

Wanstead & Snaresbrook Cricket Club

(incorporating Snaresbrook Football Club)
founded in the year 1866



Sponsored by
Bradley & Co

President *John Gray Esq*

Annual General Meeting

The A.G.M will be held in the Overton Drive Clubhouse and on Zoom on
Friday 31st March 2023 @ 8.00 pm

Nigel Hutchings
Hon. Club Secretary

1.0 To Adopt the Committee's Report for 2022

2.0 To Adopt the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts for the Year Ending 30th September 2022

3.0 Club Constitution Amendments

To adopt the Management Committee recommendations that clause 20 of the Club Constitution should be modified as follows:

20 Safeguarding

The club must adopt any Safeguarding Policies or Guidelines made mandatory by its various sports' governing bodies.

to now read

The club adopts any Safeguarding Policies or Guidelines that are made mandatory by its various sports' governing bodies. This includes adoption and implementation of the ECB Safe Hands – Cricket's Policy for Safeguarding Children and any future versions of the policy. In addition, the club will fully adopt the principles of the ECB Anti-Discrimination Code.

4.0 Election of Officers, Vice-Presidents and Committee

5.0 Subscriptions

To adopt the Management Committee recommendation that the 2023 rates of subscription will be as follows:

CRICKET	£
Playing Member	215.00
Playing (over 18 ¹ and full-time student)	107.50
Sunday/Occasional Playing Member	107.50
Playing Member (Women)	107.50
Occasional Playing Member (Women)	53.75
Parent (Playing) with 1 or more Junior Members	235.00
Parent (Occasional Playing) with 2 or more Junior Members	195.00
Parent (Occasional Playing) with 1 Junior Member	145.00
Junior Member (under 18 ¹)	100.00
Junior Members, Siblings (under 18 ¹)	150.00
Junior Members (under 7 ¹)	50.00
SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP	
Social Member (Gentleman or Lady)	42.50
Wife or husband of above	30.00
Retired Pensioner	37.00
Country Members (outside 50 miles)	32.00

¹Age as at 1st September 2022

6.0 Match Fees

To adopt the Management Committee recommendation that the match fees for 2023 will be as follows:

- Adult matches (home or away), including Junior players £13
(£6.50 if no teas provided)
- Junior matches (home or away) £6.50

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 2022

The spirit at the club is what makes the club what it is. We once again had senior and junior success on the pitch, and very much enjoyed the first full season not impacted by Covid restrictions. We have a number of development initiatives planned for the immediate future, and enter 2023 in a robust financial position. The Management Committee would like to thank all members for the support they gave the club and to each other, and look forward to 2023 with anticipation and confidence.

While we had a much fuller season in 2022, Covid continued to impact the finances of the club. We were unable to have the bar fully open from December 2021 to March 2022, and we played far fewer indoor games. This could obviously have had serious potential financial consequences; however, we were fortunate to benefit from continued grants from Redbridge Council. We need to recognise that such grant support will not be available for the foreseeable future.

Membership income was largely flat on 2021 but match fees increased markedly as several sides saw the return of teas this season, which also increased match expenses.

Looking forward, we continue to face an ever-increasing inflationary environment, where running costs are rising, notably ground, gas and electric costs. We will also not benefit from Covid support grants in 2023. Therefore, and as we indicated was likely last year, we are reluctantly recommending that we increase all membership subscriptions by up to 10% and also increase match fees. The club fully appreciates that some members are under financial pressure and paying the club subscriptions may be a strain on limited resources. If that is the case, please contact the Chairman, Martin Pluck, or the Head of Junior Cricket, Jon Gritten.

The Management Committee has decided that the time is not right to proceed with Stage 2 of Project Heron – the extension of the pavilion. This is due to the significant increase in building costs and the current scarcity of grants. However, the strength of the club’s financial position will still allow us to invest in our facilities to secure and develop our long-term future. We plan to upgrade the changing rooms, showers and Gents toilets and also to initiate a Green Project to make the club more sustainable and reduce our running costs.

We will continue to raise funds to invest in the infrastructure of the club, notably the refurbishment of the pavilion. Our goal is to provide the best possible facilities to our members, and therefore the club will continue to strive to raise funds through social activities, membership, grants and donations.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity. You will see above that the Management Committee is proposing an amendment to the club’s constitution stating that the club will fully adopt the principles of the ECB Anti-Discrimination Code. This is a very important issue and we will soon be publishing a club protocol on EDI (‘Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity’). The protocol will present a process whereby the club will build on existing procedures which, together with some additional measures, should be suitable to manage our EDI responsibilities.

