



CLUB TALK

AUCC NEWSLETTER

WELCOME

The season is now well underway and already there have been some tremendous performances recorded across both the Senior and Junior Clubs.

While the blustery spring conditions have been a little testing at times, it's great to see such enthusiasm amongst the players and we can hopefully look forward to some more settled summery weather as we move towards Christmas at a rapid pace.

Read on below to hear what has been happening in the Junior and Senior Clubs along with a Coaching update from Nigel Fletcher our Coaching Director, and the Aces schedule is also included with some 1Day and HRV Twenty20 matches happening at Colin Maiden Park prior to Christmas.

We are delighted to announce that Gough Materials Handling has now become a Principal Sponsor for the Club and join Top

Catch as one of the two AUCC Principal Sponsors. We also welcome on board Glendowie Dental Centre, and Doug Cowie from Ray White Real Estate Kohimarama as Agency Sponsors and look forward to working with all our sponsors going forward. Look out for the special sponsors bulletin that will be coming out prior to Christmas.

HOUSEKEEPING

Now onto some housekeeping matters. If you have a query about anything to do with the club, whether it be your team, uniform, draw, playing dates, coaching, upcoming events etc, the first place to look is on the website, www.aucc.co.nz, where you will probably find it on:

- our Home page, or
- our Club Calendar, or
- our Coaching page, or
- our Cancellations page. or
- the Membership Info button

If you can't find it there, please go to your team Coach or your Grade Convenor, or contact Richard in the Club office on 528-7931, admin@aucc.co.nz.

KEY DATES

Some key dates to be aware of are:

- **December 9**
- Last 0/1 Friday night skills session before Xmas
- **December 10**
- Last game before Xmas Years 2-5
- **December 12**
- Twilight Finals
- **December 17**
- Last game for all Senior 2Day and 1Day grades, CEJL Years 6-8 grades and all Women's and Girl's grades.
- **December 18**
- Finals round for all Sunday Twenty20 grades
- **January 7**
- Season resumes for Mens Premier and Premier Reserve
- **January 14**
- Season resumes for Senior B1, B2, and all Senior 1-Day grades
- **February 7**
- Twilight cricket starts
- **February 10**
- Season resumes for Year 0/1 Skills sessions 4.15 to 5.15pm CMP
- **February 11**
- Season resumes for Junior Years 2-5, CEJL 6-7 morning grades and all girls morning grades
- **February 12**
- 2nd half season comp for Sunday twenty20 Grades commences

THE ACES ARE BACK AT COLIN MAIDEN!



The Auckland Aces had their first game at Colin Maiden Park when they took on the Central Stags in a Plunket Shield 4-Day match. Going into the game, the Aces were sitting in second place on the table.

The HRV Twenty20 competition commences on December 18 and runs through January, see dates below. Details of ticket purchases for these games will be posted onto the website.

Nov 29 - Dec 2

Dec 4 (Sunday)

Dec 14 (Wednesday)

Dec 18 (Sunday)

Dec 26 (Monday)

Jan 6 (Friday)

Jan 12 (Thursday)

Jan 17 (Tuesday)

Jan 26 (Thursday)

Jan 29 (Sunday)

v. Central Stags (4 Day)

v. Central Stags (1 Day) 11am

v. Canterbury Wizards (1 Day) 11am

v. Wellington Firebirds (HRV T20) 2pm

v. Northern Knights (HRV T20) 5pm

v. Otago Volts (HRV T20) 5pm

v. Central Stags (HRV T20) 5pm

v. Canterbury Wizards (HRV T20) 5pm

v. Northern Districts (1 Day) 11am

v. Wellington Firebirds (1 Day) 11am

JUNIOR CLUB NEWS

JUNIOR REPORT FROM OUR JUNIOR CLUB CAPTAIN CRAWFORD BLAIR

The Junior 2011/12 Cricket Season is well under way, I hope you are all enjoying it so far, especially those new players and their families.

