



Carlton Cricket Club Junior Newsletter March 2010

Building the nets: the junior challenge

The main challenge occupying everyone at Carlton at the moment is the urgent need to raise enough money to enable us to install replacement practice nets ahead of the new season. See www.carltoncc.co.uk/NetsFund.htm



As the total cost is in excess of £25,000 it's quite a task. As part of the junior effort, Stevie Gilmour is organising a junior sponsored obstacle run on Sunday April 25th at 11.15. Hopefully, everyone has

received a sponsor form by email (remember you can print off as many pages as you need). If you haven't received a form, or you'd like another one, please email juniors@carltoncc.co.uk. If you haven't yet let us know that your son or daughter is taking part please drop us a line ASAP.

There are some seriously good prizes up for grabs for youngsters taking part – take a look at www.carltoncc.co.uk/Obstacle.htm for all the details.

Another fund-raising event planned for the same day is a bring-and-buy sale of cricket equipment and clothing. So if parents of our older juniors have gear that they'd like to get rid off while earning some money for the club, please bring it along on the 25th. We'll let you know more about this event very soon.

Even more cricket this year

Once again we will be running two Under 13 teams in the Lothian leagues this year, as well as our Under 15 side. We have also entered an Under 18 side in the new Scottish Cup competition.

There are also going to be more hard ball fixtures for our Under 11s in 2010 and we will continue to run our Primary School team in conjunction with South Morningside Primary School and other state schools in the area. Kwik Cricket will also form a big part of the season and we'll be entering a number of festivals throughout the summer.

Subscriptions

The good news is that subscription rates have been frozen at last year's prices. Fees are £50 for primary school age members (including a free personalised polo shirt), £60 for secondary school age members and £90 for a family membership. Membership forms will be available shortly.

Easter Holidays

Normally, we're delighted to see our junior members at the ground during the Easter holidays getting in some practice at the nets. However, with work ongoing at the ground this year to install the new net facility, the ground will be 'out of bounds' throughout the holiday period for safety reasons.

Hopefully, the wait will be well worthwhile when we have brand new nets in place for the start of the season.

Can you help?

As our junior membership continues to grow, we remain hugely grateful to all the parents who give up some of their valuable time to help with coaching and admin. We are currently on the lookout for a couple of volunteers to help out with some admin related to our primary school age members.

Firstly, we're looking for a kind parent to take charge of the admin for the ordering and distribution of the club polo shirts this year. This just involves taking the details of size and personalisation for the shirts from the details on the membership forms, placing weekly orders with our suppliers and then handing the shirts out at our Primary School practice nights.

Secondly, we'd like someone to assist with the admin of the Primary School practice nights on a handful of occasions during the season. This involves taking in and handing out paperwork (e.g. consent and membership forms), registering new players and dealing with queries from parents. Nothing too onerous at all.

If you feel you can help, please drop John a line at juniors@carltoncc.co.uk

Easter Cricket Camps

Carlton Head Coach Stevie Gilmour is running kwik cricket camps during the Easter holidays. The camps are aimed at youngsters between the ages of 7 and 11.

Venue: Craggs Sports Centre

Dates: April 5th to 9th 2 to 5
April 12th to 16th 2 to 5

Cost: £75 or £18 per day

To reserve a place, drop Stevie a line at stevie.gilmour@carltoncc.co.uk

The Carlton Ceilidh and Auction

Friday May 14th sees the major event of the Nets Fundraising initiative – the Carlton Ceilidh. The evening has proved a big favourite in the past and we really would be delighted to see as many parents and their friends as possible come along for a great night out. Tickets priced at £15 (£10 for students) are available from stevie.gilmour@carltoncc.co.uk.



The evening, to be held in the Roxy Art House at 2 Roxburgh Place, will include an auction, with lots of top items up for sale – including an aerobic flight lesson! If you have any desirable items

that you're willing to part with that you think will raise good money – or if you, or someone you know, has a talent or service that you feel might be 'auctionable' please let Stevie know.

Child Protection Officer

One of the posts that every junior sports club must fill is that of Child Protection Officer. As our previous incumbent, Frances Rive, is standing down (her sons are now no longer juniors) we require a volunteer to fill the position. This is certainly not an onerous position (Frances, happily, was never called into action during her three-year term). The main duty is to act as the contact within the Club for the protection of children, managing any problems reported by youngsters if they arise. The Officer will be required to attend a 3-hour Child Protection course after appointment.

The post is probably ideally suited to a teacher, or someone with experience of education or childcare. If you think you could help out, please email John at juniors@carltoncc.co.uk

2010 Coaching Sessions

As last year, our Under 13 sessions will take place on Tuesday evenings between 5 and 6.30 from 20th April, with our Under 15 sessions running at the same time on a Thursday from 22nd April.

Our Primary School age sessions will once again take place on EITHER a Monday or a Wednesday between 6.30 and 8. As soon as we find out the junior fixtures for this season, we'll let you know the timetable for the summer.

Whisky Tasting



A 5 dram whisky-tasting event, sponsored by the Scotch Whisky Association, is being held in the clubhouse on Friday 2nd April at 7.30.

To complement the full whisky tasting experience cheese, biscuits and snacks will also be provided. To reserve a ticket (price £15) email: stevie.gilmour@carltoncc.co.uk

Girls cricket

Following the success of our first ever girls coaching group last season, the club is looking to extend the number of girls playing cricket next year.

Any sisters or school friends of existing members will be made very welcome and we hope to arrange some girls' kwik cricket fixtures this season.

We're also keen to encourage mums to get involved, so if you feel you can help with the organisation of the girls section in any way please let us know at juniors@carltoncc.co.uk

Tesco for Schools and Clubs

As you may know, the Tesco for Schools & Clubs scheme is underway again, with vouchers available between March and May.



As the sports section of the catalogue includes new cricket balls as well as a range of other training equipment, we have registered for the 2010 scheme.

If you shop at Tescos and would like to donate your vouchers to the club, please pass these on to any of our coaches during the early part of the summer.

Keep up to date

The club website (www.carltoncc.co.uk) is updated regularly throughout the year with news on practice times, match reports and other club news.

If you have any queries about the junior section, contact John Boyd on juniors@carltoncc.co.uk or 07773 578286.