



BCB News

Latest information from the Bucks Cricket Board

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Cliff Pocock 1947 - 2014

It would not be right to start this edition of BCB News without a short tribute to Cliff who died on 27 December. There's even more about him on [our website](#) and that for the [Bucks Youth Cricket Trust](#). He was a man of many talents, a dedicated family man, a campaigner for the rights of BA pensioners and a motivator with a superb intellect.

In other words Cliff was a complete and caring man.

Many people involved in cricket in Bucks knew Cliff well - as a great umpire, tutor and cricketer, but, above all as a warm and good-humoured friend. His involvement in cricket spread much wider than that - as a Minor Counties umpire and a wise member of different ECB sub-committees and its Disciplinary Panel.

We knew him best as Chairman of BCB, steering it from a rather loose association to become a Company Limited by Guarantee with a strong programme promoting cricket in

schools, clubs and the wider community. He was the driving force behind all this and the creation of the Bucks Youth Cricket Trust, set up to assist young cricketers and ensure hardship was not a barrier to participating in this great game.

It was fitting that his funeral on 7 January was attended by large numbers, including some of the great and the good from ECB. Best of all was that the accent was on the positives and this formed a joyous tribute to somebody who will be sorely missed.

We must now continue to build on the foundations that Cliff has laid and make it the most fitting memorial of all.

Cliff's family has asked that donations in his memory be made to BYCT.

Support Bucks Youth Cricket
Make a charitable donation or raise funds for Bucks Youth Cricket Trust
- go to www.byct.org.uk or click on the VMG icon



Other BCB News

This abbreviated edition is largely concerned with publicising the [2015 Small Grants Scheme](#). It's now about to open and this year clubs can apply for funding to improve kitchens and social areas as well as for pitch covers etc. Time is limited and applications must be in by 6 March - see the [Key Dates](#) on the next page

Indoor cricket: there are contact details for booking the new Community Sports Centre at Princes Risborough.

The new centre at Handy Cross is being constructed and the centre managers need to get an idea of demand for **next year**. **This is very important if you want to have a high-class facility available**

Courses: [Umpiring for Beginners](#) - a short (2 hour) session ideal for parents and coaches as an introduction to the essentials of umpiring is being run by Bucks ACO as well as Level 1 umpiring and scoring courses

There is also the usual range of courses for Club Welfare Officers and Coaches - see the last page. And, finally, the [Board's AGM](#) will be held on 17 March

John Bushby

email [click here](#)



PS Don't forget Cricketforce - details on the last page

'EWCT Small Grant Scheme 2015 – Supported by Waitrose

The 2015 SGS aims to create a sustainable future for affiliated cricket clubs and support them to make small changes to improve long term sustainability and/or to increase the number of games played.

- The Scheme is open to all affiliated Cricket Clubs but Clubs which received an award last year are not eligible
- Application forms will only be available from Bucks CB and must be submitted no later than the deadline shown alongside
- Applications must be accompanied by **TWO** quotations
- Bucks CB has to decide which applications are supported within a fortnight after the closing date

- The initial point of contact relating to this Scheme at Bucks CB is [John Bushby](#).

In many respects the 2015 scheme carries on from the one which operated in 2014 **BUT** there are several significant differences:

- More money - with extra funding from Waitrose
- Qualifying projects extended to include work on kitchens and social areas

As last year awards will be for amounts between £1,000 and £4,000 with the Club having to find at least 10% of the total cost (this can be funded in part by way of a loan from the EWCT Interest Free Loan Scheme.

There will still be an emphasis on 'green' projects and acquiring pitch covers etc. - more details on a later page..



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Small Grants 2015

The EWCT Small Grants Scheme for 2015 opens on Monday 12 January Buckinghamshire's budget has been significantly increased this year although, with new types of expenditure qualifying, demand is likely to be high.

The closing date for applications is 6 March - this will NOT be extended.