New Principal Sponsor. After eight years of being the club’s principal sponsor, Keatons, have decided to stand down. The club would like to thank them for the fantastic support that they have given the club. The Management Committee is delighted to announce that the club has concluded another prestigious sponsorship agreement and we look forward to developing a close relationship with Bradley & Co, the West End and City based Human Resources strategy and Management Consultancy firm, who have become the club’s new principal sponsor.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ATTENDANCE AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Afn. Akram	2	M. Pluck	4	N. Williams	3	M. Bentley	4	L. Enoch	4
M. Piracha	4	S. Emmons	3	N. Hutchings	4	J. Ellis-Grewal	2		

CRICKET SECTION

	Position	P	W	L	D	Points
1st XI	1 st	18	13	2	3	321
2nd XI	1 st	18	14	2	2	324
3rd XI	2 nd	18	11	5	2	273
4th XI	9 th	18	5	12	1	188
5th XI	9 th	18	4	14	2	160
6th XI	5 th	16	8	3	5	214
Women's XI	3 rd	14	11	3	0	216

The top three men's teams had fantastic seasons with the 1st XI and 2nd XI winning their leagues and the 3rd XI finishing Runners-Up. The 1st XI, well led by Joe Ellis-Grewal, had a successful season winning the 1st XI Premier Division with a record number of points and reaching the Quarter Final of the National Club Championship, where they lost a very close game to eventual winners, Bexley CC. The 1st XI batting was led by Kishen Velani, who had a memorable season scoring 863 league runs, including 4 centuries, at an average of 53.94. In all competitions he scored nearly 1,400 runs. Captain Joe Ellis-Grewal was the leading wicket taker in the 1st XI Premier Division with 47 league wickets.

The 2nd XI won the 2nd XI Premier Division with the batting led by young Ali Zeb. Fourteen years old at the start of the season, Ali scored 832 league runs in 14 2nd XI games, including 4 centuries, at an average of 118.86. He was ably supported by Bilal Patel, who scored 639 runs at an average of 71. The bowling was led by Jack Lord with 29 wickets and Haaris Raza with 25 wickets.

Under the captaincy of veteran Alan Lord, the 3rd XI finished runners-up in the 3rd XI Premier League. Disappointingly the 4th XI and 5th XI were relegated from their leagues, although within their leagues they were playing mostly against other clubs' 3rd XIs

In total 128 people played for the six men's XIs including two women, with the 6th XI alone using 40 players.

A big thank you must go to all the captains as well as to those members who scored or umpired during the season.

The Women's XI had a good season coming third in the league, an improvement on the previous season's fifth place. Everyone performed well and lots of younger girls got an opportunity to play competitive cricket with the women. Billericay, who won the league, had a squad consisting of several county and domestic level players but we had two close games against them, showing that we can challenge those playing a higher level of cricket than us in other leagues. One of the highlights was beating Colchester chasing our highest ever score of 279. Overall, a very enjoyable season.

JUNIOR SECTION

2022 was another successful year for the junior section with almost unprecedented sunny evenings throughout the season! We took full advantage of this with cricket of some description being organised for juniors five days a week. Over 200 juniors attended Thursday and Friday training on most weeks. Membership for boys again was full by April and the girls section continued to flourish. In total we had over 350 junior members.

All ages had a full fixture list with 170 games arranged in total. The girls had the greatest number of organised games on record and we look forward to growing this further. Whilst winning is not the prime objective of the junior section of the club, congratulations must go to the U14s, who won the county U14s Sir Alastair Cook Trophy and on the same day were successful in the U15s Cox and Kings Trophy. Well done also to the U13s who came runners-up in the Len Stentiford Trophy and to the U11 girls who won a festival at Chelmsford.

The Tape Ball League continued successfully into its second year, giving an opportunity for 35 of our younger juniors to gain early experience of competitive but friendly matches. The Women and Girls festival returned and again was a highlight of the summer with over 100 players taking part.

However, the continued success of the junior section can perhaps be shown by the impact Wanstead juniors had once again in adult cricket. The first team frequently boasted 9 ex or current Wanstead juniors, with five junior players making their debut for the first team in 2022. The club was particularly proud to see Robin Das, who represented the U19s in 2021, pulling on an England jersey as 12th man at Lords. The message is clear – if juniors are committed to their cricket, they will make good progress and be given their chance at Wanstead.

For the first time we had a dedicated Thursday training evening for girls with two sessions. The first was for younger girls using a softball and the second was for girls using or starting to use hard ball. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsor, TTS Solicitors, we were able to provide an external level 2 coach to lead all the Thursday evening sessions. This ensured a high level of coaching through the season. Being separate from the boys on Friday also allowed training to be more focused. Perhaps most importantly however, Wanstead women also train on a Thursday, which allows for easier progression to the women's team for the girls who are ready to use the nets with the women. An exciting development for 2023 is a new league for a second women's team, which will give further opportunity for our older juniors to have competitive matches.

The amount of cricket played could not be achieved without a very significant commitment by many volunteers and particular recognition must go to our managers, coaches and administrators who allowed all this to happen, with many volunteering for the first time. We are very lucky to have such a strong and dedicated team of coaches and managers. It was also particularly pleasing to see the enthusiasm of our junior coaches, who once again readily supported our Friday training.

Following the preceding two years when the availability of coaching courses had been very limited, a focus has been on upskilling the coaching team through participation in ECB coaching courses. 15 coaches have received a qualification in the last 12 months.

