

Colts Newsletter 2019



Cricket soon... A Happy New Year to you all and I hope you had an enjoyable festive season and are getting excited about the coming cricket season. It's going to be an great cricketing Summer with England first hosting the ODI World Cup and then the Ashes! Added to that we have another outstanding Colts season for you. Last season was very successful, with the U11 team winning their league and going through the season undefeated. The U13 team also had a successful season coming second in their league, only losing to the league winners. With the usual movements in the various age groups one can't predict how successful the coming season will be but we will make sure that your cricket is enjoyable. One good piece of news is that we believe that we can run an U15 team this season so everyone will get competitive colts cricket.

Winter Training

As usual our season kicks off with Colts' indoor training, which will again be held at the Sports Hall at the **Ashmole Academy**, Cecil Road, Southgate, N14 5RJ. The sessions will run for 5 weeks from Sunday, **24th February, from 1 – 3pm**. As usual we have booked the gym for the U11's as well as the sports hall for the older players. The academy provides excellent facilities and will be a good way to get you back into a cricket frame of mind.

The Team

The main coaching team will be the same as last season and we welcome Ben Shearly back full time. Alex Molloy will also help with the younger players. I will continue to manage the U11 team, with Dan Molloy taking over the U13's and Osman Patel moving to manage the U15's. As always it is our aim to encourage members of the U15 team to start to play adult cricket and hopefully you will support us in this endeavour.

Summer Training

As usual, Summer training will be on **Monday nights from 6 to 8pm**, with the first session on Monday, **15th of April**, and will continue until 22nd July.

New members As always, we need and welcome new players to keep the club moving forward so please try and encourage school friends and neighbours to come along and join in the fun.

An introduction of a new member will earn you a £5 discount on your annual subs!

Socials Events are regularly organised at the clubhouse and the proceeds from these enable us to continue to be the most affordable cricket club in our catchment area, and are great fun. So please continue to support your club by regularly checking the web-site at www.southgatecompton.com and coming along.

As always we would welcome any ideas that you might have for social events, either using the clubhouse or the playing field.

Also, please remember that if you are looking for somewhere to hold an event for family or friends, then our clubhouse is available – for further information please contact Graham Driffill, club secretary at gray2804@aol.com .

Enrolment I am pleased to say that colts' fees will remain at £70 this year, which includes the Winter indoor training, Monday night sessions and colts' league matches.

To enrol you will need to complete a membership form and I will be sending one to everyone shortly before the first indoor session; just bring it along, with your colts fee to the first week of training you attend. If you can't make the Winter training then bring it to your first Summer training session.

Clubmark



I am pleased to report that we have had our Clubmark accreditation confirmed again, proving ourselves across four themes:

- Duty of Care and Safeguarding Children
- The Cricket Programme
- Knowing your Club and its Community – One Game
- Club Management.

This shows the club's commitment to provide a safe environment for our colts to develop.

Finally...

As mentioned above, the club's web-site www.southgatecompton.com is always being updated, including the Colts section. If you haven't already seen it, there is a report of the Colts 2018 season on the website and the Colts' fixtures for the 2019 season will be added soon.

I have managed to arrange several fixtures on Sunday mornings and we hope to be able to provide some refreshments for spectators at a modest price. If there are any parents who would like to help make this work, especially those with players in the U13 and U15 teams then please let me know. Many thanks to Victoria Miller and Emer Harley who volunteered their time last season. I will remind everyone closer to the time!

This year fixtures start on 25th April for the U13's, 28th April for the U11's and 5th May for the U15's, so let's make sure we're ready for the opposition by starting with winter training on Sunday, 23rd February – the coaching team are waiting to get you ready for another fun, and hopefully successful Colts season.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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