



AUCC CLUB TALK

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WELCOME TO ANOTHER EDITION OF CLUB TALK

The season is now well underway, Club registrations have increased at both the Junior and Senior level which is very positive. Good luck to all the teams as they embark on what promises to be a great season of cricket.

NEW SPONSORS

We are also delighted to welcome on board our Principal Sponsor Top Catch, and our exclusive agency sponsors Flight Centre Meadowbank, Barnes Jenkins Insurance, Champs Sports and Kookaburra.



FRANKLYN ROSE

You will have all received the special bulletin sent out by the Club Chairman Philip Skelton advising of the arrival of Franklyn Rose who will be playing in the premier side this season. A warm welcome to Franklyn and hope he's enjoying his summer (or soon to be summer!) of cricket in Auckland.

JUNIOR CLUB

IT'S ALL GO AT THE JUNIOR CLUB!

The Junior Cricket is well and truly underway. We have over 60 junior teams playing from 5years through to Year 8. Years 3 and 4 grades are playing some of their games on a Friday night due to the shortage of pitches available on a Saturday mornings. For families with other children playing cricket as well on Saturday morning, this will hopefully relieve a bit of pressure in terms of getting children to different places at

the same time! The first two weeks have proved to be very successful. The weather has been kind and there has been a great atmosphere down at Colin Maiden.

It's great to see so many children enjoying their cricket and a big thank you to all the parents who give up their time to coach, score, umpire and manage teams every week. Your contribution is very much appreciated.



PRIMARY SCHOOLS 6 A SIDE TOURNAMENT

The Club hosted the annual 6 a side tournament this week, which is a very popular event amongst the local schools. There were 48 teams competing with over 300 children involved. A big thank you to Julie Gray and Richard Walker who organised and ran the event so successfully.

Over the two days the results were :-
Year 3-4 Boys Meadowbank
Year 3-4 Girls Churchill Park
Year 5-6 Girls St Thomas
Year 5-6 Boys Meadowbank
Year 7-8 Girls Churchill Park
Year 7-8 Boys Sacred Heart

FUNDRAISER



We are selling the wristband above as a fundraiser this season. There is a large and small size and having a band will entitle the wearer to discounted drinks at specific functions during the year. Seniors can purchase their bands from Richard in the

Managers Office and Juniors can order their bands via the form given to each team manager. The cost is \$5.00 with all proceeds going towards the artificial wickets on Blocks C and D. Any queries please contact Wendy 578-0688.

COACHING UPDATE



AN UPDATE FROM OUR COACHING DIRECTOR NIGEL FLETCHER

After completion of the pre-season training programmes across most Junior grades the season is now well underway. The weather has so far been kind to us, providing all teams with the opportunity to dust off the cobwebs and get the season going.

The courses that we have held for team and club coaches have been well attended, and we now have over 70 people at the club more qualified than they were three months ago. I know from talking to the Junior team coaches who attended a course, that they now feel more in control of the planning of their training sessions and the season as a whole. Well done, and thank you, to all those who have made the effort to upskill themselves. Your team members will benefit, and will enjoy the game even more.

Now the season is underway each team will be visited by one of the club's coaches at a team practice; the intention of these visits is not only to assist the team coach, but to offer something a bit different to the session, and to give the players and coach a different perspective on things. I welcome all feedback you can give on these visits.

Whilst on that topic, please remember that there is a wealth of information and support available for your

training sessions. Mark Robson, Junior Club Captain, e-mailed to all team coaches links to the likes of Auckland Cricket's website where session plans and practice games can be found. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need guidance on where to find these, or how to implement them.

The weekly free coaching sessions for the younger grades (Years 2-4) (to complement your own team practices) are now underway and are being very well attended. Please contact the Club's Junior Coaching Coordinator, Simon Wood, if you have not yet discovered this session, and would like more information about it.

We also have sessions available with the Club's Premier Team player, former West Indies Test cricketer Franklyn Rose. Again, please contact Simon Wood for more information on what times are available.

