



CLUB TALK

AUCC NEWSLETTER

WELCOME FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the first edition of Club Talk for the 2011-12 season. The AUCC Board and Management team have been working hard during the off season to prepare for what I hope will be another great season of cricket.

On behalf of the Auckland University Cricket Club, I would like to welcome back those returning members and extend a very warm welcome to all new members.

I would like to especially thank those who have taken on voluntary roles within the Club this season, whether as Grade Convenors, who oversee each Year group, or as team Coaches, Managers, Umpires, Scorers, and other roles. Without your commitment, the Club would simply not be able to offer the opportunities it does for so many to enjoy the great game of cricket.

I am also delighted to announce that Top Catch is once again our Principal Club Sponsor. To Ross Powell and his team at Top Catch, thank you very much for your

ongoing support. I also wish to acknowledge the continued support of Barnes Jenkins Insurance Brokers and to welcome our new Agency Sponsors, Gough Materials Handling, New World Stonefields, Score Sportswear (Lotto and Samurai), Douglas Johnson (Kookaburra) and Travel with Kidz. All of our sponsors have been prepared, through their sponsorship of our club, to give something back to their local community. I encourage all members to support those businesses that have been prepared to support us through their sponsorship of our Club.

Our home ground is once again the home of the Auckland Aces – their season kicks off at Colin Maiden Park on 29th November with a 4-day game against the Central Stags, followed by 50-over fixtures on Dec 4th (Stags) and 14th (Canterbury Wizards). The HRV Cup Twenty20 matches start on Sunday 18th December and we expect a full house for their next game at CMP on Boxing Day. The HRV Cup final is scheduled for January 22nd

and hopefully the Aces will be at home to defend their 2010-11 championship title, and that we will again get nearly 5,000 people at our ground to witness the occasion.

The Board is continuing with its programme of upgrading club facilities this year. We begin with the construction a new permanent artificial to replace the “boards” on wicket D, which will provide a much improved playing surface for all teams scheduled to play there. We will endeavour to upgrade the other artificial once additional funding becomes available.

Please make the most of your club membership this year by utilising our Clubrooms and the services provided. I wish you all the best for the new season.

Philip Skelton
Chairman
AUCC

AUCC WELCOMES NEWCOMERS

A big welcome to the Club for Marc Ellison, Ian West and James MacMillan.

All three players debuted for our Men's Premier team on the 8th October.

Marc and Ian join us from Ireland and England respectively where they played during the last NZ winter. Marc is a previous NZ Under 19 captain and Ian has played senior grade cricket in both the UK and Melbourne. James joins the Club from the Bay of Plenty where he has played senior grade cricket and age-group representative cricket.

HOUSEKEEPING

Now onto some housekeeping matters. If you have a query about anything to do with the club, whether it be your team, uniform, draw, playing dates, coaching, upcoming events etc, the first place to look is on the website, www.aucc.co.nz, where you will probably find it on:

- our Home page, or
- our Club Calendar, or
- our Coaching page, or
- our Cancellations page. or
- the Membership Info button

If you can't find it there, please go to your team Coach or your Grade Convenor, or contact Richard in the Club office on 528-7931, admin@aucc.co.nz.

KEY DATES

Some key dates to be aware of are:

- **Saturday 22nd October**
– Season starts for Year 9&10, Senior 2-Day grades
- **Wednesday 26th October**
– Scoring/Umpiring Evening - Years 2, 3 and 4
- **Thursday 27th October**
– Scoring/Umpiring Evening - Years 5 and above
- **Saturday 29th October**
– Season starts for Years 2 thru 8, U18, all girls grades, and Senior 1-Day grades
- **Sunday 30th October**
– Season starts for Sunday Twenty20 grades
- **Tuesday 1st November**
– Twilight Cricket starts
- **Friday 4th November**
– Year 0/1 skills sessions start - 4.15pm to 5.15pm Colin Maiden Park
- **Friday 11th November**
– Family Fun Night, open to all Junior members, watch for further details.....



PREMIER TEAM REPORT

The Premier squad has been participating in a rigorous pre-season program to be in the best shape possible for the upcoming season.

The highlight of this program has been a trip to Queensland. During September 12 members of the squad flew into the 27degree sunshine of Brisbane. The first game saw the squad up against a very strong University of Queensland side. UofQ batted first and made a very impressive 242 for 7 off their 40 overs. In reply AUCC were all out for 187. Chris Dineen (60) and Barry Rowland (43) were the standout performances. The highlight of the day was

a towering 6 over square leg off the blade of Chris Dineen.

The squad then drove down to Gold Coast where they had two days of training and a match against the Queens Cricket Club. AUCC batted first and on a variable wicket we managed 154 all out. Vedant Zaveri was the stand out performer making 46. In reply Queens CC chased down the total for the loss of 6 wickets in the 42 over match.

While two losses was not the ideal result, some fantastic progress has been made and things are looking positive for the 2011-12 season.



AUCC PREMIERS REGAIN THE LEN ALLPORT TROPHY

Our Men's Premier team got off to the best of starts on Saturday 8th October by convincingly beating North Shore by 115 runs in round 1 of the Jeff Crowe Cup (Auckland 1-day competition). In doing so, AUCC regained the Len Allport Trophy which we last held in 2007.

