enormous amount of time, responsibility and commitment. I would like to extent thanks to Deborah for doing a stirring job as treasurer and Anne for her guidance and audit advice.

4. Social.

This is a very important element of what we are about as a club. This development influences people to become involved in the running of the club, sharing the burden of work and keeping the enthusiasm going.

Thanks to all involved here, especially to Elisabeth Atkins the social fund treasurer.

As usual I would like to thank the management of “**The Park Inn**” for their invaluable support to the club. It is imperative we continue to support events here throughout the year to help secure the future of the venue. Its loss would be a big blow to the club.

5. Accreditation / Focus Club.

The significance of our accreditation should not be underestimated as yet though we have yet to gain any material benefit, we will!

6. Strategic Project Update.

Progress is being made, we will make even more later on this evening.

We remain a progressive and “open” cricket club always looking to improve both on and off the field. We have come a long way in the last 10years and have ambitious plans for the coming years, this would have been possible without the fantastic commitment of a massive number of members, thanks you all.

Michael Beard. Chairman. November 2010.