

Broomsgedge Bulletin

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Taking heart from the AGM reports, the Chairman writes . . .

A hopeful message from the Sections

THE MESSAGE coming out of this year's AGM was that all of our sporting sections are in buoyant good health. The increasing number of juniors and coaches now involved can only bode well for the future development of the Club. Good coaching is vital and if anyone would like to become a coach in any of our core sports please get in touch with a member of the relevant Section. You will be made very welcome.

The drive by the Bowls and Squash Sections to emulate the Cricket Section and obtain the Club Mark quality standard is another important step in the Management Committee's aim of creating the best sporting facilities in the area to enable our players to fulfil their potential.

Having studied the accounts for last year, and considering the various issues already being addressed by the Committee, I am confident that the Club will be in a superb financial position by next year's AGM. We have some potentially large items of expenditure in the near future, particularly the resurfacing of the car park and the provision of clearer markings that will hopefully make



Steve Crawford: finances in good shape next year.

better use of the space available. The project was put on hold when we recognised that we would have to have the whole of the flat roof section of the clubhouse repaired, but we hope to resurrect it when funds allow.

I would like to add a personal thank-you to our Club Manager Mike Elliott for making such a fantastic success of our 10th Beer Festival. Long may they continue! ☺

CRICKETERS: A 1st TEAM TILT AT THE LEAGUE TITLE NEXT YEAR?

BARNTON CC Cricket Section is on the up, both senior teams having finished the 2011 season in mid-table with some encouraging results and a strong finish from the 1st team that led to some exciting games at Broomsgedge. With a 100% improvement in attitude, both on and off the field, the signs are favourable for next season, which starts on April 21st.

At the AGM it was confirmed that the Section committee remains intact, once again led by Chairman Mark

Osborne, with the only change being that Gary Edwards takes over the 2nd XI captaincy from Roger Whitehouse.

1st XI Captain Simon Hancock is hoping to keep the squad together and, with one or two additions in the pipeline, is confident that a serious promotion push can be made.

At the Section presentation evening in September, Club President Derek Yarwood presented first team awards for 2011 to Rick Farnworth (Players' Player of the Year and leading

'More support at social events' urges Chairman

PRESENTING his annual report to the Club AGM on November 28th, Chairman Steve Crawford announced that there would be no more Summer Balls. Despite a loss on the first one the previous year, the Committee had been encouraged by the response, and various individual promises, and authorised a second ball in 2011.

However, members did not support the event in sufficient numbers to avoid another loss. Steve said he was disappointed at the turn-out, but even the free artist nights organised for members were so poorly attended that from 2012 the Committee would be concentrating on the main celebration days such as St. Valentine's, St Patrick's, St George's, Mothers' Day etc, and a charge to recover artists' costs would have to be imposed.

There would be a Race Night in the New Year to raise a starting balance to help subsidise the cost of tickets and it was hoped to get the fund-raising item in the Club accounts in credit next year. 'However,' said Steve, 'we can only do so with your support. Without it we will continue to struggle.'

Committee seeks a social rep.

WITH the resignation of Michele Stokes, a vacancy exists for a Social Section representative on the Club Management Committee. Anyone interested should speak to a member of the Committee or the Club Manager.

batsman), Neil Tong (bowling), Steve Yarwood (fielding) and Greg Sowerby (Captain's Player of Year).

The junior section goes from strength to strength and now has six qualified coaches, with two new coaches hoping to take their Level 1 exams in the New Year.

The Under-11s, under the leadership of Steve Brewer, won the NCJCA Knock-Out Cup last summer which, said Simon, 'was a tremendous

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Under 14s rule a lively issue at the Club AGM

THE 2011 Annual General Meeting was one of the longest — and liveliest — in recent years. Most member interest centred on two items on a list of nine changes to Club Rules put forward by the Management Committee. And in a display of democracy in action, members rejected one of the proposals.

This was to bar children under the age of 14 from the Lounge except when there was a private booking in the Function Room or when they were attending a private function in the Lounge. Instead the members present voted to allow them in the

Lounge until 8pm. The previous rule set the time limit at 9pm.

The other contentious issue was the Committee's move to allow people under 18 to work behind the bar. With certain provisos concerning supervision, this has been permitted in law since 2005. However, the Club Rules stated that all members of the bar staff had to be 18 or over. When it was explained that the young people in question were expected to be at least 17, and would be supervised at all times by the Club Manager or his nominee, the new rule was approved.

GARY IS WILLIAMSON TROPHY WINNER

THE 2011 winner of the Williamson Trophy is Gary Edwards. The award recognises not just his contribution to Club life in 2011 but over the past three years.

It was three years ago that Gary started the Sunday cricket team and since then he has managed to arrange no less than 80 per cent of the team's fixtures at home, with great benefit to the Club's weekend takings. In that capacity he has also organised numerous matches against touring sides from all over the country and even abroad, maintaining a reputation for reliability that has been greatly appreciated by players who may have travelled many miles to play a mid-week game of cricket.

He also helped Simon Hancock set up the junior cricket section and continues to run one of the junior teams.

Last year he also volunteered for the captaincy of the 2nd XI at a critical time for the Cricket Section and will resume the role in the 2012 season.

CRICKETERS IN 2012 TITLE TILT?

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achievement, considering this side didn't win a single game the previous season'.

The Under-13s, led by Gary Edwards, continue to improve with some of his players representing the 2nd XI during the season.

Next season was Clubmark re-accreditation year and, said Simon, was a very important time for the Club. 'We must ensure that we maintain the very high standards that we have set,' he commented.



Gary with the trophy.

We just missed out on top club award

BARNTON Cricket Club was one of four finalists competing for the 2011 national Club of the Year title run by CAMRA, the Campaign For Real Ale. The eventual winner was a club from Eccleshall in Staffordshire. The Cricket Club also reached the national finals in 2005 and in the past 10 years we have been CAMRA branch winners six times and regional winners twice. Pictue shows our latest national finalist certificate.



Subscriptions: most members to pay more

ACROSS the board increases in subscriptions for 2012-13 were agreed at the AGM, as follows:

Club — Dual (man and wife/partner), £28 (an increase of £3); individual 18 years and over, £16 (£1 increase); senior citizen, 65 years and over, £8 (50p); individual 14-17 years inclusive, £8 (50p).

Cricket — Individual 18 years and over, £28 (no change); individual under 18 years, £10 (£2); the individual under 11 years category is now discontinued.

Bowls — Individual 18 years and over, £15 (£1); individual under 18 years, £5.50 (no change).

Squash — Dual (man and wife/partner), £70 (£10); individual 18 years and over, £45 (no change); individual under 18 years, £8 (£2); the individual under 11 years category is discontinued.

Social sports (darts and dominoes), £5 (no change).

Harry's Life Membership

MEMBERS unanimously approved the Committee's recommendation that the Bowls Section's Harry Hughes be made a Life Member. Harry, who was 90 earlier this month, is a former Section Vice-Chairman and has been a player since the Section was formed in 1984.

Gary Edwards (Cricket Section) and Doris Harrison (Bowls) were elected Vice-Presidents.

Golf Day 2011 winners

THE second annual BCC Social Section Golf Day, sponsored by Ian Howard and Jimmy Davies, was held in June at Antrobus Golf Club. Individual winner was Paul Atkinson and he and Bob Gregory won the pairs' competition.

Promotion for Emma

EMMA Rathbone, a member of our bar staff, has been promoted to Senior Bar Person, following the departure of Assistant Bar Manager Peter Johnson.