



COLTS NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019

We held our Last Indoor Training Session Weds 3rd April

Having provided 17 indoor training sessions over this winter, our last one was held last week at Crookhorn College (PO7 5UD).

1-1 Sessions Available

We hoped you have enjoyed working with all the coaches over the winter. While group work is clearly valuable 1-1 sessions can really push a player on to be the best they can be. If anyone is considering adding this sort of focus to their game please let us know and we can explain how it could work for you. Sean can help arrange so please get in touch (s.kanavan@sky.com). Alternatively contact your preferred coach directly.

The current coaches available are Ben Saunders, Ollie Kanavan and Jake Peach who have had excellent feedback and can be contacted here:

Ben Saunders – email: ben.ewan.saunders@gmail.com, or mobile: 07938864068

Ollie Kanavan – email: ollie.a.kanavan@gmail.com, or mobile 07552606200

Jake Peach – email: jakepeach13@hotmail.co.uk, or mobile: 07581734835

Dan Turner, Mani Noor-Spencer too are qualified, confident young coaches and available but due to them not yet being 18 will need to be contacted via Sean for the moment.

All 1-1 sessions are charged at the coach's standard rate so please ask them if interested.

Move Outdoors

There will be a short break before we begin our outdoor training sessions as we want to give the weather the best chance to play ball (and allow for plenty of uninterrupted Easter Egg munching). We will start on Monday April 29th. 6pm – 7.30pm. All ages will be given age and ability specific training. We also have news for prospective youngest players. (see Allstars Initiative <http://allstarscricket.co.uk/pssc> below)

When we do go outdoors please consider it could be cold so wrap up appropriately. Any sports clothing is fine to train in. Whites and club training gear look fantastic but aren't a prerequisite. Historically we have worn whites for matches, however this season are again using pink balls this year and will wear coloured clothing. We are extremely grateful for the continued support of our sponsor Bynwells who have provided our stock of maroon shirts for our sides so matches will be played t20 Blast style. Those members who have formally joined and paid their membership fees upfront will have a shirt of their own – which I hope you have by now (if not you'll get it next time we see you). For a picture of what they look like please see this link: [Coloured Match Shirt](#)



Serious Cricket Roadshow – Monday 29th April 2019

On the subject of kit, we have for a number of years teamed up with Serious Cricket to provide all our club clothing. Please see this link for the full catalogue
<https://seriouscricket.co.uk/teamwear/stores/portsmouth-southsea-cricket-club/>

Serious will be bringing their roadshow to us on our colts first training evening of the outdoor season. Please come along and have a look at what they have on offer.



Social Events (at St James):

One for the Mums, Sisters, Grandmothers amongst you

Saturday 13th April (2 – 6pm) – High Tea & Tea Party

If you fancy a lovely high tea, glass of Prosecco and entrance for a draw with lovely prizes for the bargain price of £12.50 please contact [Roisin Barnard](#)



Friday 3rd May – from 6pm

We'll be getting together with a choice of films to watch, majority vote will win (providing it's an appropriate choice of course!!) More details to follow.



Colts Teams 2018

We are entering 6 colts league side's this year. Fixtures are being finalised at the moment but are likely to begin from Sunday 28th April. Some fixtures are already confirmed so check out the website for details. It will be updated as things are finalised.

U9B's will be a great starting point for our young guns. Being a "Pairs" game there is a fair allocation of batting and bowling time. It's 6 a-side, so plenty of ball time in the field too and played with an "incredi" ball so no need to strap on pads and helmets

U9A's for our more experienced young players. Some of our under 10's will also be involved in these fixtures to help build experience at the right levels. They are again soft ball pairs games but 8 a side.

U11B's moves the developing player into hard ball cricket but keeps to the 8 a side Pairs format.

U13B's with a lot of last season's U11s now U13 we keeping two teams at U13 level . This team will allow our stronger U11's to play up an age group and provide appropriate "regular rules" cricket for the majority of our U13s. 9 a side provides plenty of ball time too, although the first experience of being "Out when you're Out" can be character building! ;-)

U13A's with such a strong performance in the B League last year, our young side from last year will be real U13s and gunning for the top. Again 9 a side, this will provide a real challenge for those selected.

