

2014 SEASON STARTER

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The club will be running numerous social events throughout the summer to bring members together. Already taking place will be an Intra-club Sixes tournament to be held on the Sunday of the May bank holiday weekend (25th May). The tournament will be a mixture of players of all abilities at the club and is open to all playing members (senior, junior and ladies). There will be a BBQ on during the day and it is the perfect chance to get one up on your club mates for the rest of the 2014 season! For more details and to enter your name, see

Graeme Taylor.

The Stirling County CC Premier League Darts tournament will also run during the summer, but under a revised format. The first round will see competitors drawn in to groups with the top two heading to the quarter final stage of the tournament. Entry will remain at £5 as it was last year with a cash prize and the coveted Premier League trophy up for grabs. Finals night is likely to take place in August to give everyone the maximum time to play their games. Will the wily veteran Ali Davidson retain his crown or will we

see a new champion emerge? See Andy Carswell - andrewcarswell81@gmail.com

The Spring General Meeting took place in the clubhouse on Thursday 20th March. One of the main topics on the agenda was the latest developments on Cricket Scotland's proposed move to Stirling. They will begin training at the ground once a week on Wednesdays this summer as the transition begins. There were also comments from all four senior captains on their hopes and expectations for the season ahead. Jon Taylor gave us an update on the flood damage which had hit the club in February and the club is now back up and running

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Senior outdoor training starts on 8th April, 6.15pm
- Junior and Ladies training, see over page
- Membership subscriptions are now due for the season
- Keep a look out for more social events this year

WINNER OR LOSER?

The annual race night will also take place during the season, with a date, most likely in July, still to be confirmed.

As it is FIFA World Cup year we will run a sweep-stake for the competition. Entry will cost £5, with the winner scooping £60 and £20 going to the runner-

up. With thirty-two teams in the tournament places will run out fast so to secure your chance at the prize, see Graeme Taylor - grahataylor@fsmail.net

The weekly bonus ball competition will run from Saturday 12th April with numbers available to buy

from behind the bar from the Monday before the draw. It is £1 a number to enter with the correct selection netting £25.

And don't forget the 100 Club. We need you to support this. Contact Rod Turnbull - rodturnbull@hotmail.com

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New Kit

For 2014 and beyond, the club has a new line of playing and training kit supplied by AllRounderCricket.

The kit, which is Adidas branded, is now available to be bought online. To view the full range and access the Stirling County CC Club Shop, a shortcut has been set up on the club's website to take you directly to our own shop.

Training & Indoor League

From six weeks between Sunday 22nd February and Sunday 30th March, the club has been holding indoor training in Dollar Academy. These sessions have been running under new coaches Kari Carswell and Ian Shaw, who have brought a fresh approach to indoor netting. Each week has been well attended, which bodes well as we get set to head into outdoor training starting on Tuesday 8th April at 6.15. Please be prompt. Junior practice commences 21st April; Ladies on Friday 25th April from 6pm and thereafter Wednesday and Friday evenings; Kari's KwikCricket for junior girls is running for 10 weeks from 9th May 6 -7.15 pm.

The club has also been competing in the Forth Valley Indoor League, also held at Dollar, against Clackmannan County, Westquarter, Callander, Doune and Dollar. As of writing we have played three matches, winning two (against Callander and Westquarter) and losing one (against Dollar).

APRIL FIXTURES

April sees the outdoor season get off and running and with plenty of action taking place at New Williamfield.

1st XI

The 1st XI have three pre-season friendlies in April, all at home, against West Lothian (12th), Stirling Uni (13th) and Falkland (19th). The month ends with the first competitive game of the season as we host Weirs in the WU40 Cup on Saturday 26th April.

2nd XI

The 2nd XI have one friendly of their own as they will host Falkland on the same date as the 1st XI on our second pitch. They will also play Weirs in the Western Cup on 26th April, however this game will take place at Weirs' Albert Park.

3rd XI

There is just one game for the 3rd XI in April as they kick off their East

League Division 4 campaign at home to Preston Village on April 26th. It is the first of four home games in a row to start the season in Nick McKay's debut term as skipper.

4th XI

There is another captaincy debut in the 4th XI but this game takes place away from home as Colin Finlay will lead the team away to Morton 3rd XI, also on April 26th.

