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NOT A LITTLE BUT A LOTTERY

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Once again, thanks go to everyone who supported our Christmas Draw whether by selling or buying tickets or donating prizes. In the newsletter are details of the winning numbers which were drawn at the club on Saturday December 4th.

The club AGM was held on Tuesday November 9th and all officials were re-elected with just one small change. John Eastwood becomes our representative at full league meetings. Joyce Booth has carried out this role for many years but she is part of the league's Management Committee which sees to the day to day running of affairs and it is always good to share responsibilities and give people insights into what is involved.

With this in mind, thoughts have been given about ways of encouraging our enthusiastic junior members involved in suggesting ideas for developing the club both on and off the field. Routine committee work is not always a priority when younger. That is well understood but the intention is to consult individuals and small groups on an occasional basis so they can take part more fully in taking the club forward. new ideas are always welcome from any source.

Several of them helped with end of season work on the ground and their enthusiasm was encouraging and the assistance given much appreciated.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2005

There have been two changes passed by the AGM for next season. Match fees will no longer be paid by junior members when playing in any of our junior teams. The 50p fee which has been collected for the last few years has meant an outlay over the season of about £6 or £7, on top of the previous junior subscription of £5, based on the average



number of games played by individuals across our three junior sides. This adds up to about £11 or £12 in total although in 2004 some of the Under 15s paid a little more than this because of their extra games in cup competitions.

Occasionally, there were problems in collecting from everyone so next season there will be a one off payment of £15. Coaching and games take place over about twenty weeks so this represents about 75p a week which is a reasonable amount to pay for having kit provided, coaching on a Thursday evening and the ground prepared as well as the games themselves. Any new recruits at practice sessions will be given a couple of weeks to get established before pay-

Xmas Draw Winners

Ticket No. - Prize Winner

2374 - £100 CASH
SHAZ

2750 - XMAS HAMPER
DAVE OLDHAM

1804 - BOTTLE CHAMPAGNE
P PETERS

2487 - BOTTLE PORT
SANDY

709 - CELEBRATIONS
C WALKER

2834 - WHISKY
L OLDHAM

2360 - MYSTERY PRIZE
MICK ELDRIDGE

2314 - BOX OF BEERS
LES

2198 - CUDDLY TOY
CHRIS

2373 - BACARDI
SHAZ

1116 - TIN OF BISCUITS
MARTIN BROOKER

350 - WHISKY
J STOCKS

488 - MEAL FOR TWO
JOSH

2062 - SPARKLING WINES
C ADAMSON

794 - MYSTERY PRIZE
JANET ARMITAGE

2915 - WINE & COOLER
WILLIE

107 - XMAS CAKE
K PITCHFORTH

553 - WHISKY
J BOOTH

3299 - TIN SHORTBREAD
PHIL BRAMMALL

664 - BOTTLE OF WINE
BRENDA V

2007 - BOX CHOCOLATES
STEVE ADLER

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 09th January 2005 - First Indoor Net

Saturday 22nd January 2005 - Ladies Dinner

March / April - TCC BANZAI

ing the subscription. Remember that we are always pleased to see new members.

Family membership rates have been adjusted as follows: Category 1: Senior playing member plus wife/partner and one junior member - £30.
Category 2: Two parental social memberships plus one junior member - £20.
Individual adult social membership is £7 and that enables members to hire the club free of charge, with bar and kitchen facilities available if wanted, for special functions.

For reference, senior players pay £15 membership plus a £3 match fee. Twenty senior appearances means an outlay of £75 over the year plus the other 'demands' to support raffles etc. Under 17 players or those at college pay a senior match fee of £1.

I hope that has not been too heavy on facts and figures, particularly when senses might be a little dulled by seasonal festivities, but we are trying to be both fair and realistic to all members in setting rates. New subscriptions are due on April 1st 2005, or as soon as practicable after that.

PRESENTATION NIGHT

An attendance of over sixty was the best for a number of years and it was very pleasing to see so many of our younger players present with so many of them contributing to great successes on the field for our under 17s and Under 15s as well as in the senior teams. Award winners for batting in the first and second teams respectively were John Eastwood and David Oldham, for bowling Lee Booth and Matthew Gummerson and for fielding Adam Thackray and Sam Oldham. The latter won the Keith Shaw Trophy for Fielder of the Year with Lee Booth winning the Adrian Mellor Cup for taking most senior wickets. Finishing a tantalising twelve runs short of 1000 for the season, John Eastwood won the Rose Bowl for scoring most runs and he also took the George Dixon Cup for hitting most sixes (38). The awards for Players' Player of the Year, set up by former member Steve McCallum when he emigrated to Canada, went to John Eastwood and Jack Oldham.

Fun awards for which only second team players are eligible went to David Johnson (Golden Duck) and Mark Hill (Careless Hands). These are awarded by the second team captain and only modesty prevented David Oldham from nominating himself for the latter! He did, however, win the Section C catching prize with 13 although it is alleged he dropped as many. John Eastwood took the Premier Section batting award.

Three special awards of suitably engraved glasses were also made. These went to David Rishon who passed 500 games in the first team during 2004. He is only the third player to reach this figure. Indeed, only eight people have got past 300. Mick Ingledow and John Eastwood both passed 5000 first team runs and are the fifth and sixth to reach that landmark.

John gallantly turned down the offer of a Securicor van to take home his various prizes which were a deserved reward for a remarkable season's batting.

LADIES DINNER

This year sees the 25th Annual Ladies Dinner at the club on Saturday January 22nd at 7.00 for 7.30. Once again, a five course meal will be prepared by players, committee members and friends of the club as a token of our appreciation for work done during the season preparing teas, working behind the bar and catering on special occasions as well as countless other largely 'unseen' tasks which help things run smoothly. We are very grateful for the commitment of so many people over the years.

WINTER NETS

Nets will again this year be on Sunday mornings (between 11 and 12) at Almondbury High School and will begin on the 9th January. Under 17 and Under 15 players are welcome to attend at any of the sessions and a couple of mornings will be allocated to Under 13s. Information will be given about this in a newsletter for junior members sent out in late February/early March along with details of the start of another season in April.

In the meantime, on behalf of the club I would like to offer our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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Ticket No. - Prize Winner

1807 - BOTTLE OF WINE
P PETERS

279 - BOTTLE OF WINE
PHIL

2632 - BOTTLE OF WINE
JENNIE C

1262 - 2 WINE MINIATURES
TEL: 662548

943 - TIN QUALITY STREET
B JOHNSON

2598 - FORTIFIED WINE
BAMMY

2303 - PORT
STUART

3023 - WHISKY
ANDY BOOTH

3108 - PEN SET
JAN SWALLOW

2614 - MEAT VOUCHER
JENNIE C

657 - MYSTERY PRIZE
BERNARD WHOMACK

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