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## **Junior Newsletter**

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### **Welcome**

Thanks to all those players and parents who joined us at Winchester Rugby Club on 25<sup>th</sup> September for our annual presentation evening – over 150 of you took the trouble to attend what was a hugely successful event.

No sooner has one season been filed away though than another is upon us. Flushed with success having received their divisional trophy at Dummer a fortnight ago, the U11s embark on a second indoor campaign at Dummer Cricket Centre - the U13s are also in action when they take on Tichborne Park this Saturday.

Plans are also in place for 2010 – see page 2 for full details. Happy reading!

**Damon Barker**



*25.9.09: Worthy winners!*

### **A Night To Remember**

Easton juniors celebrated the 2009 season in fine style on 25<sup>th</sup> September as Winchester Rugby Club hosted our annual presentation evening. Over 150 players and parents attended to applaud the achievements of our young cricketers with all age groups very well represented. Guest of honour Ian Stuart presented the awards.

The Dave Purse Award for best overall junior went to Joel Green; Sean Yeates (U15), Calum Rigden (U13), Matthew Perriam (U11) and Gabriel Jordan (U9) were all presented with the 'Player of the Year Award' in their respective age groups. Rachel Carrick (U15), Alex Barker (U13), Matthew Perriam (U11) and Doug Rigden were presented with 'Best Bowler' awards and 'Best Batsmen' were William Upcraft (U9), Dean Griffin (U11), Caspar Larcombe (U13) and Jordan Banks (U15). Countless other players were also recognised for their achievements. A terrific night was had by all.

Our thanks to Winchester Rugby Club – next year we look forward to staging this showpiece event in our new village hall.

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## 2009-10 Indoor Season



26.9.09: NHYCL 2009 U11 Champions collect their award

Our U11 and U13 teams start their respective indoor campaigns this month. The U13s (Yrs 7/8) are first out of the blocks as they take on local rivals Tichborne Park this Saturday at Dummer Cricket Centre. Trevor Griffin and Damon Barker will be organising the U13 team and Club Captain Steve Green will be in charge of the U11s (Yrs 5/6).

Last season we found this to be an excellent way of improving the core skills of players. Playing in a confined space with different rules means that players have to adapt to the conditions in order to do well; this means bowling straight and on a length, playing proper cricket shots and above all fielding with agility – both the U13s and U11s did this well – looking back it was telling how many opposition batsmen were dismissed by run outs and close catches. If you get the call from Steve, Trevor or myself we very much hope you will want to participate.

Date	Time	U11 Indoor Fixtures
27.10.09	6pm	Cove A v EMWCC
9.11.09	6pm	EMWCC v Basingstoke A
6.1.10	6pm	EMWCC v Oakley A
16.2.10	6pm	EMWCC v Yateley A
16.3.09	6pm	EMWCC v Odiham A
30.4.09	7pm	EMWCC v Fair Oak

Date	Time	U13 Indoor Fixtures
10.10.09	10am	EMWCC v Tichborne Park
24.10.09	1pm	Basingstoke A v EMWCC
31.10.09	4pm	EMWCC v Aldershot
18.1.10	6pm	Cove A v EMWCC
14.4.10	6pm	EMWCC v Odiham A
27.4.10	7pm	Hook A v EMWCC

As we go to press I have heard that the U15s have also been admitted to play in the North Hants Youth cricket League this winter – terrific news!

### Winter Training

We have made big changes to our Winter Training Programme which starts in January. In the past we have squeezed all 4 age groups in to one evening at Princes Mead. The compact nature of this arrangement was not ideal so I'm very pleased to announce that we have secured use of Henry Beaufort Sports Hall for the exclusive use of our U13 and U15 age groups on Thursday nights – this will allow our juniors to continue to attend football and hockey on a Friday night as well as prepare for the 2010 cricket season. A booking form for places on the winter Training Programme will be sent out shortly – like last year each participant will have to pay a modest training fee to cover the cost of hiring both facilities. For the meantime here are some dates for your diary:

<b>U9 (Yrs 3/4) &amp; U11(Yrs 5/6)</b> Winter Training Princes Mead School Sports Hall Split Sessions Starting 15.1.09 – 16.4.09
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<b>U13 (Yrs 7/8) &amp; U13(Yrs 9/10)</b> Winter Training Henry Beaufort School Sports Hall Split Sessions Starting 14.1.09 – 15.4.09
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The club has also secured exclusive use of Henry Beaufort's newly re-laid artificial surface for the entirety of the 2010 outdoor season (every Sunday morning from the end of April to the end of July).

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This gives us an alternative 'home' site and will be used on a rotational basis between to U9, U11 and U13 age groups.

## **New Pavilion**

The builders have made speedy progress on the new build and the foundations are now laid. A Facebook group has been set up – to follow progress, log in to Facebook and go to 'Easton Village Hall'.



*Progress! The footings are in! (c/o Ina Schmitz-Williams)*

## **Emwcc.co.uk Is Being Updated**

Suzanne MacLeod has very kindly agreed to update the club website and will co-ordinate content to ensure it is up to date. If you have any news or any suggestions as to how the site can be improved then Suzanne can be contacted on [Suzanne@Macleods.org](mailto:Suzanne@Macleods.org).

## **Club AGM**

Club Secretary Adam Murch has asked me to make you aware that the club AGM takes place at Martyr Worthy Village Hall on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend.



As a club we are looking to strengthen our links with Hampshire Cricket Board next season. Community Coach Mike Pollard is keen for us to maximise our 'Focus Club' status and this could see greater

involvement from HCB coaches in a variety of different ways at our club – who knows, Mike or one of his colleagues may come and deliver coaching sessions with different age groups.

## **Coaching Development**

As part of our ongoing push for progress at our club a number of us coaches are hoping to attend ECB Coaching Courses this season. Several of us will be embarking on the arduous task of a Level 2 qualification and we are hopeful that 6 places can be found for coach volunteers to embark on Level 1. Once again this exciting development demonstrates the club's ambitions of providing the very best for our young cricketers.

## **Membership Renewals**

It's that time of year again! We will shortly be sending out forms inviting all junior members to renew their membership for 2010. For the third year in succession membership rates will remain frozen at £80 per junior – for two family members renewing a special joint rate of £144 applies. We don't want payment now but ask that you enclose a post dated cheque for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 with all applications – if you prefer you can enclose 2 cheques with one date 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010 and the other for 1<sup>st</sup> April. I am sure I don't need to point out the benefits of our membership package but if you need a reminder:

- £15 Annual subscription
- All Tuesday training fees during the summer
- All additional age group specific summer coaching sessions delivered outside our normal schedule
- Top quality coaching by ECB qualified coaches
- Use of our brand new purpose built pavilion in 2010
- All match fees

We find this invaluable for planning for next year – your co-operation is much appreciated.

Finally – I have taken over from Richard Butcher as Junior Organiser. We all owe him a debt of thanks for all the hard work he has put in over the last 6 years.