



BCB News

Latest information from the Bucks Cricket Board

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BCB's New Website!

It has been a long time coming and there may be a few rough edges here and there, but I'm sure you'll agree that the new BCB website is a vast improvement - more details below.

Junior Cricket

Since I joined the Board last autumn I've become much more aware of the massive amount of work that goes on behind the scenes to get the county's boys and girls out and playing. In the last couple of years programmes such as Chance to Shine and the ASDA Kwik Cricket competitions have been added to the mix or increased in scale. What we did then compared with what we do now is hardly in the same league. So we make no apology for including quite a lot about our junior programme and competitions for both this year and next.

ECB National Survey

Many of you will have seen about this and many emails asking people to complete the survey have been flying about. It's not clear when the survey will close but if you haven't had your say please try and complete it - more details on the back page.

Spirit of Cricket

At club level umpires have been asked to remind players (through their captains) that we need to keep alive the spirit in which the game has always been played. All of us - players, officials and parents - need to remember this and encourage the younger generation to follow in our footsteps.

John Bushby
email [click here](#)



Bucks Boys Performance Cricket Squads Structure 2014

After the introduction of the Development Squad system this year, which has enabled us to work more closely with our better players, a review of our Squad Structure has been conducted and for 2014 the changes outlined below will be in place.

Welcome to BCB's New Website!

We know - from last year's survey if nothing else - that communication hasn't been our strong point in the past. The BCB website came in for quite a bit of flak and, despite appearances to the contrary, your views on it have been noted and worked on.

Compared with bringing the site up to a decent standard, producing this Newsletter was something we could achieve quite quickly and easily. In addition to what is visible to all and sundry there is a large database to contain and process information on clubs, our very large junior programmes, fixtures, results and much more.

Richard Burden, whose admin work for BCB and his own IT business have sometimes taken second place to the project, has led the behind the scenes work, while keeping everything else running. BCB really appreciates his efforts.

Inevitably a few things will need polishing in the near future but I'm sure you'll agree that the changes are worthwhile. We think that the site (illustrated on the right) looks much cleaner, is informative and, most importantly, should be a lot easier to navigate.

A lot of thought and effort has been put into the task - please let us know what you think

This Squad Structure will help us to build a strong & broad base of talented cricketers at the younger age groups, whilst ensuring that as they get older the most driven and skilled players represent the County.

The link between Boy's County & Development squads:

- County winter squads will again consist of smaller numbers (circa. 10)

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The screenshot shows the Bucks Cricket Board website. At the top is the BCB logo and the text 'BUCKS CRICKET BOARD'. Below this is a navigation menu with links for HOME, PATHWAY, CLUBS, COMPETITIONS, SCHOOLS, PEOPLE, ABOUT US, and MY ACCOUNT. The main content area features a large image of a cricket ground with a building in the background. Below the image is a 'Welcome to the Bucks Cricket Board' section with a 'Read more' link. To the right is a 'News' section with a dropdown arrow and a 'Follow @BucksCricket' button showing 292 followers. The news items include '21 Jun BCB at the Women's Ashes Test', '14 Jun There are Thieves about! Watch Out', '29 May THE TAJMAN COMETH!', and '29 May May Newsletter now available'. Below the news is a 'Player Pathway' section with a 'Read more' link. To the right is a 'People' section with a 'Read more' link.



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Cricket Squads Structure 2014 (continued)

- **Development squad players may be asked to attend County squad sessions** or play for the County team in the Summer.
- **Likewise, players selected in the County squad** may play for the Development side during the season depending on availability (although not at the expense of Development squad players)
- **Development Squads** will have a full summer programme of fixtures, including the pre-season practice/trial matches (as held this year) and against other counties' Development / District teams

Trials:

U10 & U11 players will have the opportunity to play in Summer Holiday Festival days before autumn indoor trials.

U12, 13, 14, 16 & 17, trials will be held Indoors in the autumn going from preliminary trials into final trials.

U15 players will trial outdoors on Sundays in September before autumn indoor trials.

Feedback:

- The same form will be used to nominate players and by coaches at the trials.
- All the information gathered will be fed back to both Clubs and players in December to aid each player's development.
- For players selected in Winter Squads, further feedback will be provided to Clubs & Players in April.

The numbers of players to trial and train over the winter detailed below are maximum numbers - fewer may be nominated or selected at the coach's discretion. In the U11-U14 age groups where there are County & Development Squads, there will be some fluidity between the squads as the coaches deem necessary (e.g. Development player can potentially represent the County team in the season and vice-versa).

2014 Squad Numbers

Age Group	Trials	Maximum Number of Players	
		Initial Winter Squads	Summer Squads
U10	50	18 *	15 *
U11	65	10 * + 40 ††	15 * + 15 †
U12	80	10 * + 40 ††	15 * + 15 †
U13	80	10 * + 18 †	14 * + 14 †
U14	80	10 * + 18 †	14 * + 14 †
U15	60	18 *	15 *
U16 & U17	40	18 *	15 *

* = County Squad † = Development Squads (†† = 2 Squads)

Buckinghamshire Cricket Board Teams 2014

Boys Cricket - Development

Under 11
Under 12
Under 13
Under 14

Boys Cricket - County

Under 10
Under 11
Under 12
Under 13
Under 14
Under 15
Under 17

Women and Girls Cricket

County Under 11 *
County Under 13
County Under 15
County Under 17
County Women

* apologies - this was omitted in error from an earlier version!!

