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Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2010/11 season!

Read on below as we have lots of information relating to the Club and what's happening...

Registrations are now Open!

Although the rather soggy and damp conditions may indicate otherwise, preparations are well underway for what promises to be another great cricket season! Registrations are open online at www.aucc.co.nz and we urge you to enrol sooner rather than later! If you have any questions relating to registration please call Richard Walker on 528-7931



Richard and James set up a stall at Auckland University School Leavers Day last weekend - good exposure for the Club and they managed to pick up a few Senior players.

And an update from the Junior Club

Milo in the Schools Programme

AUCC, in conjunction with Auckland Cricket and principal sponsor Milo, organises a series of visits to primary schools in the Club's catchment area - the objective is to promote cricket through some fun games, giveaways and distribution of the club brochure with details on how to enrol.

The visits are extremely well received by the children and it gives our Club excellent exposure in the local community. There are nearly 90 sessions booked and around 2000 local children from our 7 feeder schools will be involved in these Milo Cricket awareness days.



Preseason Training and Coaching Update from Nigel Fletcher

Coaching in the Junior Grades is already well underway. Years 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9&10 are all being coached at Winter/pre-season clinics by club coaches, and the winter blues are being shaken off. A full programme of courses is available to those wishing to up-skill themselves and become involved in the coaching team at the club.

We also *expect* team coaches to attend a coaching course prior to the season starting, and encourage as many parents as possible to equip themselves with the tools needed to help their boys and girls get the most out of their season. There is no doubt that the courses on offer provide a good basis for running practice sessions, giving the players technical assistance, and also help shape the season for you by planning what (and when) you will practice.

Courses are New Zealand Cricket accredited, and allow for further progression up the coaching ladder if that is something that appeals to parents and/or team coaches. **They are all free of charge to club coaches, players and parents.** Please visit the Coaching page on the club website at www.aucc.co.nz to see the course programme, or contact the Club's Director of Coaching, Nigel Fletcher - full contact details are on the website.

Premier Team Update from James Boyle

The Men's Premier and Reserve Squads have had an active start to our pre-season. First off, it has been a great feeling to be preparing for the season with just "our club" again. Barry Rowland our new player-coach has come in with some great ideas; such as Wednesday night fitness at UniSports, 1 on 1's at Action Indoor, Rock Climbing to name a few... We have also recently named our Premier and Reserve Squad which will be on the club website shortly.

Coming up, we have a pre-season match away in Tauranga on September 18th and 19th, an inter-squad match at Sacred Heart on September 25th, and a final pre-season match versus Eden Roskill on the 2nd October. The season is planned to kick off with a one day match on the 9th October- details to be confirmed shortly.

Feel free to come and see how we are going at our pre-season matches, otherwise it will be great to have your support once our season kicks off in mid October.

Check out the New Nets and Run-Ups!

If you have been to Colin Maiden Park recently, you will have seen that the old nets alongside the E Block field are getting a major upgrade. Phase one is complete, a new pad has been poured, the concrete has cured and as soon as we get a few fine days the whole new surface will be covered with artificial matting. A "shockpad" will be installed in the bowler's landing area to reduce risk of injury and the inside of the nets will be lined with padding to reduce damage to balls hitting the wood and wire mesh. It will be a great facility!

Our new 5 lane net facility will also be getting an upgrade. The grass bowler's run up area is to be replaced with an artificial surface. The result will be a major improvement for the bowlers, reducing injury risk and we will not be reliant on the ground staff to repair the holes that appeared last season. The work is due to be completed by the end of September. There is but one but - **no spikes, please!**



CHECK OUT THESE GREAT GYM MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS!

A huge thank you to both the Auckland University Recreation Centre in Symonds Street and The Unisports Training Centre in Merton Road for these awesome discounted memberships! Read on.....

Auckland University Recreation Centre - Gym Membership (Symonds Street)

For a student membership you will receive a **5% discount**

For non student memberships, you will receive a **10% discount**

(Note that the offer does not apply to monthly AP payments)

All prices and further information can be found on their website
www.auckland.ac.nz/recreation

UniSports Training Centre in Colin Maiden Park

UniSports is also offering AUCC financial members discounts for gym memberships.

12 months: \$495, usually \$745

6 months: \$350, usually \$495

To be eligible for these deals members need to bring their subscription receipt when signing up, another great reason to register now!

The offer is also open to parents of our junior members - again bring your child's receipt as proof of membership.

Contact: www.unisports.co.nz or phone 521-1210

Champs Sports Open Day

Champs is holding an Open Day for AUCC members on...

Sunday Sept 12th, 10am to 2pm at their new location, College Rifles Park, 33 Haast Street, Remuera- ph 520-3229
(Please note the Panmure shop has closed)

There will be a full range of new model bats and gear in store, come and get sized up in this seasons new range of cricket gear by trained professionals.

Meet the Black Caps

The Black Caps will be at the Parnell Cricket Club, Shore Rd Reserve on Wednesday September 8, 2010 between 4.30 and 6.00pm. The players will be signing autographs and taking part in some fun games, a great chance to meet your heroes!



Recent AUCC Appointments

Wendy Verry and Julie Gray have recently joined the AUCC Management Team.

Wendy is our Communications and Promotions Officer and is responsible for keeping the Club members and local community informed about important events, submission of grant applications, sponsorship development, and the maintenance and updating of Club memorabilia.

Julie is our Recruitment and School Liaison Officer. She provides support in delivering the Club's strategic agenda, relating to recruitment and other initiatives, and maintains regular contact with the Club's catchment area schools. She is currently coordinating the Milo School Visits programme and will be organising the Annual 6 a-side tournament. Julie will also be ensuring that the enrolment process is well managed.

That's it for this month, we can hopefully look forward to some finer days as we prepare for what promises to be a great season!