

Southgate CC Winter Bugle



February 2012



Welcome to 2012

With the inconvenience of Christmas and New Year out of the way the countdown to cricket can now begin. 2012 is an important year for Southgate Cricket Club at all levels and solid preparation on and off the field will be key to it being a successful one.

There has been a lot going on over recent weeks at the club and the monthly 'Winter Bugle' will aim to provide a monthly round up for members leading into the start of the season when the weekly roundup of match reports, dodgy banter and the odd photo will again be landing in your inbox on a Thursday or Friday. If you'd like to contribute to this or any aspect of the club the door is open.

Please read on and keep checking out www.southgatecc.com for latest news on the club.

Best wishes,
Rob Johnson – Club Captain

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a message from the president

Welcome to a new year, and soon to a new cricket season.

The well-deserved promotion of the 1st XI to the Premier Division of the Middlesex County League is a great fillip to the Club although, a few years 'in the wilderness', so to speak, has had a negative effect on the overall strength of the Club. Hopefully, the expected influx of new players will inspire Southgate teams to perform to their optimum ability and offer serious hope of promotions. The last time the 1st XI were in the Premier Division the 2nd XI, 3rd XI and the 4th XI were each playing at the highest possible level and this is something we must aim to achieve again.

Although I readily admit to being a genuine 'old codger' I am not one of those who believe everything was better in the old days, far from it.

However, one area in which current players do fall behind their predecessors is availability and the number of games of cricket they actually play each year. If one only plays ten games or so per season personal performances will suffer, results will decline and enthusiasm for this wonderful game will wane.

In my day we played 40/50 games per season and, although I wouldn't expect in this modern age such dedication, nonetheless, greater commitment to the game and to your Club would be very welcome.

On the subject of commitment I have recently been invited to attend Cricket Club committee meetings and have been very impressed with the current members, ably led by Club captain, Rob Johnson. »



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They are a very dedicated and conscientious group and work extremely hard to ensure that Club members are catered for in the correct manner.

Financially, the Club is in a better condition than for many years, much of it due to their various efforts and such housekeeping reflects positively on the cost of your membership fees and subscriptions.

Bearing all this in mind I am asking ALL members, playing and honorary, to support the Club in as many ways as possible:

- Play as often as you can
- Support Club events
- Assist with Colts
- Join the 200 Club.
- Attend and help on the pre-season Ground Force Day

I must stress, that this year, these rather casual requests above will be followed up by more serious and more regular reminders as it is my desire to encourage as many people as possible to contribute more fully to our Club to ensure that we continue our rise back to the upper echelons of London Club Cricket.

Peter Jouning – Club President

The Southgate CC **Annual General Meeting** will be held in the pavilion on Wednesday 7th March at 7:30 pm. This is important as it is where all members get an opportunity to discuss how they want the club to be run. The new captains are officially elected and the accounts are presented. The annual report and accounts will be mailed to all members two weeks before the meeting. Please make an effort to be there. If you want add anything to the agenda or nominate anyone as a captain let Doug Gordon know. No point in grumbling about stuff in the future if you don't take this opportunity to express your opinions.



and what about the colts?

The Colts' year commences with indoor nets at Broomfield School on Monday nights from 20 February until 26 March, from 6pm until 8pm. Indoor facilities by nature can only offer opportunities for a limited number of colts. In the past this has been rather a free-for-all: the first ones to apply obviously take up the available spots whereas more gifted players may find themselves edged out if slow off the mark. This year attendance will initially be on an invitation basis which can then be opened up after the better prospects have made a decision.

Having said that, with coach John Williams now unable to take further part in colts training, the pressure falls very much on Jeremy and Ricky on getting the kit there and back and preparing the nets and matting - and putting it all away again. We very much look forward to valuable help from senior colts Mark Hughes and Will Temple who are to be congratulated on completing their coaching courses this winter. Additional help at either end of the nets or with activities in the open hall area will be much appreciated.

Ricky Gunn – Colts Manager

There were 110 colts last year and the club continues to be attractive to the young people of Southgate and adjoining areas. Their membership generates a vital income to the club and we need to maintain that relationship. Compared with other clubs our ability to provide regular coaching staff and people to run matches has been disappointing. If playing members were prepared to help draw up a rota to assist either on training days (Monday evenings and Sunday mornings) or match nights during the week, then nobody need attend on more than one or two occasions in the three-month term April to July - although naturally the more the better.

