

Pinkneys Green Cricket Club

Pinkneys Drive, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 5DS



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Dear Members (new and old),

We are well underway to prepare the Club for the forthcoming season. As there has been a lot going on in the past few months, this newsletter hopefully rounds up all key communication prior to the start of the season. The Club is run by a whole host of volunteers on all levels who we are very grateful to for giving up their time to make our Club work and we are very much looking forward to seeing what 2023 delivers, building on the successful 2022 season.

A moment to reflect

Whilst we start the season with the usual early spring optimism, we also need to reflect on some very sad news for two absolute club legends. Many of you will have seen Rich Hemmings step down as Club Chairman recently, as he has been diagnosed with Prostate Cancer. We also must acknowledge that Paul 'Ginge' Savage has also had to step down from his vital role in the grounds team, due to a serious health issue. We know that everyone in the club will join us in wishing them and their families all the best, as they receive treatment and support to overcome their health issues.

To demonstrate our support to both Rich and Ginge, we have made the call that this year's Presidents Day on Sunday 9th July, will be renamed 'Club Legends Day'. The club will be aiming to raise £500 to donate to charities in both Rich and Ginge's names. More details to follow, but please mark Sunday 9th July as a day for the whole PGCC family to come together to recognise and support two of our own.

A request from the committee

With Rich and Ginge stepping down from their club roles, to focus on more important things, it has become apparent just how much the Club relied and depended on these two legends. We have two very large gaps to fill. From an Exec perspective, Steve Jinman has kindly agreed to step into the Chairman's role on a temporary basis for the rest of the 2023 season. From a Grounds team perspective, Kevin has already enlisted the help of a group of players to get the pitch ready for the season. Our request is that all members aim to help the club this season – every little bit of support counts. If every member could give a little extra, it will really help as we look to fill two very large pair of shoes.

Club Force Day

Saturday 15th April is the Club Force Day at PGCC. Phil Avery will be at the club from 9.00a.m. with a list of tasks to complete our pre-season preparations. This includes jobs such as putting the covers on the frames, checking the scoreboard, touching up the paintwork on the sightscreens and pavilion, strimming etc amongst many

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other things. As many hands make light work the Committee will be grateful to all who are able to come along to lend a hand preparing our Club for the forthcoming season. Please bring along if you have a brush, cutter/trimmer, loppers, ordinary trimmer etc.

Pitchero App

After the successful introduction of the Pitchero App for adult fixtures, selection and match fee payments in 2022, we are pleased that the whole club (Senior and Junior teams) will now be utilising the Pitchero App. The App really is a complete club solution, that puts all key elements of running a club in one place: membership registration, online payments, team & fixture management and training attendance.

For anyone not familiar with, nor signed up, to the App, please have a look here for information:

<https://www.pitchero.com/>

And here to sign up:

<https://www.pitchero.com/join/4329>

The app is available to download from the App Store or Google Play.

2023 Membership Fees

The membership fees are reviewed annually, and the Club is pleased to be able to keep all membership fees at the same prices as 2022. Please ensure that membership fees are paid as soon as possible, via the Pitchero App (all membership fees to be settled at the latest by the end of May). We have had to raise the match fees for senior games to £7 per match. **Please note that match fees are payable by all players with no exceptions.**

Membership Level	Price	Comments
Adult Senior	£120	
Adult Student	£60	Proof required
Adult with child who has a junior membership	£60	
Junior – includes family social membership	£120	
Junior (second and thereafter of the same family)	£69	
Social	£15	
Match Fees (Senior Games Only)	£7	This does not include tea

Cricket Clothing

We have made considerable progress in the way we will be providing Club Kit for 2023 and beyond. We have engaged the well-known sports kit provider, Masuri, to establish a dedicated Club Page with a full range of branded kit. We benchmarked the pricing of the kit against local sports shops and approved samples of the logo embroidery.

The available items are extensive (from playing and training items) and are available for all ages and genders. The website is live now and orders can be placed immediately.

