

# RIPLEY REPORT

There is much talk about the IPL currently but all Ripley members can gain comfort that the huge amounts of money at stake has not distracted the first team squad from their primary objectives for the season ahead. I hear many offers were forthcoming but the team's devotion and loyalty to the club outweighed all other considerations.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are due now; a reminder that players who have not paid subscriptions by 31<sup>st</sup> May will not be selected. Please send cheques to our Membership Secretary, Peter Cliff, Rose Cottage, 16 Newark Lane, Ripley, GU23 6BZ. Thank you.

## CRICKET NEWS

The First XI currently sits with a one win, one loss record. After a narrow defeat to Godalming at home they convincingly beat Old Paulines by 79 runs with Ross Thompson scoring 89 and Lennox Lwanda capturing 5 wickets for 27 runs. Unfortunately the Seconds and Thirds have lost both their opening games however the Thirds were involved in a terrific match against Chobham falling just one run short chasing 203 – a great effort from a young team.

There was a thoroughly entertaining game on The Green on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May with Chelsea Arts Club posting 293 for 7 off 40 overs. Ripley fell just 2 runs short with Ross Thompson on 122 not out. Nearly 600 runs scored in an afternoon's cricket; perhaps all that work Ben has been doing on the square is showing reward.

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May a very entertaining day took place on The Green. For the first time we staged a Family Day where 6 teams of 9, including a senior player who kept wicket, covering 4 separate age groups played matches throughout the day. To accompany the cricket there were activities taking place all day – bowling competition, bouncy castle, plant sale, and clothing sale. Fittingly the best match of the day was the final with under 14 Alastair Davidson batting brilliantly to get his team in site of victory only for under 15 Matthew Harris to claim a wicket and restrict the scoring to see his team home by 2 runs. Thank you to Phil Haddow for his great idea and administration of the event. Well done to Katie Cheeseman and Louise Brown who worked tirelessly to stage a terrific event and raise £500 for the club.

I am pleased to announce that Grahame Pascoe and Richard Fish have agreed to help manage the under 9 age group in our ever expanding Academy section. In many ways this is the most important age group as these players will form the backbone of older age groups in the years to come. We now have coaches in place for all age groups and a full practice and match schedule for our young players.

Lenny Lwanda has joined as our Senior Coach and overseas professional for the season. It is Lenny's first trip overseas and he is settling in well and is very keen to help with our players and improve their skill level. Please make him feel welcome if you see him around the club.

Two age group coaches have recently passed their UKCC Level II coaching certificates recently; Andy Giles (u14) and Gordon Christiansen (u15). Hopefully we will have many more coming forward to gain accreditations and enable a wider and more proficient coaching base for the future.

Spider Tournament - the annual under 15 six-a-side tournament takes place on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May from 10:00 a.m. until late. There will be tea, coffees and cakes available in the morning, a barbecue at lunchtime and the bar open in the afternoon. There will be two Ripley teams and six visiting teams so please come along and enjoy seeing some talented young cricketers enjoying themselves on The Green. (Parking will be available at the far end of the ground opposite the playground car park – familiar to Farmers Market attendees.)

## **SOCIAL NEWS**

The Question of Sport quiz night hosted by ex-England, West Ham, QPR and Walsall goalkeeper Phil Parkes was a great success. Apart from raising over £150 for the club a great night was had by all those that attended on a beautiful, sunny early summer's evening.

More events are planned throughout the season however keep the following dates free:

28<sup>th</sup> June – Race Night at the club, details to follow.

24<sup>th</sup> September – Golf Day, details attached.

Thank you to Alan Munt for his many years of service to the club as our Bar Manager. His efforts are greatly appreciated.

Welcome to Sam Cotton who has taken over as Bar Manager. The bar is open Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and well as during the afternoon and

evening on Sundays. Please support Sam and the club by popping in for a pint or two.

Sam is also looking after the cricket teas and is always looking for volunteers. If you think you can help please let Sam know when you pop in for that drink...!

## **CLUB NEWS**

The committee is pleased to announce that the Third XI prize will be called the Giles Award in the future. The Third XI team on Saturday was established to provide a bridge between junior and senior cricket in a competitive environment. Whilst getting three teams out on a Saturday can sometimes be challenging it is possible, and we are seeing great rewards from providing these matches. The naming of the award was in recognition of the massive contribution the Giles family has given Ripley Cricket Club over many years. As well Ashley Giles, our most famous academy member, should provide an inspiration to any young player joining Ripley as to what can happen.

Members will know that each of the club awards recognise people who have made significant contributions to the club over a long period of time. Further details on these awards on the history of these awards Charles & Emmawill be posted on our website.

In many ways it has been a great start to the season. Let's hope we can maintain this momentum.

# FOOTBALL LEGENDS



## CHARITY GOLF DAY

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 2008**

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- 3 Course Dinner
- Comedian
- After Dinner speaker Alan Mullery
- Prizes and presentation of prizes by ex-footballer
- Sporting memorabilia auction

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**Football Legends Golf Day**

**Booking form**

**Wed Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 2008.Chobham Golf Club**

Registration from 12.00pm

Shotgun Start 1.30pm

Presentation Dinner 7.00pm

**PRIORITY ENTRY APPLICATION**

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**Statement from the Committee Regarding an Incident  
on Ripley Green 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2008**

Many of you may have heard of an incident on The Green on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May which took place between several members of the club. One member was vehement towards several potential new playing members expressing his views on selection and these players' potential commitment to Ripley Cricket Club. The incident was brought to the attention of the committee who have undertaken a thorough investigation and review.

The view of the committee is that the behaviour of this particular member during this incident was inappropriate. It was decided after a balanced and thorough investigation that these comments were directed at the players' commitment to the club and its policies although they could easily have been misconstrued or misinterpreted. The member who made these comments has shown a high degree of remorse regarding the incident and has fully admitted that the way he approached this matter was wrong. He agreed that members should express any policy concerns with the appropriate committee member in a rational and considered manner. The committee has taken a decision on a suitable penalty for these actions and this has already been implemented."

Ripley Cricket Club has a policy of being inclusive; it actively encourages new members to join, playing and social, from all walks of life. This policy is reflected in the Club's Constitution and implemented Codes of Conduct. It is incumbent on all existing members to welcome new people and quickly make them feel part of the Club. Similarly it is expected that new members comply with all our policies and participate as much as possible in club activities."

Any further questions or comments on this matter should initially be directed to Andy Giles (Cricket Manager) or Giles Audibert (Club Captain).