



Welcome to the Henshalls SCCL Newsletter

2016 Pre-Season Edition

As the 2016 Shropshire County Cricket Season is fast approaching, welcome to the new-look League newsletter keeping clubs advised of current and new initiatives that will affect and benefit your club. Please circulate to all your players and members, and don't hesitate to give us any feedback on areas we can improve or items you think we should carry, it is your League after all! We'll be issuing the newsletter three times a year in the pre, mid and end season, copies will also be available to download on the League's exciting new website.

New League Sponsor

SCCL is delighted to announce that Newport and Shrewsbury based company Henshalls Insurance Brokers has signed a deal becoming the League's new sponsor.



Director Dave Williams said "At Henshalls, we are very proud to be associated with The Shropshire County Cricket League. The opportunity to align our name with such a prestigious organisation in the county sporting world was something we were extremely keen to take up, particularly as many of our team have played in or supported Shropshire League teams in the past.

Sponsoring an organisation like the County League is all part of our ethos of putting something back into the local community, one of the very cornerstones of the Henshalls business philosophy."

League Secretary Brian Kitson said "We are delighted to have agreed a sponsorship deal with Henshalls Insurance Brokers and look forward to a mutually beneficial association over many years."

Trophies

Again in 2016, Player of the Month & Player of the Season trophies will be awarded, and the League will be compiling its 'Divisional Teams of the Season' which proved so popular last year.

Throughout the summer, clubs are invited to put forward for recognition any players, especially young players, who have produced exceptional performances. Please contact Jamie Dowley 07583 135219 jamie.dowley@btinternet.com



2015 Premier League Champions – Newport CC – with their league trophy!

The League has an impressive collection of perpetual trophies and we would very much like them to be maintained in good condition. Accordingly, if trophies are returned in a poor condition, the club responsible will be charged with the cost of any appropriate repair/replacement or cleaning deemed necessary by the Management Committee. Please remember that all perpetual trophies should be returned to any member of the Management Committee by 1st September 2016 - failure to do so could result in a fine being levied or points being deducted at the discretion of the Management Committee.

A picture tells 1000 words.....

2016 looks like a promising start for Hinstock CC, with the help of the SCCL and their Small Grant Scheme they have now vastly improved the facilities at their club and now teams in Division 4 can look forward to making the trip to their club.



“Hinstock CC have had an old portacabin for dressing rooms for approximately two decades and over time this facility had deteriorated. In winter 2014/15 the club officials decided that essential maintenance work was required to repair and enhance the clubhouse.



Thanks to the goodwill of sponsorship of local businesses in the area and to the grant received from the SCCL, we have been able to clad the clubhouse, add an outbuilding to store cricket equipment, replace windows, refurbish the toilet, repair the roof, all of which has been done by the help of our players.” said Kevin Goucher, Club Spokesman.

Improvements to Facilities & Small Grants Scheme

Over the last year, a number of clubs (like Hinstock CC) have taken advantage of the League’s Small Grants Fund, set up in association with the Shropshire Cricket Board, to upgrade their facilities – so far the scheme has provided funding for a range of improvements including clubhouse refurbishment, covers, rollers, sightscreens and new nets.

There is still a limited amount of money available so all clubs who haven’t already received funding and have a scheme that they think the League can help with are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Please note that grants are limited to £500 per club and the League won’t consider applications for funding for pitch improvements themselves (e.g. fertiliser, loam etc.) but would consider applications for help to fund new machinery.

Contact Adam Phillips for more information 07876 773918 adamp@timberframe.co.uk



Captains' Meeting

The 2016 Captains' Meeting will be held at Allscott Sports & Social Club, Shawbirch Road, Allscott, Telford, TF6 5EQ on Monday 18th April 2016 at 7.30pm.



As usual, all cricket balls will be issued from 7pm in the car park. This is an important briefing session for the new season, where balls, our new yearbook, result sheets and other relevant paperwork will be issued, so please ensure that your team captains and club representatives attend.

Law Appreciation Course

The SCCL is once again pleased to announce that a 2 day Law Appreciation course will be held again this year.

As per the captains' meeting, the course will be held at Allscott Sports & Social Club on Thursday the 14th of April and Thursday the 21st of April 2016, commencing at 7.30pm on both evenings.

The completion of both days of the course enables accreditation for the "Umpires Point" in the **SCCL Divisions, except the Premier Division**, for course members 16 years and over. However, the course is **invaluable** to broaden the knowledge of younger players. It is intended that certificates will again be issued on completion of the second training session.