Len Allport was the Head Groundsman at both Colin Maiden Park and the Devonport Domain some years ago and he had a reputation for producing the best grass wickets in Auckland. Some say that the

wickets produced by Len were so good he didn't want anybody to play on them!! The trophy was first played for in 1981 when University-St Heliers won the inaugural challenge by 3 runs.

In fine conditions at Cornwall Park in 2011, University won the toss and elected to bat.

Both players and spectators alike sat back to watch Player-Coach Barrington Rowland open the batting and play a sublime innings of 144 off 133 balls to steer University through to 256-9. He worked the spinners very well and dispatched anything over-pitched or short from the quick bowlers. Wickets were lost at regular intervals at the other end, however as Barry lifted the tempo in the power-play (overs 41-54) and final overs to post a commanding total.

Notable performances also to Verdant and new comer Marc Ellison, who looked solid at the top of the order before being unfortunately run-out. Another new comer James MacMillan at no 3 also looked

aggressive, playing some fine straight drives (one went for 6), however he was eventually adjudged LBW for 20.

The University bowling attack got straight into their work and removed the North Shore top order very cheaply. Chris Dineen cashed in picking up 4 wickets. Warren Barnes bowled well, hitting good lengths and bowling with reasonable heat. Last season's Mr Cricket, Brad Cates took 2 valuable wickets in the middle of the innings and another new comer from the North of England, Ian West bowled 10 tidy overs in a row finishing with 1-34. The tail was wrapped up quickly, with North Shore all out for 141.

Fielding was generally sound, although 2 chances went down behind the wicket. Ground fielding was good, and the energy and activity in the field was noticeably buoyant with Simon Wood playing well behind the stumps and taking 2 good catches. The team was able to pick up a sharp run-out, which is a focus particularly in the 1-day games.

THE MENS PREMIER MATCH REPORTS WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE EACH WEEK

JUNIOR CLUB NEWS



AUCKLAND HEARTS VISIT AUCC

We were very lucky to have two of the Whiteferns, Sarah McGlashan and Kate Broadmore, hosting a coaching clinic recently at Colin Maiden for our budding girl cricketers. It was a fun afternoon and much enjoyed by everyone who attended and it didn't rain!



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

**FRIDAY 11TH NOVEMBER
5.30 TO 7.00PM**

This is a great night to get to know your team members and parents.

We organise a circuit of activities on the field run by our Premier players and Junior Coaching team - the kids can try and bowl out some of our senior players or maybe hit them for 6!

Meantime the parents can enjoy a social drink in the clubrooms overlooking the ground.

There will be a sausage sizzle available for the children afterwards.

Hope to see you there.

AN UPDATE FROM OUR JUNIOR COACHING DIRECTOR, NIGEL FLETCHER

The build up to the new season is well underway. The Men's Premier and Reserve teams have already started, and the Juniors begin on the first Saturday after the School Holidays.

It has been pleasing to see so many parent coaches, parents, and youth players attending courses to learn more about coaching teams and individuals - please note that there are spaces still available on the course for Coaches and parents of Years 2-4 players on 27 October, the course is 2 hours in duration (6.30 - 8.30pm), and is free of charge. Please email me to register -

We are delighted to welcome Marc Ellison to the Club as Junior Coaching Coordinator. As well as being available for private one-on-one coaching, Marc will be managing the Club's Junior Coaching team, supervising our Year 0/1 Friday sessions, and ensuring that our volunteer team coaches receive the assistance they require.

Marc can be contacted on 022-108-7674 and marcellison1986@gmail.com.

SPONSORS PROMOTIONS



Support our principal sponsor Top Catch by getting along to your nearest outlet (see map) to purchase all your Fishing needs.

Top Catch Glen Innes on Apriana Ave is central to many of Auckland's main boat ramps and marinas.

There is a Shell Station right across the road to tank the boat up while you get your bait and tackle and an auto electrician next door for the urgent battery recharge!

There is boat trailer parking out front and plenty of off street parks on the premises.



NEW: 2012 CLUB MED PHUKET RENOVATED RESORT



Be the first to be 'wowed' by the renovated Club Med Phuket in 2012.

EARLY BIRD BONUS:

Save: \$500 Adult \$250 Child (4-11yrs)

7 Nights All Inclusive at Club Med Phuket
NOW FROM:

\$2979 Adult \$1779 Child (4-11yrs)

Sales: 28 October 2011

Travel: 29 October - 31 March 2012

Blackout dates: 24 Dec - 08 Jan & 21-27 Jan 12

Contact Club Med for full Terms and Conditions

Club Med Phuket will open in 2012 to reveal it's stunning new look. The renovation project was inspired by Thai lanterns and the magnificent local colours, aptly named "Magic of Lights". The resort will boast a new specialty restaurant, a new quiet pool along with a complete refurbishment of their current bar, restaurant, spa and reception areas.

For further details on this or other family holiday's contact:

Tanya Warman at Travel with Kidz

Tel: 09 529 3700 Email: kidz@bwt.co.nz www.travelwithkidz.co.nz



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.

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