

2009 Junior Prizegiving

The following trophies and certificates were awarded at the 2009 Prizegiving, held at Forthill on Friday 25th September

Trophies

Under 15 Batting – Calum W

Under 15 Bowling – Craig McC

Under 13 Batting - Sword Trophy – Scott C

Under 13 Bowling – Scott C

Thistle Trophy – Most improved player – Samir H

John Adams Award - Most promising junior – Andrew C

Round Table Trophy – for selection to National Girls Team - Priyanaz C

Dick Auchinleck Award – Samir H

KWIK CRICKET Certificates – Silver

Jamie B

Scott B

Ruaridh C

James G

Calum G

Christopher H

Jack H

Sartahk J

Druhv K

Liam Latta

Lucas McC

Kailas N

Jake McG

Fraser R

Andrew R

Michael S

Connor T.

UNDER 11's DUNDEE DISTRICT HONOURS MEDALS

Paul K
Jack C
Jack C
Finlay McN
Blair W
Cameron W
Shaun C
Christian R
Ross B
Rory J
Calum G
Jack H
Connor W
Jack S

UNDER 13's DUNDEE DISTRICT HONOURS MEDALS

Jack S
Jack C
Finlay McN
Blair W
Cameron W
Shaun C
Christian R
Ross B
Christopher C
Calum F
Jim R
Marshall McL
Harry O
Morgan S
Jack C
Paul K

UNDER 15's DUNDEE DISTRICT HONOURS MEDALS

Samir H
Tom O
Scott L
Scott C
Priyanaz C
Craig McC
Conor McG
Michael McL
Duncan F
Calum W
Campbell McL
James B
Andrew G
Chris W

JUNIOR CONVENERS REPORT.

Firstly I thank you – the boys, girls, coaches and parents – for making 2009 such a rewarding season. We have seen vast improvements made at all ages and in all aspects of junior cricket at Forthill.

The turn out at Monday coaching sessions has been tremendous and the average numbers attending over the season was in the high nineties.

This was due to the success of our schools programme where we introduce cricket to Primary 4, 5 and 6. This was primarily due to the effort and enthusiasm made by our Professional Kelby Pickering who has been signed up to return next season.

Most of you may not know that Forfarshire fund this programme annually at a cost over £1,500.00 with no financial assistance from the Education Authority or Cricket Scotland.

We were victims of our own success and struggled in the early days to have enough coaches in attendance to provide the quality of coaching that we have been aiming for.

By changing the training nights for the under 13's and under 15's and with the support of our coaches, managers and senior players we now have a much improved coaching set up.

As you are aware volunteers are the key to a quality organisation. You and your children are very fortunate for the time and effort given freely by our coaches and managers. The volunteer coaching staff are B.Robertson, B.Stewart, C.McConnachie, J.Girolami, R.Auchinleck, D.Thomson, I.Reoch, C.Wallace, G.Black, L.Cameron, A.Steele and a special thanks to Gill for her tremendous work with registration and admin on Monday evenings. Kelby and Ryan led the coaching programme and also ran the coaching clinics throughout the summer.

We are fortunate to have a few parents who are keen to assist with travel arrangements and other duties however I am disappointed with what I perceive is a lack of support. When we travel to away games and district games we arrive with the kids and two drivers. Most of the other teams are supported by most of the parents and families.

It may be that parents are too shy to put themselves forward to assist but I can assure that we need all the help we can get. We would welcome any support from parents either with transport or becoming involved in basic junior duties, i.e. helping with coaching, scoring, umpiring, fund raising, basically anything that would allow the coaches to concentrate on their duties.

I would also like to see parents becoming more involved and supporting their kids participating in a game that they enjoy.

One of the reasons that we require more assistance is that we intend to increase the number of teams entered in to the Kwik Cricket and Mini Hardball Leagues. We also are trying to form a girl's team to play in the Kwik Cricket League. This will allow more kids to have a chance to play competitive games and improve their skills.

We are also continuing with specialist coaching workshops throughout the winter at Harris Academy.

As a means to this end I would like to form a Parents Committee who would help with the off field activities and support the Junior Section. Any parents wishing to become involved can speak to me or any of the Team Managers.

Congratulations go to Priyanaz, Craig, and Aman who all represented Scotland this season.

We also congratulate Forfarshire who were promoted to the Premier Division of Scottish Cricket. They are now one of the top ten clubs in Scotland.

Also to Paul K, Rory J, Christian R, Cameron W and Blair W who have been selected for the Tayside & Fife under 12's squad this winter.

I would like to personally thank the team managers, coaches, parents, Junior Committee and all of the kids who have put in a tremendous amount of work this season and enjoyed playing cricket.

Yours in Cricket

A.G.Walker
Junior Convener.