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SNOW JOKE IN THIS WEATHER

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In this newsletter are details of those who were prize winners in our annual Christmas Draw which was held at the club on Saturday December 6th. Thanks go to everyone who helped by selling or buying tickets and also to those who generously donated prizes. Your support is very much appreciated. Congratulations go to the lucky winners and sympathies to those who were out of luck.

The important funds raised are important to the club in the winter period with ever escalating utility bills of which we are all well aware. We are also trying to solve the problem of an external leak somewhere in our water supply which has led to higher charges. The suppliers are investigating and we hope that by the time this is read that the issue will have been resolved.

WINTER NETS

Club sessions begin at Almondbury HS Sports Centre on Tuesday January 13th from 9.15 pm to 10.15 pm. This is a change from the long standing Sunday morning session which was often difficult for younger players with football commitments.

The mid week times were quite heavily booked and this was one of the few times available. Players qualified for the Under 15s upwards are welcome to attend, even on an occasional basis, and it is requested that those turning up contribute £1 per session to help to cover hire charges.

Net practices for young players have also been organised by the Huddersfield Cricket Coaches Association and these are

open to everyone regardless of club. They are at Shelley High School Sports Centre and start on Saturday January 17th.

From 10.00 am to 11.30 is set aside for Under 13 players and Under 15s and Under 17s follow on from 11.30 am to 1.00 pm. There is a fee of £2 per session attended.

ROLL ON 2009

I suppose the British have to be eternal optimists as far as the weather is concerned and it seems remarkable that a game such as cricket, which needs good weather to be enjoyed at its best, ever gained a foothold in the British Isles. The summers of 2007 and 2008 were, to say the least, very disappointing with higher than average rainfall in both of them to say nothing of the lack of sustained periods of warm sunshine. Hat tricks for a bowler are a rare and significant achievement but let us hope that the weather at least is frustrated in its attempt to register three poor summers in succession.

Ashley Haywood will be the new captain of the first team in 2009 and Greg Holmes will be his deputy. Greg

Xmas Draw Winners

Ticket No. - Prize Winner

1830 - £100
Dan Peace

1638 - Xmas Hamper
B Johnson

2009 - Champagne
Eileen Oldham

1534 - Tin Celebrations
M Hartley

1932 - Box Carlsberg
C & D Parker

201 - Mystery
Futrell

159 - Gin
A Brooker

848 - Jigsaw
Burhouse

148 - Vodka
Elaine Adler

1969 - Iced Xmas Cake
Janet Smith

1390 - Grouse Whisky
Wilf Holland

1984 - Bath Set
David Harrison

1873 - Wine
Simba

1555 - Mystery
Lee Booth

1936 - Port
J Thompson

1547 - Xmas Set
Phil B

1961 - Wine
Gary Brown

994 - Table Arrangement
S Kerr

1609 - Wine
Rob Broadbent

2014 - Vodka & Glasses
Greg Holmes

1542 - Bells Whisky
Bron Derby

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 13th January - First Indoor Net (9.15pm Almondbury High School)

Saturday 17th January - Ladies Dinner

Sunday 26th April - First League Match

If you have any articles or ideas you would like to see in this newsletter, please let me know using one of the following methods. These can be related to the cricket club or the village in general.

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became one of the youngest players to pass the 100 appearance mark in the firsts during 2008 and it is hard to believe that he is only seven years on from playing in the Under 13s. That should encourage all our young members. He was also one of three Thurstonland players who represented our league's White Rose Under 21 team in 2008 in a competition involving leagues throughout the whole of Yorkshire. The others were Tom Sykes and Kris Thackray whilst Lee Booth helped to co-ordinate the coaching and selection of the team. Results were the best yet with victories over the South Yorkshire/North Derbyshire League and, playing very much as the underdogs, the York Senior League. Defeat eventually came in the semi-finals against the ever powerful Bradford League but the Huddersfield Central League team put on a very creditable performance in that game and was far from outclassed.

Dan Peace is taking over from Neil Booth as second team captain and will have James Adler as his deputy. Young players continue to feature prominently in the seconds and Tom Broom and Jonathan Mudd, both Under 15s in 2008, had a taste of first team action in the last three or four weeks of last season.

PRACTICES IN 2009

Details will be confirmed in the pre-season newsletter which is sent out in late February or early March but arrangements will follow last year's pattern: Under 9s, Under 11s and Under 13s on a Tuesday from 6.00 to 7.30; Under 15s and Under 17s on a Thursday from 5.30 to 7.00. The date of the first session has still to be decided and details will be given in the Spring newsletter.

The coaching staff will again be Adie Mellor, David Rishton, Andrew Pearson and Lee Booth with Ashley Haywood taking overall charge of the Under 11s. Several of our younger senior players will also be helping out as will some of the older stalwarts. Please do not feel shy about offering help. The more help available, particularly with the younger groups, the better.

All club members involved with coaching have undergone appropriate CRB checks.

SIGNING ON AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Our pre-season signing on night for the last two years has been very successful and will be repeated in 2009 with the April date to be confirmed. It eases administration when giving receipts for subscriptions and allows a little more time to meet new members and, indeed, to renew acquaintances with familiar faces. It is a drop in session over a period of about an hour and a half and the business part of the evening for individuals is a matter of minutes. Please encourage any new members to join us. All abilities are welcome with the general aim being to improve skills and to enjoy both practices and games.

We were very pleased at how promptly subs were paid in 2008. If the evening chosen is inconvenient for whatever reason then payments can of course be made on a practice evening but it is requested that these are made at the end of the session rather than at the beginning so that action can get underway with a minimum of delay.

Subscription rates for 2009

These are the same as last year - **£20 per playing member for the season**. There is nothing else to pay for each week's coaching or in the way of match fees which only apply to senior members with a reduced sum for junior players who are chosen for either the first or second team.

Family subscriptions are also available - **Category 1:** Senior player plus wife/partner and one junior member - £35 and **Category 2:** Two non playing parents and one junior member - £25. For reference single social membership is £7 per year. Hire of club facilities is free to adult club members.

**BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR
FROM EVERYONE AT THURSTONLAND CC**

Xmas Draw Winners

Ticket No. - Prize Winner

1956 - Mystery
Tony Matthews

1891 - Bacardi
Rene Rowden

1551 - Meat Voucher
Lee Booth

1658 - Wine
Nige (Clothiers)

1661 - Mystery
Brian Senior

1371 - Sparkling Wine
Anne Roberts

1612 - Mystery
Chris Flannagean

470 - Wine
R Pinder

1948 - M&S Bath Set
Pam Watson

1965 - Bells Whisky
Billy

1381 - Wine & Shortbread
Wilf Holland

878 - Martini
Cawley

1943 - Biscuits & Wine
Yvonne Edwards

1589 - Wine
Chris Watkins

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