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End of Season Newsletter

Dear Club Member,

Most of you are probably wondering where the season has gone. It has been another very successful season for the club both on and off the pitch and we seem to be going from strength to strength. For the second successive season, two Saturday teams have been promoted and Chris Westwood's 1st team arguably had their most successful season in recent years in the Premiership, comfortably surviving relegation. The Saturday 3rd team finished runners-up in Division 10 and were promoted in Scott Boxer's first season as captain. Steve Morley's 2nd XI stole the last promotion slot in Division 5 on the final day of the season, securing a third consecutive promotion. The success on the pitch has certainly attracted new players to the club and all the recent acquisitions have played a huge role in achieving this. Together with the thriving colt's section the future certainly looks bright and let's hope the success can continue for many years. The 2 Sunday teams have both had good results in competitive friendlies and are still providing a successful breeding ground for the colt's to be groomed into league cricket. Ted Woodgate's Midweek XI have had mixed results throughout the season but have provided some enjoyable evening Twenty 20 entertainment on the common.

This season has been another successful season for the colt's teams and coaches Phil Cottee, Ian Wall and Phil Norton have worked tirelessly to produce the next breed of Stock cricketers, many of whom have gone on to perform well for adult teams this season. They have been assisted in this by volunteers from the club and by parents, too many to name in a Newsletter! We are sure Phil, Ian and Phil are very grateful. The U-15s marked a hugely successful season by winning their league in their final game of the season to give out-going coach Phil Norton a perfect send-off. For those of you who are unaware, Phil is stepping aside as a colt's manager and on behalf of the committee we would like to thank him for all his hard work over the years nurturing colts into successful adult cricketers and wish him well in the future.

Ongoing Projects/Events:

- 1) Works Day (Sunday the 11th October 2009):** As always, as the season draws to a close there is a lot of clearing up required at the clubhouse and at the ground. Please try and spare an hour or 2 to tidy the club up before the winter sets in.
- 2) Race Night (Friday the 2nd of October 2009):** Fundraising secretary Jon Waring is organising a Race Night at the Club. Proceeds will go to the club and will help fund a

potential 4th XI next season. This should be an enjoyable night for all and a potential money earner for yourselves! Please speak to Jon Waring or email stockcc@hotmail.co.uk if you wish to attend.

- 3) **Club AGM (Thursday the 8th of October 2009):** The Stock Cricket Club AGM is scheduled for Thursday the 8th of October at 7.30pm in The Pavilion. This is your chance to discuss any matters or concerns that you have and you can have your say on how the club is run. Please make every effort to attend as over the last couple of years the attendance has been pretty poor.
- 4) **Stock Cricket Club Dinner and Dance (Saturday the 21st of November):** The Dinner and Dance will be held from 7pm on Saturday the 21st of November in The Stock Village Hall. Tickets are £25 for adults and £20 for students and colts which includes a 3-course meal, awards and a disco. Please come and show your support and help celebrate another successful season. Contact Phil Cottee, Steve Morley or stockcc@hotmail.co.uk for further details or if you want to order some tickets.
- 5) **Ted Woodgate's Football Pontoon:** This is now in its 3rd year and has so far raised well over £1000 for the club. There is more potential for the competition to raise even more money so for only £2 a week you can make a difference. Simply predict 10 football results and pick up points depending on how accurate you are. The highest points scorer wins 60% of the takings and the club takes home 40%. Please contact Ted Woodgate on tedw1@live.co.uk or look at the 'Football' section of the Stock CC website (www.stockcc.co.uk). It really is very easy!
- 6) **Stock CC 200 Club:** Please continue to support the 200 Club which is a valuable fundraiser for the club. Please sign up as monthly draws throughout the year give you a chance of winning at some point! Please contact Elaine Cory or Chris Trower for more details on how to sign up.
- 7) **Winter Nets 2009/2010:** The 2009 season has not even finished and we are already talking about winter nets! They will be at the same time and venue as last year on a Sunday evening at the Writtle Cricket Centre. Watch this space for further details on when exactly they will start.

On a slightly negative note to end the newsletter with, there is still many unpaid subs from during the season including match fees and yearly subs. Approximately £600 is owed to the club and needs to be paid. If you think you may owe money to the club then please settle up with Elaine Cory as soon as possible. The committee is taking a hard line on this and will enforce the policy that people that owe money to the club will not be selected for games until they have settled the debts that they owe.

We look forward to seeing you all soon at one of the events mentioned above. Please try and support the club as much as you can and we wish you well for the winter.

Steve and Matt