

Cronkbourne Sports & Social Club Limited

Tromode Road, Douglas, Isle of Man



March 2010

Dear Members

Well the cricket season is nearly upon us, with the A team opening its league campaign on 24 April away at St Johns, the reigning Standard Bank Premiership champions.

We all want to do well, so I would urge all our players to take nets, training and coaching extremely seriously as it will only enhance your performance. Indoor sessions will be finishing soon and switching to the club's nets at Tromode; exact details will be passed onto you once agreed.

The captains have been selected for the coming season and I hope that you will provide them with your full support and effort, as a happy co-ordinated team is likely to do very well.

A team, weekend and mid week	Max Stokoe
B team, weekend	Ally Slack
B team, mid week	Bob Dix
C team	Darren Christopher

I should like to express my thanks to all the coaches who give up their spare time to assist the junior teams, it is much appreciated as it is such an important function in the running of any sports club. It is particularly pleasing to see that many are teenagers themselves, most of whom have attained or are seeking coaching qualifications. Well done and thank you.

The running of the club becomes more expensive every year, and I am very pleased to report that we have a number of local companies that help us immeasurably in this regard.

We very much hope that PokerStars will continue to be our headline sponsor partner, and are very fortunate to also have the Maitland Group, Blackrock and Capital International supporting our various junior teams.

We are also pleased to thank our match ball sponsors for their invaluable contribution, namely Trident Trust, Tower Insurance, Boston, Applebys and Bradford & Bingley. There are still three slots available, so if you know of anyone that may be interested in assisting the club, please ask them to contact me.

Haldane Fisher has been a long time supporter of Cronkbourne, and provides invaluable practical help that has saved the club a good deal of money.

This financial support does of course restrict subscriptions to manageable levels, and has allowed the committee to keep them at the same figure as last year, which means senior playing members will pay £125, whilst juniors will pay £50, which again entitles parents to be social members.

Other than those paying by instalment, please would you ensure that your cheques are made payable to Cronkbourne Cricket Club (no cash please) and sent to our hard working treasurer, Mr Emmet McQuillan at 6 Ballanawin, Strang, Douglas, IM4 4NR. Please note that those that have not paid by the end of April will not be considered for team selection, so please make Emmet's life as simple as possible by making your payments promptly.

We will make regular contact with you through emails and the website, and I would simply close by asking all of you contribute to your club when asked, as "many hands make light work". It is frustrating and unfair if it is always left to a handful of people to do everything.

There are a few jobs that need doing before the start of the season, including the erection of sightscreens and general repair and renewal work around the Clubhouse, so when you get the call, please make an effort to spare some time, even if it is just an hour.

Have a fantastic season and let's show the rest of the Island that we are the best club both on and off the field.

Best wishes.

Jamie Stokoe
Chairman