This season we have 61 junior teams with over 550 players who participate in weekend matches and 75 who take part in the Friday evening introduction programme.

The task of putting all these teams together and finding volunteer coaches takes a lot of organising and has been seamlessly achieved by our Grade Convenors, so a huge thank you to them for this and their continuing efforts which include the management and organisation of our representative teams who have their first traditional fixture against Ellerslie for our

B teams on the 4th of December. Also, a huge thank you to Richard Walker and the rest of the Junior Committee for all the 'behind the scenes' management and preparation that was required before the first ball was even bowled.

Once again the Junior Coaching Team is providing a full coverage of support to develop our junior members; coaching the Winter Academies, supervising the Year 0/1 Friday sessions and the free Monday coaching sessions for Years 2-4, all of which have been well attended and fun to participate in. The coaching team has also assisted with representative team trials and team practices along with specialist coaching clinics for Year 5 and up, all this

professionally organised and managed by our Junior Coaching Coordinator, Marc Ellison.

Finally, a great big thank you to all the team volunteers out there, team coaches, assistant coaches, umpires and scorers, your time and effort is very much appreciated by your team and the club. Please support your team in any way you can, an extra pair of hands at practice and match days goes a very long way.

Here's to another fun filled season of cricket,

Crawford Blair

Junior Club Captain

JUNIOR FUN NIGHT

Many thanks to those who came along to the Junior Fun Night. While the conditions weren't fabulous it didn't seem to deter our young members from enjoying themselves and meeting the Premier squad.

For the parents, the clubrooms provided a pleasant escape from the blustery conditions and the chance to enjoy a social drink, so all in a win win!



We plan to hold another Fun Night in the 2nd half of the season so look forward to seeing you there.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS 6 ASIDE TOURNAMENT

Our first Traditional Fixture of the season, our local schools 6-a-side Tournament was frustratingly affected by rain. Both scheduled days were cancelled in the first week due to weather and only one day was able to be played in the second week, with the results below :

Year 3/4 Boys was won by Meadowbank Primary

Year 7/8 Boys was won by Remuera Intermediate

Year 7/8 Girls was won by Remuera Intermediate

Thanks to Julie Gray for coordinating this very popular annual event.

SENIOR REPORT FROM OUR SENIOR CLUB CAPTAIN VINCE HURLEY

ASSAULT ON THE 1,000 RUN BARRIER

It is hard to believe that in over 100 years no batsman or batswomen at the Club has managed to score 1,000 runs in a season. In fact only five players have scored more than 900 runs in a season in the Club's history.

Brian Hardie came very close in the 1980-81 season scoring 997 runs! Brian Hardie played for Essex County and for almost two decades was a rock in their middle-order. From 1980-82 Brian was our Overseas Club Professional. His University teammates will tell you that he chocked in his last innings of the season for the Premiers scoring only 13 runs in what was simply an outstanding season in a championship winning team! Fortunately Brian recovered from this set-back and

he went on to pass 1000 runs 11 times in English County cricket and it was that form that was a key part of the county winning four Championships in eight seasons and three one-day titles from seven final appearances. In the 1985 NatWest final he made 110 and won the Man-of-the-Match award in Essex's one-run victory.

Over the last few seasons local identities Matt O'Sullivan, Stephanie Carr, Tim Dineen, Hamish Syrett, Rahul Sharma and Tom McLaughlan have all looked likely candidates to break the 1,000 run barrier but only to have their batting fall away in the latter stages of the season.

However this season could be the season. Both Marc Ellison (504 runs) and Barrington Rowland (427) are

both in fantastic form with the bat this season for our Premier team and both are already well on the way to the 1,000 run mark. Other players in good form with the bat are Matt O'Sullivan (263), Stephanie Carr (181), Jonty Dineen (141) and Dan Marsic (135) and all should be well positioned to kick on after December when the wickets in Auckland flatten out for the batsmen.