Finally, please remember to support your Club's sponsors, and team coaches – please wear your new smart Team Coach shirt to all practice and games!



PREM UPDATE

MEN'S PREMIER TWO-DAY MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Round 1 - 13-11-10 (after one-day)

Auckland University v Ellerslie - Colin Maiden Park E

It's honours even after day one in what is serving as something of a grudge match down at Colin Maiden Park. Auckland University's target will be 251 next weekend after Ellerslie batted out day one to reach 250. Marc Carmody was the visitors top scorer with an unbeaten 84

but there were also useful contributions from Graeme White (41) and Konrad Kurta (30). University had Brad Cates (4/87) and Chris Dineen (3/50) to thank for restricting Ellerslie and they will be hoping that their batsmen will be able to return the favour when they begin the chase next weekend.

Ellerslie 250 (Marc Carmody 84*, Graeme White 41, Konrad Kurta 30, Brad Cates 4-87, Chris Dineen 3-50) after one day.

AUCKLAND ACES



AUCC is once again the home of Auckland Cricket for the 2010/11 season. The Aces kick off their campaign at Colin Maiden Park on 16th- 19th November with a four day match against Otago Volts. This year the T/20 competition is being played in December. Tickets for T/20 games will be able to be purchased through the club. Please support the club by purchasing tickets through the club, rather than at the gate, as a percentage of the ticket price will then be rebated back to the club by Auckland Cricket. More details to follow.

Aces Playing Schedule at Colin Maiden Park November

16-19 v Otago Volts, Colin Maiden Park (PS)
23-26 v Central Stags, Colin Maiden Park (PS)

December

3 v Central Stags, Colin Maiden Park(5.00pm) (HRV)
5 v Northern Knights, Colin Maiden Park (2.00pm) (HRV)
18 v Otago Volts, Colin Maiden Park (2.00pm) (HRV)
19 v Wellington Firebirds, Colin Maiden Park (2.00pm) (HRV)
21 v Canterbury Wizards, Colin Maiden Park (5.00pm) (HRV)

January

9 v Northern Knights, Colin Maiden Park (OD)
12 v Wellington Firebirds, Colin Maiden Park (OD)
19 v Central Stags, Colin Maiden Park (OD)

OVERSEAS OPPORTUNITY

INTERESTED IN PLAYING CRICKET IN SCOTLAND IN THE OFF SEASON? READ ON

The Saint Michaels Cricket Club in Dumfrie South Scotland is looking for up to 2 players, either a number 3 bat who can also bowl a tight ten over spell in a one day game and/or a quick opening bowler who can bat number 5 or 6.

To learn more about the club potential players can check out the website at

www.saintmichaelsdumfries.com. If player(s) are under 23 on 31/08/11 there are no league requirements, however, if they are 23 or over, they must hold equivalent of ECB level 2 coaching certificate.

Player(s) can be offered:

- Return flights up to max £1,000 each.
- Accommodation for duration of stay.
- Help to find employment for duration of stay - as long as UK work permit in place prior to arriving.
- Use of car for duration of stay - to be confirmed (next 2 weeks).
- Paid coaching in local schools @ £10 an hour and 20p @ mile expenses, min 50 hours each in total.

If you also know of any players who are planning to travel to the UK in 2011 and are looking to hook up with a cricket club,

we can look to accommodate them as an "overseas amateur".

If you are interested in following up this opportunity please contact

Derek Heron

V Chairman
St Michaels CC

Email derek-heron@o2.co.uk

FLIGHT CENTRE OFFER

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Flight Centre Meadowbank would like to offer all Club families 25% off any Options travel insurance with nil excess for claims and travellers under 20 years of age with an adult are covered for free. This offer is only valid at Flight Centre

Meadowbank so if you are planning a trip, go and see the friendly team At Flight Centre Meadowbank. You will find them just inside the main entrance to the Meadowbank Mall.

GYM MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

UniSports Training Centre on Merton Road,
(the same building as AUCC)

Unisports are offering AUCC financial members the following 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. 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 ph 521-1210

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

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