BCB Summer Holiday Courses (10 am- 3 pm)

29/30 July: Boys 2 day camp - County & Development ages 10-13 - Aylesbury CC [Sign up](#)

14/15 August: Girls 2 day camp - open to all ages 9-17: Chesham CC. [Sign up](#)

22/23 August: open to all 7-12 yr olds High Wycombe CC. [Sign up](#)

27/28 August: open to all 7-12 yr olds Buckingham Town CC. [Sign up](#)

High Wycombe CC's Under-15 side (pictured right) won the BCB Cup in a final against Chesham CC on 4 July. High Wycombe (201) beat Chesham (107) by 94 runs.

Chesham CC won the U13 knock out cup and are now in the semi-final of the East Group of the ECB National Cup, where they meet Eastcote CC after beating Oxfordshire champions Abingdon Vale on the way.

Congratulations to Saif Zaib from HWCC who has been selected to represent the South & West Region at the 2013 Bunbury Festival to be held at the University of Durham between 21 and 26 July.

More age group competition winners are listed on the back page of this issue.





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ECB National Cricket Playing Survey

Recently ECB commissioned its first ever national survey of players. If you haven't had your say [click here](#).

We were forced to use a number of different mailing lists to get the message out to as many people as we could and so many of you will have had more than one email bringing this to your attention. We apologise for this inconvenience and hope it didn't stop you completing the survey and the opportunity to pass your views to the 'powers that be'.

This underlined something of which we were well aware; we don't have enough contact with players because there is no comprehensive list of contact addresses. We therefore rely on hard-worked club officials and other volunteers to pass the message on - and it doesn't always get through.

Our new website makes it much easier to register your own details and email address with us.

If you haven't already done so please register now - [using this link](#). If you registered some time ago you will have to reset your password the first time you use the new site.

Spirit of Cricket

Recently we received an email praising the sportsmanship of an unnamed umpire for calling a short run against his own side at a crucial stage of a junior match. Yes - all praise to him and we'd like to hear more about sportsmanship - but isn't that what any umpire should have done?

Please do remember that the two umpires are one for each end rather than one for each side.

On this theme we - and particularly Clifton Simms our hard-working Development Officer - were pleased to have this message from a proud parent:

"John ... was lucky enough to attend the day at Lords on Friday. He said he had the best day of his life, he was totally thrilled to be there and thought the whole day was fantastic! John has wanted to go to Lords for a long time and to go there and actually play some cricket was a dream come true. Meeting the England Ladies Cricket players and Graeme Swann was the icing on the cake.

Thank you and your team of organisers for setting up the day, it was truly inspiring for all the young people."

It's pretty sure we all agree that respect on and off the field is one of the most important lessons that cricket should bring to the younger generation. So this is a good time to remind you that the Spirit of Cricket applies to **everybody** - not just players. So officials, spectators and parents too must remember that, while it's natural to be partisan at times our traditional values mean that we should all treat everyone else, including opponents, with respect.

In victory it's easy to crow but you win more friends and earn respect by more modest celebration.

Umpiring Courses for 2014

Shortly we will be reaching the time when older players are thinking of retiring as players and they would be most welcome as new umpires at most clubs.

Even though BACO will not be starting our Level 1 courses until January next year, it has got to be easier to contact future umpires during the season whilst they are still more accessible. Most clubs will have players reaching the end of their playing days, plus parents of juniors who might be interested in taking a more active part as umpires or scorers.

With that in mind, Alan English, BACO's Education Officer, would like to hear from anybody who may be interested in umpire or scorer training during the close season.

The ideal - which we're still a long way from achieving is to have umpires to cover most if not all league matches played.

Umpires: email [Alan English](#)
Scorers: email [Julia Farman](#)

UK Cricket Coach Education is changing

ECB has been working to revise coaching courses, with an emphasis on the needs of who you are teaching instead of "telling the coach **what to teach**".

Courses will be targetted at "Coaching Children" or "Coaching Young People and Adults", rather than the existing 'one size fits all' structure.

In Bucks the new courses are scheduled to start in early 2014 - in the meantime pilot courses will be run in conjunction with the Berkshire and Oxfordshire Cricket Boards.

There's more information, with a map of the ECB pathway at: www.ecb.co.uk/development/coach-education

If you have any specific questions or wish to discuss the new structure please contact [Stuart Beck](#).

Contact Us: you can email Board members or BCB staff via support@bucksbc.org.

2013 Club Competition Winners

BCB Cup Winners		League Play-off Winners		BCB Cup Winners		League Play-off Winners	
U17	-	tba		U12	-	Chesham	
U15	High Wycombe	tba		U11	Gerrards Cross	Gerrards Cross	
U14	-	tba		U10	-	Beaconsfield	
U13	Chesham	Ballinger Waggoners		U9	-	Marlow Town	

Congratulations to all the winning sides and to the army of coaches, club officials and supporters who gave so many young cricketers the opportunity to participate in these competitions.

BCB thanks **Beaconsfield CC**, who hosted all League Cup finals and the clubs which staged the knockout finals: **High Wycombe (U15), Buckingham Town (U13) & Chesham (U11)**.