



Midlands Club Cricket Conference

Newsletter Christmas/New Year 2011/12

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Merry Christmas to all our clubs and members.



Island in the Sun –St. Lucia
MCCC Tour destination.

Trophies

We would be very grateful if the winners of last year's awards who hold a cup or a shield or silver platter would return them to Conference at the AGM which is advertised on the right.
Thank you very much.

Conference Tour to the Caribbean.

The Midlands Club Cricket Conference is delighted to announce that its next tour will be to the Caribbean. Conference will play four matches, 2 on St. Lucia and 2 on Barbados during a week's tour from Oct 19th to Oct 28th 2012.

Highlights of the tour include playing on the new Test match ground on St. Lucia at Gros Islet and a match at beautiful Queens Park on Barbados. There will also be time for a round island cruise on St Lucia and a beach BBQ on Barbados.

First XI standard players who would like to go should contact Dave Banks 01384356 539 or dabanks@tiscali.co.uk or John Canning who will be the tour manager 01386 792 570 or jwgcanning@hotmail.com for further details. Supporters will also be welcome as will an official scorer and umpire(s).

MCCC Annual General Meeting

The Midlands Club Cricket Conference Annual General Meeting will take place on:-

Monday January 23rd 2012
at
Olton and West Warwickshire Cricket Club
Grange Road
Solihull
B91 1DA
At 8 pm

To be followed by a light buffet.
All members and member clubs welcome.

Gordon Baker

It is with great pleasure that Conference announces that it is to honour one of its longest serving committee members Gordon Baker with a Life Vice Presidency. Gordon has served Conference in many roles over 20 years but has now decided to call it a day and retire from active participation. Conference will be conferring this honour him at the Annual General Meeting at Olton and West Warwickshire Cricket Club on Monday January 23rd.

Conference Awards 2011

Conference is pleased to announce the following awards for the 2011 season.

Cricketer of the year

Dougie Brown (Barnt Green)

Cricketers of the Year.

James Willis (Enville).

Chris Beech (Leek).

Josh Banks (Stourbridge).

Phil Harris (Barnards Green).

Joe Taylor (Old Elizabethans)

Esmond Lewis wicket keeper award.

Adam Smith. (Barnt Green)

Bill Jones Award.

Mark Mansell Kidderminster

Young Clubman of the year.

Michael Ceillam. (Olton and West Warwick).

Norman Sharp – Mick Sabin Upton House CC

Tiny Wildsmith – Margaret Aston Newdigate CC

Leslie Jones - Lesley Hopkins Trysull and Seisdon CC

Mike Jackson award David Thomas

Cricketers of the Year Admin

Darrell Bellfield Shirley CC

John Branch Enville CC

Eddie Baker Cheltenham Civil Service CC

Mike Turner Cheltenham Civil Service CC

MCCC Groundsman of the Year: This is a new award and its first recipient is Trevor Townsend of Harborne CC

Alec Hastilow Trophy

Ed Barnard (Shrewsbury CC)

MCCC Under 21 Cricketer of the Year

Gerard Morley (Kings Norton and Weoley Hill CC)

MCCC Clubman of the Year

Michael Ceillam (Olton and WW CC)

All these awards will be presented at the Conference Annual Dinner on March 2nd at the Tally Ho Club, Pershore Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.



**Peter Bowler Guest of Honour at the
MCCC Annual Dinner**

Peter Bowler, left, will be Conference's guest speaker at the Annual Dinner and Presentations at
Tally Ho Club
Persore Road
Edgbaston
Birmingham
Friday March 2nd 2012
6.30 for 7.15
£35 or £300 for table of 10

Peter Bowler will also be joined by comedian Ian 'Sludge' Lees who has entertained Conference diners in the past with his sharp wit and fast repartee.

Clubs who have a member, who has won an award, please make a big effort to attend and support your friend. We have a superb four course meal with coffee and mints to follow.

Booking forms are included with this mailing. Vegetarian options are available.

For further information please contact Phil Williams 07966 806 947 or email to pjw116@talktalk.net

Around the Leagues

Congratulations go to the following clubs on a successful 2011 season.

In Staffordshire Penkridge won the Staffordshire Club Cricket Championship with Milford Hall in second place, whilst Old Wulfrunians and Hammerwich were winners and runners-up in Division 2.

In Worcestershire Stourbridge were champions with Pershore in 2nd place. Coombs Wood and Colwall were 1st and 2nd in Division 2.

In the Warwickshire Cricket League Streetly were champions with Olton and WW CC runners-up with Four Oaks Saints and Southam promoted.

In Shropshire Reman Services were the winners with Quatt in second place whilst Wroxeter and Uppington, and Cound were promoted.

The Birmingham and District Premier League champions were Barnt Green with Wellington second whilst Berkswell and Brockhampton were promoted taking the places of Moseley and Smethwick.

Scoring

At a recent Conference at Lord's members of the ECB ACO explained the new set of competences for Level 1, 2 and 3 scorers under the umbrella title *Scorers Count*. The programmes include

1. An introductory course
2. A Level 1 course.
3. Then a 1 Advanced in practical scoring
4. Level 2 which was introduced on November 26th
5. A Level 2 advanced similar to 1a but developed more.
6. A Level 3 course the syllabus for which should be approved in January 2012 which is aimed at those scorers who will score matches longer than one-dayers.

Look out for scorers courses in your area.



MCCC Chairman wins OSCA

Congratulations go to Conference Chairman Alan Neal (left) who was awarded a cricketing OSCA by Warwickshire Cricket Board at their ceremony in September for his outstanding service to Conference and to the Birmingham and District League Cttee. He is seen here receiving his award from Warwickshire cricketer Neil Carter. Later in the autumn Alan was treated to the presentation of the national OSCAs at Lords.

Membership benefits.

Below are just four of our membership benefits. There are many more.

The MCCC offers our members

1. A highly competitive insurance scheme through our brokers Willis
2. Fed up with playing the same clubs in your local area/county.? The MCCC fixture bureau can help you find fixtures across 4 counties a much greater area than many league fixture bureaus.
3. An interest free emergency loan scheme. Your roller suddenly broken down and needing extensive repairs? Your pavilion broken into and you need a new till, and repairs to the bar? Then the MCCC emergency loan scheme can help you over that difficult period.
4. Celebrating an anniversary? Last year we helped Shirley CC celebrate their 60th anniversary and Walmley their 125th by selecting an MCCC team to play against them in a special commemorative match. Have you got an anniversary this year?

Ground care

We all look out for winter and autumn ground care courses to help us prepare our grounds and pitches for the season and these are specifically dealing with cricket matters. But there are multi-sports clubs who are Conference members. You can get expert advice on care of all sorts of sports surfaces from the Institute of Groundsmen. Just go to their website www.iog.org

Disappointment at lack of entries for Girls' u13 tournament.

After a successful first tournament in 2010 Conference was very disappointed when no clubs entered a girl's team in the tournament for 2011. We know there are girls' teams at clubs; we know that girls' cricket is a developing part of the sport and we are trying to do help it grow by running this tournament. Look out for an entry form in the next newsletter in Spring time.