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## Sway Cricket Club – Colts Newsletter 2010

What a summer of cricket we had in 2009! Not only did England regain the Ashes but it was also the most successful season ever for Sway Cricket Club. Congratulations to our 1<sup>st</sup> XI on promotion to Division 1 South – the highest level we have yet achieved. Equally importantly membership is booming from the very youngest kwik cricketers right through the age groups and in 2009 we put out more teams than ever before. 2010 looks set to be equally exciting with the club fielding an adult 4<sup>th</sup> XI and an U17s Youth side for the first time

### Season 2009 Review

Sway 1<sup>st</sup> XI went one better than in 2008, finishing as runners up Div 2. The team also won the New Forest 20/20 Cup. Two of the stars of this very young team are have come right through from our U11s of 1999 – Alex Hall plundered 700 runs at an average of 44 and fast bowler Jack Walton was again outstanding. Jack's 10 over spell at Bashley - 3 wickets for just 3 runs will be long remembered. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and 3<sup>rd</sup> XI enjoyed more mixed seasons; nevertheless there was a lot of good cricket. Under the captaincy of 17yo Rob Steadman, Sway also won the Tony Woodhouse Trophy – a competition designed to introduce colts into the adult game. The Under 15s were able to put out two sides in 2009 and whilst it was a bit of a stretch at times, everyone was able to enjoy lots of cricket. The U13s had a mixed season results wise but are rapidly improving and have a great team spirit, as do the U11s to had a very good season finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the league behind the "Big 3". Long term and sustainable success for a village cricket club is built from the ground up - with the colts and the club infrastructure in terms of coaching, facilities, social side of the game. **As such the club would urge you to get involved and help out in whatever areas you can – playing, scoring, making teas, umpiring, collecting up kit, assisting the coaches, raising funds...and so on. We are becoming a big club so we need more hands on deck to run the ship!**



**Sway CC 1<sup>st</sup> XI 2009**

**Back Row:**

Dave Marshall, Joe Rodway, Steve Thistleton, Jack Walton, Barry Jones, Nilantha Atapattu

**Front Row:**

Steve How, Adam Clark, Jon Grasham (Capt), Alex Hall, George Thornton



### **2010 - Kwik Cricket**

**Contact: John Bullen (01590 683916)**

Last season kwik cricket was extremely popular and the season culminated in a couple of hugely enjoyable friendly games against Ellingham. The club will once again hold fun coaching sessions for youngsters aged 5 and up from 10am – 11.30am at Jubilee Fields on Saturday mornings. All equipment will be provided.

### **2010 – U11s**

**Contact: Steve Drayton (07961 483769 s.drayton@virgin.net)**

The U11s are the first age group that play “hard ball” cricket. Children will generally be in school years 5 or 6 but in any event will not move up to this form of the game until they are ready. Last years kwik cricket coach Steve Drayton will this year run the U11s. Steve has this autumn achieved ECB Level 1 cricket coach status and is eager to pass on his knowledge. Training will be 10am – 11.30am at Jubilee Fields on Saturday mornings, with league matches taking place on Sunday mornings. Indoor training will be for 6 weeks commencing 6.30-7.30pm Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Feb at Walhampton. Club equipment is provided including helmets though perhaps parents might want to purchase their own box!

### **2010 – U13s**

**Contact: Steve Keen (07751 757961 sg.keen@virgin.net)**

Steve Keen who assisted Jon Grasham last year, will this year take over as U13s manager ensuring continuity for the boys who will be boosted by the arrival of some strong players from last year's U11s. Coaching assistance is current being sought. The U13s is for children currently in school years 7 and 8. Training will be on a weekday evening alongside the U15s (TBA) and matches are held on Thursday evenings. Indoor training will be for 6 weeks commencing 6.30-7.30pm Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Feb at Walhampton.

### **2010 – U15s**

**Contact: Dave Marshall (07788 567988 dave@marshall-family.tv)**

Last years U11s coach Dave Marshall is moving up to coach the U15s, most of whom will already know him. Dave has also just achieved ECB Level 1 coach status and is champing at the bit to work with the lads and to build a tight and hard to beat team. He will also be on the lookout for players that are potentially ready for the U17s or the Tony Woodhouse Trophy. Training will be on a weekday evening (TBA) and matches are held on Sunday mornings. Indoor training will be for 6 weeks commencing 7.30-8.30pm Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Feb at Walhampton.

### **2007 – U17s**

**Contact: Pete Bennet (07831 415924 p.bennet@groveley.co.uk)**

This is a new team for 2010 set up primarily as a stepping stone for graduating U15s to move up to adult cricket whilst at the same time allowing them to carry on playing together. This team will be managed by Pete Bennet who as an adult team skipper will assist and encourage the lads to move up to adult Saturday cricket or the Tony Woodhouse Trophy if they so wish. Any coaching assistance would be much appreciated. Training will be on a weekday evening alongside the U15s (TBA) and matches are held on Thursday evenings. Indoor training will be for 6 weeks commencing 7.30-8.30pm Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Feb at Walhampton.

**Registration & Match Fees.** The club believes that no child should be excluded from taking part for financial reasons, especially in these difficult times. Consequently, we try to encourage the use of club equipment which is available for all age groups and if any parents have genuine difficulties in paying the annual subscription or match fees they can, in strict confidence, contact the club secretary Rick How (01590 681024 richardh@eberspacher.com).

**New Bats – advice to parents.** Accidentally buying/using bats that are too heavy hinders player development. If you are choosing a bat for your child, they should be able to hold the bat out parallel to the ground with their weaker arm for 20-30 seconds. If they cannot manage this, select a lighter bat.

**Keep checking the website for all the latest news & important dates!**

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