To book course places please contact, Brian Gleeson on **01952 405639** or **07815 024734** or E-mail the.gleesons@blueyonder.co.uk

SCCL Declaration

In accordance with clause 3(e) of the SCCL Constitution, all clubs are again required to sign a Declaration governing their conduct & obligations as SCCL members before the start of the 2016 season

This Declaration should be completed & returned to League Secretary Brian Kitson ideally on or before the pre-season Captains Meeting on Monday 18th April 2016 or not later than 12 noon on the first Saturday of the season.

If a member Club fails to meet this deadline, no points will be awarded to any of that club's teams for games played before the signed Declaration is received.

Clubs should note that points deducted for this reason will not be reinstated after the Declaration has been received, i.e. they will be lost permanently.

A copy of the Declaration, duly signed and dated, must be displayed prominently in the club pavilion or clubhouse for all club members, both playing and non - playing, to see. (It is attached to this Newsletter)



Trysull and Seisdon 1st XI vs Acton Reynald 1st XI 2015 (Div 4)



SCCL Yearbook

The League will be unveiling its new Yearbook at the Captains meeting on Monday 18th April. As well as the usual mix of league tables, statistics and fixtures, it has had a major revamp with articles, photos, all-time league records and other new content. We are very excited about this new innovation and hope you will be impressed!

The League will be looking for clubs to contribute articles and pictures for the 2017 Yearbook so if you have any ideas or content that you think might be of interest please contact the chair of the Yearbook Sub-Committee Adam Phillips adamp@timberframe.co.uk

The cost of the Yearbook is partially offset by advertising so if any clubs have a sponsor or contact that wishes to advertise in the 2017 Yearbook please contact Mark Davies mdavies1992@yahoo.co.uk

New SCCL Website & Social Media

The League is currently working on a new and much improved website with our partners at local web design company Tazamo and new League sponsors Henshalls Insurance Brokers.

The new site will carry news, information, pictures, club contact details, historical league tables (hopefully dating back to the 1970s), cup draws, downloadable forms and documents such as result sheets and transfer forms and lots of other content, as well as results and tables.

As well as a revamped website, the League's new Twitter and Facebook accounts will also be up and running shortly.

Constitution, Insurance & Child Welfare Officers

The recent Facilities Audit conducted by the League threw up some worrying results, some clubs don't have a formal Constitution, the correct level of insurance or even a properly trained Child Welfare Officer!

Clubs are reminded that that it is a condition of their membership of the League to have the following in place;

- A formal written Constitution.
- Public Liability Insurance cover to a minimum of £5million.
- At least one trained Child Welfare Officer (ECB good practice now recommends that clubs should have two trained welfare officers.)

The League will be ensuring that all clubs meet these requirements during the coming season so if your club doesn't, please act on this immediately.

If you have any questions or require any assistance with any of the above, please contact Adam Phillips 07876 773919 adamp@timberframe.co.uk



Church Stretton 1st XI vs Wellington 3rd XI 2015 (Div 2)



Corvedale 1st XI vs Church Aston 1st XI 2015 (Div 3)



Registration of Players

For the 2016 season our normal registration process will continue with all players required to be registered on your club's Play-Cricket site before they can play in the SCCL.

Player registration should be in place before the first match of the season (& in any event before a player plays in the SCCL) otherwise no points will accrue & clubs may be subject to a fine &/or future deduction of points until registration is in place.

If you require any further help please contact Craig Simms on 01952 375361 or email craigsccresults@virginmedia.com

League Match Reports

Please submit your league match reports to your local newspaper but, in order to maintain the profile of our league sponsors, the League would be grateful if you could use the league approved template in all such submissions (attached to this newsletter).

ECB Clubmark for 2016

We have received an update from the ECB on Clubmark for 2016 for existing Clubmark clubs ONLY. This is important information and clubs should go to the Shropshire Cricket Board website for further information or contact your SCB Club Development Officer.

<http://www.shropshirecricketboard.co.uk/page/clubs/leagues/clubmark/clubmark-in-2016-existng-clubs-11070/>



Shropshire Cricket Board Website

The Shropshire Cricket Board website has had a major overhaul over the last few months and is becoming an important 'hub' for Shropshire clubs.