U15's will be entering the B league this year as a large part of last year's team have outgrown colts cricket. A number of our 15s are relatively inexperienced in competitive cricket and we hope this team will provide the right level of challenge.

Transitions to Adult Cricket

The adult club are again running a 4th Team with the express aim of providing young players a way into adult cricket. Also, following our success of the last two years, we will be running two Mid-week Adult Teams, so there could be opportunities there too.

With appropriate leadership (being DBS checked and Coaching badged), colts players will have the support to show what they can do in adult cricket. The 4th's were a real success again, just missing out on matching the promotion they managed two years ago. The Colts that do play for them will find their skill levels are likely to more than sufficient to take proactive roles in matches. Our club has an excellent record of promoting youth through our adult teams and will be sure to see young players selected in any of our 4 senior teams on merit. If you are good enough, you are old enough.

Last season saw an existing 14 former and 2 current U15 players play for our 1st XI at various times. There were many more colts and ex-colts playing across our other sides too, with one Century, a number of Half Centuries, loads of wickets and catches to celebrate.



Allstars – P&S will again be offering this course for 5 – 8 year olds.

The ECB is again driving the exciting Allstars initiative, offering cricket for boys and girls from age 5 to 8. Follow this link for more information and news on how to sign up <http://allstarscricket.co.uk/pscc> .

Sessions will be running at St James commencing Monday 13th May. A number of last year's cohort have signed up to the wider club. We expect more returning Allstars and some new faces too and hope we'll soon be unearthing the next Joe Root or Heather Knight (England captains for the uninitiated).

Joining the All Stars programme is additional to the main club membership and includes following the ECB specific training plan, plus a shirt, backpack and bat. For returning players there are other options available. What's not to love!



Indoor Team News

We run both U13 and U16 indoor teams who have each just finished their season.

- Our U13s continued to make improvements with some younger players introduced this year. They have just finished 5th and had the last game not have be scheduled at the same time as Pompey's Trophy Final (PUP) they might well have finished 3rd.
- The 16s ended 3rd and can boast the League's top run scorer.



Our Sponsors

We are very pleased to let everyone know our key sponsor is again [Brynwell Southern](#). Their support has again provided shirts for our Colts, has helped fund the summer's match balls and support our winter training arrangements. We look forward to you all wearing their logo with pride.



In addition, this year they have also become sponsors of our Adult Club too. So from our newest Colt to our 1st XI captain Brynwell's will be involved.

Brynwell Southern are building and joinery specialists with many years' experience in both commercial and residential projects. Regardless of the size of the project they work hard to manage every venture professionally and efficiently to ensure customer satisfaction. Operating from their Copnor Road headquarters, where they have a fully equipped workshop, they manufacture copious amounts of joinery and furniture as well as successfully complete new build projects and refurbishments across the entire country. We are sure they would be happy to hear from you to see what they could do for you.



Having stepped away from being a senior sponsor [Southsea Beach Cafe](#) are continuing to offer a Player of the Month Award for both an Adult and Colt. So work hard and you could be enjoying a meal overlooking the Solent in the excellent Café. Failing winning such an award we heartily recommend you pop down there to sample their wares.



Clubmark

We are pleased to confirm P&SCC remains Clubmarked

For those who don't know, Clubmark is the universally acknowledged cross-sport accreditation scheme for community sports Clubs. It stands for: Higher standards of welfare, equity, coaching and management in community sports Clubs. It makes sure the nation's sports Club infrastructure is safer, stronger and more successful.

The very comprehensive review is undertaken via site visits and back office work. We have been tested on our abilities to deliver:

- Proactive Leadership and Direction,
- A welcoming atmosphere,
- An inspiring and diverse offering,
- Ensuring Every Person Matters



As Safeguarding obviously forms part of our responsibilities to all our members we thought we would remind you of, or if you are new to us introduce you to, our Safeguarding Officer – Lou Etherington. Should you have any questions or concerns about anything safeguarding related please do speak to her or email her at louetheringtonpandscs@gmail.com

And Finally:

Subscriptions

Many thanks to all who have already paid their subscriptions. We look forward to everyone settling up over the next few weeks. A copy of our membership form is attached with this Newsletter and can be found on our website via this link [Colts Membership Form 2019](#)
If you have any questions or concerns about these arrangements please let us know.

So all that remains is for the weather to “play ball”. Roll on summer!

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