<https://teamwear.nxt-sports.com/shop/pinkneys-green-cc>

Please note that your orders and payment are placed directly with Masuri and their NXT Sports platform, who will then ship the purchased item(s) to you directly.

PGCC Ground Usage

We have agreed the following for the 2023 season:

Day	Venue	Usage
Monday	PGCC	PM: Ground Staff
Tuesday	PGCC	PM: Junior Matches
Wednesday	PGCC	PM: Senior Training
Thursday	PGCC	PM: Ground Staff
Friday	PGCC	PM: Junior Training
Saturday	PGCC	AM: Junior Matches PM: Senior Matches
Sunday	PGCC	AM: Junior Matches PM: Senior Matches

Under no circumstances can the grounds be used on the Monday and Thursday evenings (only by exception and approved by the Committee and Ground Team). It is essential that these evenings are given over to the Grounds team to prepare the outfield and wickets for forthcoming games.

PGCC Training

The following training schedule has been agreed for all age groups:

Age Group	Venue	Length (hrs)	Day	Time	Dates
Senior	PGCC	1.30	Wednesday	6 – 7.30 PM	All Season
U15s	Furze Platt	1.30	Friday or Thursday (TBC)	6.30 – 8 PM	w/c 24/4 to w/c 24/7
U13s	PGCC	1.30	Saturday	9 – 10.30 AM	w/c 24/4 to w/c 24/7
U11s	Furze Platt	1.30	Saturday	9 – 10.30 AM	w/c 24/4 to w/c 24/7
U9s	PGCC	1.30	Friday	6 – 7.30 PM	w/c 24/4 to w/c 24/7
All Stars (5 – 8 yrs old)	PGCC	1	Friday	5.30 – 6.30 PM	12/5 to 30/6

Fixtures

Thanks to our Fixtures Secretary, Steve Jinman, and the respective Junior managers, all Senior and Junior fixtures have now been agreed. The Club printed fixture list will be available by mid-April and all games will appear in the Pitchero App at the same time.

For our junior members, it is important that where hardball is played they have the appropriate kit to wear. The Club has limited spare kit and cannot guarantee that we have what your child needs.

With cricket being so weather dependant any decision to cancel a game (including training) at the Club will be made on the grounds of safety first and in agreement with the grounds team. As you can see, the PGCC ground is used heavily and we need to ensure the long-term viability of the square and outfield. Any decision will be made as quickly as possible and communicated out as quickly as possible. The decisions are not taken lightly as we want cricket to be played at all available opportunities.

Club Bar

The bar is run solely by volunteers for the benefit of Club members. Without members coming forward to help behind the bar the bar may be closed on some evenings. It is important for us to be able to keep the bar open for members enjoyment as the revenue helps to invest back into the Club, further improving the Club facilities. This year we are having to make a slight increase in the cost of some drinks, in line with the general price increases from our suppliers.

2023 PGCC Committee

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2023 OFFICERS

BAR MANAGER:	Steve Durrant
CLUB SAFEGUARDING OFFICER:	Steve Woolland
FACILITIES MANAGER:	Phil Avery
FIXTURE SECRETARY:	Steve Jinman
GROUND STAFF:	Phil Avery & Kevin Snapes
MEDIA:	Steve Jinman
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:	Charles Berger

2023 SENIOR CAPTAINS

1ST XI CAPTAIN:	Jack Stemp
1ST XI VICE-CAPTAIN:	TBC
2ND XI CAPTAIN:	Imran Tariq
2ND XI VICE-CAPTAIN:	Ben Snapes
SUNDAY CAPTAIN:	Chris Harden
SUNDAY VICE-CAPTAIN:	Will Heyes

2023 JUNIOR MANAGERS

UNDER 15s:	Chris Wojciehowicz & Heather Page
UNDER 13s:	John Fenna
UNDER 11s:	Owen Lloyd
UNDER 9s:	Peter Slater

Many thanks and here is to a successful 2023 Season.

The PGCC Committee