Key elements of the scheme and changes from 2014 are:

- The Scheme will support clubs to make small changes to improve their long term sustainability and/or to increase the number of games played.
- It is open to all affiliated cricket clubs - ECB Clubmark Registration or Accreditation is **not** a requirement, but **clubs who received an award from the 2014 Small Grant Scheme are not eligible to reapply in 2015**
- Clubs will need to have the following:
 - A Constitution
 - Valid Buildings, Contents & Public Liability Insurance
 - Security of Tenure

Applicants will be required to 'self-declare' on the application form that the Club has these in place. The EWCT reserves the right to request further evidence from the Club

- Minimum award is now £1,000 and the maximum is £4,000. Partnership funding minimum is now reduced to 10%
- Specific timescales have been set to allow your County Board to promote and manage the Scheme locally
- A specific period has been set to allow BCB to make decisions on which applications they wish to support and forward to the EWCT for final approval - County Boards cannot set their own deadlines for this process.

While there is no substitute for reading the guidance notes the main categories of expenditure which qualify are:

- Covers (Flat Sheet or Mobile) / Water removal equipment (combined with purchase of covers)
- Kitchen / Social Area – NEW 2015 Supported by Waitrose
- Outdoor Social Area – NEW 2015 Supported by Waitrose
- Energy consumption / energy saving devices or systems,

- Water consumption / water saving devices or systems
- Flood defence measures

Ineligible Projects

The Scheme is not intended to support larger scale capital projects or 'ancillary' products: ground equipment and particularly not Scoreboards/Boxes, Sightscreens or Ball-Stop Netting.

Other Points to Note

- The Scheme will **not** fund projects / purchases where expenditure has already been incurred.
- Successful clubs will be expected to complete their project / purchase within four months of the date of the Offer and should not apply until they have sufficient partnership funding
- Partnership funding may also be provided by way of a loan from the EWCT Interest Free Loan Scheme
- To assist with the planning of your project, it is recommended that you read the ECB Guidance on Project Development at www.ecb.co.uk/clubsupport under the 'Facilities' section.

The full Guidance Note and Application Form can be found on the website's Newsletters pages at:

www.bucksbc.org/newsletters.aspx.

How To Apply

We would like all applications to be sent to us electronically.

- You can complete the PDF application form by adding text and a 'signature' (choose 'Sign' from the toolbar).
- The PDF form and a PDF copy of the quotation should be saved and then sent by email to John Bushby, using the email link below.
- Requests for further information and other enquiries should be sent to [John Bushby](mailto:John.Bushby@bucksbc.org).

After You've Applied

- BCB will decide on applications shortly after the closing date of 6 March and will advise clubs whether or not their applications have been supported
- Even if BCB supports your application EWCT reserves the right to alter the amount of grant.
- Clubs will be expected to complete their project / purchase within four months of the date of the Offer Letter from EWCT

Bucks Cricket Board AGM

The AGM of Bucks Cricket Board Ltd will be held at **Stoke Mandeville Stadium on 17 March 2015 at 7.30 pm.**

Formal notices will be sent to all member clubs in the near future.

As you will know, we have recently, and very sadly, lost Cliff Pocock, our Chairman for 14 years, following a year's fight against illness.

Anybody who would like to be considered to join the Board, in any capacity, please contact Martin Watts, in advance of the AGM notices, on 01494 875019.