We will watch their progress with interest as the season un-folds but we know the 1,000 run barrier has been a "brick wall" for all those who have come close before. Many will tell you it is a bowlers game but this just could be the season.

PREMS UPDATE

The goal of achieving promotion from the Tom Hellaby Trophy (Minor Championship) has been given a boost by the start the Premiers have made in the first two matches of the competition.

Comprehensive first innings results have come from the first two fixtures in club cricket's longest form against Birkenhead City and Waitakere City respectively. The highlight to date was chasing down Waitakere's 372 for nine and closing the second day on 401 for two courtesy of a 333 run stand for the second wicket between captain Marc Ellison and coach Barrington Rowland.

With two matches to go before Christmas, the Premiers have a slender four point lead at the top of the table in the Minor Championship and with such a quality surface provided each week

by the Colin Maiden Park ground staff, outright results look rather unlikely.

After four one day rounds were completed before November, the Premiers have won two and lost two which leaves only an outside chance of making the top two teams in the section who then go on to play the Semi Finals. Losses against Suburbs New Lynn (a match got ourselves into a winning position in) and Parnell were missed in between comprehensive victories against North Shore and Papatoetoe.

We have seen a number of strong individual performances from our batsmen but, for the large part, the work of our bowling unit has gone unrewarded, with Simon Andrews and Warren Barnes leading the attack manfully.

The Twenty20 competition is upon us in the next couple of weeks in an expanded format this summer which sees six matches – home and away against our nearest neighbours in Ellerslie, Howick Pakuranga and Papatoetoe - in and around the HRV Cup domestic competition.

We look forward to bringing success and hopefully a trophy or two to the club over the next few months. Thanks very much to those staunch supporters who have braved November's winds to watch us around Auckland to date. We hope you continue to turn up to our games and we would love to see other club supporters at our games throughout December and January when the holiday season is in full flow.

THE MENS PREMIER MATCH REPORTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE EACH WEEK

COACHING UPDATE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF COACHING NIGEL FLETCHER

The Club's coaching staff have a full programme underway and are doing a great job of providing coaching assistance to teams, parent coaches, and junior members.

Specialist sessions are now in place and being held most weeks for batting, pace and spin bowling, wicket keeping and captaincy. Proving popular, some of

these are likely to be held again in the second half of the season, so keep an eye out for them.

If you are interested in attending any sessions in the next few weeks please contact the Club's Junior Coaching Coordinator, Marc Ellison, who can provide you with availability of places. Full details of the sessions and Marc's

contact details are on the Club website and as below:

Marc Ellison: on 022-1087674 and marcellison1986@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ASENATI LOLE-TAYLOR WHO HAS BEEN ELECTED INTO PARLIAMENT AS A LIST MP FOR NZ FIRST.

Asenati has been a strong supporter of the Club over the last five years and her vocal support from the side-lines will be sorely missed. Her daughter Amy played for the University Girls U14, Premier Youth and Premier Reserve grade teams before heading away to University. Amy currently jointly holds the Club record for most wickets in a season.

Good luck Asenati.

SPONSORS PROMOTIONS



Support our principal sponsor Top Catch by getting along to your nearest outlet (see map) to purchase all your Fishing needs.

Top Catch Glen Innes on Apriana Ave is central to many of Auckland's main boat ramps and marinas.

There is a Shell Station right across the road to tank the boat up while you get your bait and tackle and an auto electrician next door for the urgent battery recharge!

There is boat trailer parking out front and plenty of off street parks on the premises.



UniSports Training Centre on Merton Road

(the same building as AUCC)

Unisports are offering AUCC financial members the following discounts for gym memberships.

12 months: \$495, usually \$745

6 months: \$350, usually \$495

To be eligible for these deals members need to bring their subscription receipt when signing up. The offer is also open to parents of our junior members, again bring your child's receipt as proof of membership.

Contact www.unisports.co.nz or ph 521-1210



Pizza Hut Glen Innes are offering all AUCC members 20% off all orders over \$20 (pickup only)

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