

March 2008 Newsletter

Dear Club member,

A Happy belated New Year to you all! Firstly, may we introduce ourselves as Matt Cottee and Stephen Morley, the new joint club secretaries who have agreed to take over in a dual role for the new season. We have taken over from Chris Trower who has stepped down after a solitary year in the post to enable him to embark on his travels, so thank you to him for his hard work last year and good luck in Nepal, Africa etc.! The committee have been working hard over the winter on a number of issues which shall be highlighted below and it is important that we all acknowledge the hard work put in by all of them to ensure the healthy well-being of your cricket club. We should also point out that there have been a number of changes to the Committee, most noticeably with the election of Peter Woodward as our new President, replacing Maurice Elliott who has stepped down after 9 years service. On behalf of the committee we would like to thank Maurice for his kindness and hard work over all his years as both a player and President and wish him luck in the future. We know Peter is very excited about the development of Stock Cricket Club and he is very keen to see you all in the bar during and after games in the coming summer! Secondly, Phil Cottee has agreed to become the permanent Chairman of Stock CC having previously performed the role last season in an 'acting' capacity.



Listed below is the complete Committee for 2008:

President: Peter Woodward

Chairman: Phil Cottee

Honorary Treasurer: Colin Tant

Honorary Club Secretaries: Stephen Morley and Matt Cottee

Fixture Secretary: Ted Woodgate

1st XI Captain: Chris Westwood

2nd XI Captain: Stephen Morley

3rd XI Captain: TBA

Sunday 1st XI Captain: Scott Boxer

Sunday 2nd XI Captain: Ted Woodgate

Mid-week XI Captain: Graham Boxer

Colts Managers: Phil Cottee, Phil Norton, Ken Hodges, Ian Wall

Child Welfare Officer: Phil Norton

Fundraising Officer: Dan Porter

General Committee Member: Steve Sawyer

Ongoing Projects/Plans for 2008

- 1) **Stock CC 3rd XI:** During the winter the club have successfully applied for Division 11 status in the T-Rippon Mid Essex League. It is an 8 team league consisting of 14 fixtures starting from the 31st of May and ending on the 30th of August. The home ground has been confirmed as Admirals Park in Chelmsford. This can be seen as a wonderful opportunity to give 11 more people a game of cricket on Saturday and can be a good stepping stone to blood the youngsters from our thriving colts set-up. Yet, there will be added costs of ground hire etc and now is the time for everyone to take part in the various fundraising projects that are going on throughout the year to enable the club's expansion and development.
- 2) **Winter Nets:** Winter nets have been booked at Billericay Cricket Club for Friday nights with colts attending from 6-9pm and then adults from 8 til 10pm. It costs £5 per session and there are still sessions available up to the 28th of March so if you want to dust off some cobwebs before the season starts, now is the time. For more details contact Steve Morley on 07786 655347.
- 3) **Ted Woodgate's Football Pontoon:** For those of you who haven't heard about it, Ted has worked hard over the winter introducing a football prediction pontoon aimed at winning money for yourself and at the same time raising money for the club. Predictions are done weekly and only cost £2 per week. So far he has done a fantastic job and raised about £400 for the club, but we still need more players to get involved. For more information on how to play contact Ted on either woodaz4@tiscali.co.uk or 01277 622442.
- 4) **Chris Westwood's Fantasy Cricket 2008:** Chris has organised a fantasy cricket competition for this summer's games involving Stock CC players. Each player can score points depending on how well they perform in each game. Its £15 to enter for the whole season and there is a mid-season winner and obviously an end of season prize winner for the team with the most points. Points will start being accumulated from April the 19th and continue throughout the season. For more information on player ratings and an entry form go to www.stockcc.co.uk or email us on stockcc@hotmail.co.uk.
- 5) **Pavilion Refurbishment and Fundraising:** The committee have elected Dan Porter onto the committee as he has kindly agreed to look into fundraising ideas to help raise money for the club. He has looked at various ways such as sponsoring bits of equipment and promoting the club within the local community. Plans have also been drawn up by the committee, which is looking to

refurbish or possibly extend the pavilion but without significant investment from the community, sponsorship and fundraising then these ideas will never be more than just plans. Please help with whatever you can to support your club even if it is just a small amount. Anything will be greatly appreciated and every little helps.

- 6) **Pre-Season Works Day Sunday the 6th of April:** Essential maintenance is required to the inside and outside of the pavilion to ensure that the ground is ready for the new season. Please come and join us and help with preparations on the 6th of April at **10.00am**
- 7) **Club Ties:** The Club are looking into ordering some Stock CC Club ties. Designs and exact costs have not yet been finalised, but if you would be interested in purchasing a tie then please send an email to stockcc@hotmail.co.uk or call Matt Cottee on 07730 610964 for more information. They work out about £12 each and we need a minimum order of 36 so contact Matt if you would like one and he can advise you on payment
- 8) **Pre-Season Curry Night Friday the 4th of April:** We are looking into having a takeaway curry from The Bayleaf and hosting it in the pavilion and therefore have access to our bar enabling the club to get some financial benefit from it. Come and join us in the pavilion from **7.30pm** on Friday 4th of April.
- 9) **Coaches Required:** As a club we need to start training club members or people outside the club to become youth cricket coaches so that we can continue to develop the best talent for the club. The current committee is looking at ways to provide funding to pay for training courses. If you express an interest in wanting to become a coach, or if you are already in possession of a coaching badge and wish to coach youngsters on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, then get in touch with us at stockcc@hotmail.co.uk.
- 10) **200 Club:** Please see the attached form for information on the 200 club. Any contribution is welcome. At least 50% of the contributions are given away in prizes.

On behalf of Stock Cricket Club we would like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all the best for the coming season. Potentially 6 games of senior cricket per week plus the numerous junior games make for exciting times ahead. The development of the club can only occur with the valued support of members, players and the local community, so thanks once again and here's to an enjoyable and successful season! For any information contact us on stockcc@hotmail.co.uk

Matt and Steve

STOCK CRICKET - 200 CLUB

Win big cash prizes every month!

Thank you for your interest in our 200 club draw. To join, fill in this direct debit form - giving your bank permission to pay the sum you indicate on a monthly basis - or you can attach a cheque/cash, again showing the amount per month you wish to invest. Simply return it to the cricket club and we will do the rest.

We will allocate specific numbers to you and these will be entered in every monthly draw. You can have as many shares per month as you wish (£1 per share - £5 per month maximum) and there are 12 draws each year.

A minimum of 50% of every months proceeds will be paid out as prizes.

Standing Order Mandate

To: Bank
Branch *(Please show name & address of your bank)*
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Please pay Lloyds Bank, Billericay (sort code 30.90.80)
For Credit of Stock Cricket Club No. 2 A/C 0525804

The Sum of £..... (in words: pounds) each month.

Commencing the first day of *(Show month and year)*

Continue until you receive further notice from me/us in writing.

Debit my/our account no *(Please show your a/c number and name)*

In the name(s) of

Signature(s)

Name:

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Please ring: Colin Tant (840908) or Steve Morley (01245 466369) who will arrange to collect the form.