SGS 2015 - Key Dates

Monday 12 January 2015	The Scheme will open to applications
Friday 6 March 2015	Closing date for applications to be submitted by Clubs to Bucks CB for us to consider.
Friday 20 March 2015	Closing date for Bucks CB to determine which applications to support and to submit them for processing



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Club Welfare Officer / ECB Safe Hands - Training & Development Workshop

Thursday 5 March, 6.30 pm - 9.30 pm
Cost £20.00
Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Bucks. HP21 9PP
To book go to
www.bucksclub.org/page.aspx?pid=43

Coach Education & Training.... Reminder

Book Your Places Now: last few weeks to book places on the 2015 Coach Education and Training Programme. in partnership with Berkshire CB and Oxfordshire CB, we are able to provide more courses, more local to you.
To book go to: www.bucksclub.org/page.aspx?pid=43

Safe Hands Resources

Updates to the Safe Hands Resources were sent out by ECB in early December. If you are a Welfare Officer or other person who needs the update and didn't receive the zip file please contact **John Bushby** [by email](mailto:john.bushby@bucksclub.org)
NB - this is a large file (783KB) so please only ask for it if you're **sure** it hasn't reached you or your club..

Umpiring for Parents, Coaches & Beginners

An introductory umpiring course run by Bucks ACO and lasting for approximately two hours. It is aimed at Parents, Coaches & Beginners (also ideal for players who have to stand occasionally and feel out of their depth)

Where? High Wycombe CC
When? Wednesday 22 April 19.30 hrs
Cost £5.00

Those who attend will be entitled to receive a certificate of attendance from the ECB ACO
For more info or to book: contact **Alan English** on 01494 443464 or email margalan.english@virgin.net



Indoor Cricket

Princes Risborough Community Sports Centre is now open. You can express interest in booking for practice sessions or a proposed indoor league using a form which we've created at <http://www.emailform.com/builder/form/cFgpB0MJ4dnI8w>. Alternatively Bookings can now be taken by Paul O'Connell at Princes Risborough School - email contact: poconnell@princesrisborough.bucks.sch.uk

Handy Cross Sports Centre Owing to the unsuitable facilities at the present sports centre there is currently virtually no cricket activity at Handy Cross. The new centre will have possibly the best facilities in the area but the operators need to get an idea of demand. It's therefore essential that any club likely to be interested for the **winter 2015/16** should contact **John Bushby** or the centre manager, **Graham Ashby** **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

ECBACO Level 1 umpiring courses

Penn & Tylers Green CC commencing 22 January . There are a few places still available for this course which will run on Thursday evenings.



Great Brickhill CC - change of dates

This course will now run for three **Saturdays 21 February, 7 & 21 March** starting at 9:30 a.m.

Success in the (optional) exam at the end of these courses entitles you to full ACO membership and Level 1 qualification For details contact Alan English on 01494 - 443464 or by email margalan.english@virgin.net .

Bucks ACO will also be running the following scorers' course in the New Year:

- **ECBACO Level 1 scoring course**
- at **High Wycombe CC** Sundays 15 & 22 March

For details, contact Julia Farman on 07723 - 360834 or by email julesfarman@aol.com



NatWest CricketForce 2015

... will take place over the weekend **27-29 March**

- Registration is now open.
- Start planning your club's event now.
- For everything you need to know, including a huge glossary of exciting case studies and ideas for your club

... please go to;

www.ecb.co.uk/development/facilities-funding/self-build-and-self-help/natwest-cricketforce/

2015 Junior Competitions

We have circulated invitations and many Clubs have already entered via BCB's website entry system.

If your club has not yet entered please do so as quickly as possible, - but please do some research as to the numbers of players you will have in each year group. Late withdrawals cause considerable disruption to all Clubs in the Leagues and, of course, waste your entry fee (£15.50 per team) **which is non-returnable**.

When you enter, an invoice will be generated automatically after the closing date. **Please pay the fees immediately** through **My Club->Club Invoices** on the BCB website. A variety of payment methods is available.

The fixtures meeting will be at **Aylesbury Rugby Club on Thursday 26 February at 7.30 pm**. **Please ensure that your Club has a representative in attendance** as getting all the fixtures done on one evening saves everyone a lot of work.

At the request of many clubs we will make the match timing more flexible this year, as well as changing some of the match rules. A working party has assembled some ideas and we will be canvassing clubs for their views very shortly. The objective will be to encourage more players to "stay in the game". **Watch out for the survey**.