

Niffy News

Edition 2 – February 2015

2015 SEASON

Time to think about dusting off the pads, oiling the bat, make sure the whites still fit and take a trip to Talent Cricket to get the extras needed.

Fixtures for the opening day on April 18th have changed and are as follows;

1st XI- Lutterworth (a)

2nd XI- Ilston Abbey(h)

3rd XI- Electricity Sports 2 (a)

How about a triple promotion in 2015?

Nets at Grace Road have started and take place every **Wednesday** between 8-9pm. Let's try and get as many people there as possible, we need to enter this season positively! Please make sure that if you want to take advantage of the discount that you must pay by no later than **9th February 2015**.



UPCOMING EVENTS

As winter is fully upon us, the Club committee is looking to the summer months and wants to encourage our members to fully engage in Club life at this early stage. Why not?

To do this the Club has two events that we want to see as many of you at as possible.

The first is our Family Quiz Night which will take place on Saturday 28th February.

Once again this will be a Team Quiz with each team to have a maximum of 4 members.

The Bar opens at 7pm and the Quiz starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are only £5 per team so get your teams in now!

If you would like to enter a team then please let Karl Hawker know by email to hawkerclan@aol.com

Our second event is the Niffy Race Night which will be held at the Club on Saturday 21st March. This is a fantastic family night and fun will be had by all. The first race will start at 7.30pm.

To continue your support the Club is looking for race and horse sponsors so please do what you can to help the Club.

All money raised will go to continue the Club's development including the purchase of a brand new bowling machine!

We will be running an auction for the tenth and final race, where the Club is asking for you all to get a syndicate together to raise some much needed funds.

If you would like to sponsor the race night or have any questions then please contact Matt Toon on 07841126577 or toonychase@hotmail.com

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DISABLED SECTION

The Club is looking to establish a Disabled section and would like to speak to anybody who has the time and enthusiasm to assist

As a diverse and equal opportunities club, we are looking at the potential to create a Disabled section within the Club. The Club is currently involved in talks with Leicestershire & Rutland Cricket Board to make this happen.

As you will all appreciate, cricket is a game that can be enjoyed by all and we want to make this happen for those who have disabilities.

In order to progress the project, the Club is looking to its members to see if anybody has any experience in social care and would be willing to become involved in coordinating this worthwhile and rewarding project. It is suggested that those who have experience in the social care industry will be better suited to the role but we are looking for an enthusiastic person to assist the Club in developing a disabled section.

If you are interested, or know somebody that may be prepared to get involved and help then please contact James Popplewell on 07980 951163 or at leicspops@hotmail.com



FACILITIES UPDATE

The Club House has been through some significant changes this winter to improve the facilities for our member's benefit. The Committee has worked hard to get the best deals and has arranged to install new UPVC window and doors, a Security Shutter and have refurbished both male and female toilets along with the men's showers.

This has taken a significant amount of work so we need your support now to help raise funds as best you can. However, you can help in other ways. If you have a Fridge/Freezer that you would be prepared to donate then please contact Richard Holdridge by email to richard.holdridge@btinternet.com

SPONSORSHIP

Do you want to save yourself the cost of annual subs this summer? If yes then get involved and help the Niffy.

The Club is looking for new sponsors to help take the Club forward and continue to develop the facilities. If you introduce a sponsor that pays more than £200 per year, then your annual subs will be waived.

The Club's up to date Sponsorship Brochure is on our website so please distribute this freely. If you have any queries then please contact Helena Hughes at phonomediauk@outlook.com

100 CLUB UPDATE

There are still plenty of numbers left in the 100 Club, if you are interested in a number please contact Graham Popplewell, who is the 100 Club Co-ordinator, either by phone on 07966 803267 or by email to graham.popplewell@btinternet.com. By signing up to the 100 Club, you are accepting the 100 Clubs rules, which are set out on our 100 Club page under the Fundraising Tab which can be found at

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/countesthorpecricketclub/a/fundraising-37972.html?page=2>

The first draw will be on Friday 27th February so please don't wait any longer!

If you have any club news then please let us know at vletts@outlook.com by no later than 25th March 2015