The progression of Southgate's colt cricketers into adult cricket has increased remarkably over the last ten years but especially in the last two or three. Two boys scored maiden club hundreds last summer, and another his first 50, In Saturday league games, with their limited spells, one took 3-10 in 5 overs, another 2-14 in 8 overs and another 3-19 in 7. In addition, some of their catching has been brilliant. We have a great future lying in the palms of our hands - we can't afford to let it slip away.



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in other news

Winter Nets

Winter practice has begun with two lanes at Finchley each Tuesday evening starting at 9pm, if you would like to attend please contact Rob as places are limited.

Pre-Season

With an early Easter Holiday we have the opportunity for an excellent pre-season fixture list. Alan Rolt has been very busy and full fixtures will be available on the club website very soon.

Social Event

The brains trust of James Watkins and Tom Allan have come up with an innovative night out at Urban Golf in Soho www.urbangolf.co.uk. To book your place please email Watto. This will be a great opportunity to have a few drinks and catch up, golfing ability is not an essential prerequisite.

*Thursday 1st Mar
see picture on page 7*

Sponsorship

We are delighted to confirm that Underpin and Makegood have agreed to continue as the club's principle sponsor. They will have their corporate logo on the new range of senior match shirts and training kit and we thank them for their on-going contribution to the club. If you have any potential club sponsors please get in touch.

T20 Cricket

There has been a lot of interest in playing some more t20 cricket on Sundays mornings and this will be starting for the first time in 2012. Starting with fixtures in pre-season in coloured kit this will be a great opportunity for players to get an extra match in without committing to a whole Sunday. It will also provide good preparation for the Middlesex t20 competition and reinforce the importance of some key basics which can only boost performances in league cricket.



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Southgate Academy Nets

Following on from last year Southgate Academy nets will commence in February for players aged 16 to 19, the aim of these sessions is to bridge the gap between colts and seniors and develop the next generation of Southgate players.

***Starting Tuesday 7th of Feb
(contact Rob Johnson)***

Cake Making Committee

A very well done and huge thanks to Paddy, Grace, Tom and Sarah for a truly remarkable effort at the Walker Ground Fireworks Display. Following on from the 'Glow in the Dark Face Painting' of 2010 their efforts in baking a range of confectionary were truly memorable. A big thanks from everyone for some very tasty cakes!





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Club Kit

SCC is delighted to announce MKK sports as the new clothing supplier. MKK who were set up by former Sussex and England bowler James Kirtley are now supplying clothing to five of the first class counties including Middlesex CCC. The new range includes white match shirts, sweaters and a cap a T20/training shirt, hoody and shorts. The order form is now available on the MKK Website which can be accessed directly <http://mkk-sports.myshopify.com/pages/stores> or via www.southgateccc.com. Payment is taken up front with an 8-10 week turn around on the training kit; the white kit will be available within approximately two weeks from ordering. The window of opportunity for ordering the first batch of training kit will close at the end of February. For those wanting t20 kit there is the option of naming and numbering the shirt and Rob can provide you with a list of the numbers which have already been snapped up.





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Southgate CC Overseas Players

Congratulations to Chathuranga Kumara who made his first class debut in Sri Lanka last week. Chatty starred with the ball as Colts CC had the better of a drawn fixture against Nondescripts CC in Colombo, a full scorecard can be found on Cricinfo: <http://www.espnricinfo.com/ci/engine/match/534859.html>

The Club also wishes to extend congratulations to former overseas star Adam Fleming who is soon to become a father and also extend best wishes to fellow former Southgate Aussies Mark Harris and Andy Francey who have been in touch of late.



Chathuranga Kumara

Sri Lanka

Full name Samitha Arachchige Chathuranga Kumara

Born January 19, 1992

Current age 20 years 14 days


Major teams Colts Cricket Club, Sri Lanka Under-19s, St. Joseph's College

Batting style Right-hand bat

Bowling style Right-arm fast-medium

Education St. Joseph's College, Colombo



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Batting and fielding averages

	Mat	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Ave	BF	SR	100	50	4s	6s	Ct	St
First-class	1	1	0	14	14	14.00	13	107.69	0	0	3	0	0	0
List A	4	2	2	50	39*	-	63	79.36	0	0	4	1	3	0

Bowling averages

	Mat	Inns	Balls	Runs	Wkts	BBI	BBM	Ave	Econ	SR	4w	5w	10
First-class	1	2	96	54	3	2/28	3/54	18.00	3.37	32.0	0	0	0
List A	4	4	108	88	1	1/30	1/30	88.00	4.88	108.0	0	0	0