FOOTBALL SECTION

The team had a good finish to the 2021/22 season. After being adrift at the bottom of the table at Christmas we picked up points consistently throughout the remaining games and finished in a credible mid-table position. We also had a very good cup run, reaching the Cup Final before losing 9-8 in a penalty shoot-out.

Unfortunately, disruptions during the 2022/23 preseason resulted in the management team deciding to stand down. This left us without a manager or coach and meant that there was a very real possibility of our not being able to enter a team in the league. Some of the older team members, along with a coach who took the side 2 seasons ago, agreed to step into the breach, provided that we withdrew the side from the Essex Olympian League as the standard was considered to be unrealistically high for the club to compete effectively. We entered the team into Division Two of the Essex Alliance Football League and everyone is now enjoying their football again. This enthusiasm

has been reflected in the team's performances and, to date, we have won all 9 of our games in the league and are still in 2 cup competitions.

SOCIAL & BAR SUBCOMMITTEE

2022 started as the previous year ended, with many bookings being cancelled due to Covid. However, the return to a full cricket season with no social distancing was greatly welcomed by everyone. Due to the relaxation in restrictions the decision was made to stop using the bar app, which had proved such a success the previous year.

As in recent years, we have endeavoured to continue to improve our wide range of products available at the bar. A successful wine tasting event allowed a revamp of our existing selection, with glowing reviews from members throughout the season. Unfortunately, the club was not immune to the inflation sweeping the country, with constant price rises being passed down from the brewery. Nevertheless, we have tried our best to maintain value for money for our members.

This season saw the trial of social bookings being accepted at weekends during the season. This proved to be beneficial for bar sales as well as the general atmosphere at the club after games. Cricket Week was the highlight of the social calendar, with the addition of a new highly successful comedy night, which was very well attended by members. The social subcommittee are currently seeking additional members to help with new ideas throughout the summer and over the winter. Please speak to Scott Emmons or Nicola behind the bar if you are interested in helping.

GROUND SUBCOMMITTEE

Once again, our contractors, Jordans Sports Grounds Solutions Limited, and particularly Matt Grice, did an excellent job in keeping the squares and outfield at Overton Drive and Nutter Lane in fine condition. We play an enormous amount of cricket, particularly at Overton Drive, and a big thank you must go to Matt for preparing so many excellent pitches, often at very short notice. Ahead of the 2023 season we plan to upgrade the drainage on the outfield at Overton Drive.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

As ever, the club must acknowledge the enormous debt of gratitude that it owes to those members who continue to put in hours of unpaid work in running the club. An effective volunteer team is essential if we are to continue to be a successful and progressive recreational community cricket club

Wanstead & Snaresbrook Cricket Club
Income & Expenditure Account
Year Ended 30th September 2022

		2022	2021
		£	£
Income	Bar Sales ¹	92,274	65,735
	Subscriptions	36,878	35,809
	Match fees	18,800	10,830
	Grants/ sponsorship	27,956	68,332
	Donations etc.	5,151	2,009
	Ground & Pavilion Hire	14,084	5,431
	Net Social Income	476	71
	Sundry income	692	1,620
	Interest and dividends	851	766
		<u>197,163</u>	<u>190,604</u>
Expenditure	Bar Costs ¹	82,264	54,685
	Rent and rates	7,012	5,490
	Ground expenses	36,726	40,599
	Pavilion expenses	18,102	85,135
	Heat and light	11,942	6,125
	Match expenses	19,935	9,343
	Juniors expenses	8,818	2,377
	Insurance	6,138	4,582
	Printing & Telephone	271	343
	Sundries	1,580	(93)
		<u>192,788</u>	<u>208,588</u>
Excess/(Loss) income over expenditure		<u>4,375</u>	<u>(17,984)</u>

¹ Net Bar Income (Breakdown)

		2022	2021
		£	£
Sales		92,274	65,735
Cost of Sales		(40,653)	(31,237)
Gross Margin		<u>51,622</u>	<u>34,498</u>
Staff Cost	(37,796)		(18,384)
Other Expenses	<u>(3,816)</u>		<u>(5,064)</u>
		<u>(41,612)</u>	<u>(23,448)</u>
Net Bar Income		<u>10,010</u>	<u>11,050</u>

Wanstead & Snaresbrook Cricket Club
Balance Sheet at
30th September 2022

		2022		2021
		£		£
Pavilion				
Cost	36,364		36,364	
Less Depreciation	<u>(36,364)</u>	1	<u>(36,364)</u>	1
Shares in Wanstead Sports Grounds Ltd		4,999		4,787
Current Assets				
Stock	8,697		5,740	
Cash at bank and in hand	131,801		115,469	
Debtors	<u>9,888</u>		<u>11,904</u>	
	150,387		133,114	
Project Heron	(60,000)		(60,000)	
John Sankey Legacy	(1,301)		(1,301)	
Creditors	(11,098)	77,987	(2,011)	73,824
		<u>82,987</u>		<u>78,612</u>
Represented by general fund at start of year		78,612		96,596
Excess/(Loss) income for year		4,375		(17,984)
		<u>82,987</u>		<u>78,612</u>