The website has information on many areas that are important to clubs such as club development, women and girls' cricket, disability cricket, junior cricket, coaching, officiating, grounds maintenance and a host of other topics and the League encourages you to visit it regularly at www.shropshirecricketboard.co.uk/



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Rajat Bhatia in action for Newport 1st XI 2015 (Premier)

Youth Competitions

After the success of the revamped Youth Competitions last year, SCCL will again be inviting entries for U11, U13 and U15 age groups for the 2016 season.

Also, this year for the first time the League will be looking to run an U9 softball competition as a progression for minis into junior cricket.

All member clubs will be contacted in March and we hope as many clubs as possible will be able to field junior teams this year.

Machinery Thefts

A number of our clubs have advised us that they have been recently broken into and machinery has been stolen. One Shropshire club had square mowers, a lawnmower, a strimmer and hedge cutters taken in what was obviously a targeted raid. The League advises all clubs to be extra vigilant at this time and ensure that all possible security arrangements are made and your insurance provision is adequate.

Cricket Balls and Teas

Clubs should be aware that with effect from the 2016 season all home teams will again be responsible for the provision of two match balls and free teas.



Ludlow 2nd XI vs Bomere Heath 2nd XI 2015 (Reserve Div 1)



League Subscription

Clubs were informed at the AGM in November that subscriptions for 2016 are to rise to £50 **per team** playing in the League. Clubs should ensure that their Treasurers are aware of this increase and that all standing orders are changed accordingly. Any club with a query should speak to League Treasurer Mike Hall 01743 792501 mikecricket1@gmail.com

Rules

There are a number of changes to the SCCL rules for the 2016 season, particularly with regard to the playing arrangements for the Premier Division and Reserve Division One.

Final details are currently being completed & further information will be distributed to clubs when available.



Scenic shot of Bishops Castle Cricket Club – Division 2



Lynx Shropshire Senior Slam - Draw

1st Round – Thursday 19th May
6.30pm Start

1. Alberbury v Lilleshall
2. Broseley v Allscott
3. Market Drayton v Frankton
4. Quatt v Wellington 3rd XI
5. Newtown v Sentinel
6. Knockin & Kinnerley v Cound
7. Ludlow v Wem
8. Albrighton v Madeley



Bomere Heath T20 XI – Lynx Shropshire Senior Slam Winners 2015



Wem T20 XI – 2015 Runners Up



Ludlow T20 XI – 2015 Semi Finalists



Frankton T20 XI – 2015 Semi Finalists

Round 1 Byes

Condover, Wroxeter Grove, Bomere Heath, Beacon, Shelton, Pontesbury, St Georges and Forton



Lynx Shropshire Junior Slam - Draw

1st Round – Thursday 12th May – 6.15pm Start

2nd Round – Thursday 26th May – 6.15pm Start



Wheaton Aston T20 XI – Lynx Shropshire Junior Slam Winners 2015
Gordon Smith (SCCL League Chairman) with Wheaton Aston Captain – Nathan Whittingham

Group 1 – Bye Oswestry 3rd XI will play away at the winners of Cae Glas v Welshpool

Group 2 – Bye Wheaton Aston will play away at the winners of Newport 3rd XI v Shifnal 3rd XI

Group 3 – Bye Bishops Castle will play away at the winners of Llanidloes v Montgomery

Group 4 – Bye Whittington will play away at the winners of Acton Reynald v Shrewsbury 3rd XI

Group 5 – Bye Overton on Dee will play away at the winners of Iscoyd & Fenns Bank v Prees

Group 6 – Bye Tibberton will play away at the winners of Much Wenlock v Hodnet

Group 7 – Bye Willey will play away at the winners of Worfield 3rd XI v Chelmarsh

Group 8 – Bye Calverhall will play away at the winners of Coton Hall v Harcourt

Future Newsletter

As mentioned at the start of this newsletter, you will receive a copy of subsequent newsletters” in the pre, mid and end season. This will also be available for download as a PDF copy on the new League Website.

The newsletter is produced by the IT, Social Media and Publication Sub-Committee of the Henshalls SCCL Committee. So if you do have any news, information or photos that you wish to share with the league and member clubs. Then please send any information to;

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We hope you enjoy reading the newsletters and embrace the new website and social media outlets that are being developed.



Cound 1st XI vs Wroxeter Grove 1st XI 2015 (Premier)



Reman Services 1st XI vs Quatt 1st XI 2015 (Premier)