



The Annual General Meeting of Boyne Hill Cricket Club is to be held in the Boyne Hill Clubhouse on Friday, 9th February 2024 commencing at 8pm. Doors open at 7.30pm. First drink is courtesy of the club.

AGENDA

1. Apologies / Absentees
2. Matters arising from the 2023 AGM Minutes
3. Chairman's Report
4. Secretary's Report
5. Captain's Report
6. Ladies Report
7. Colt's Report
8. The Hon. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of the Accounts for 2023
9. Proposed alterations to the Constitution and Club Rules
10. Election of the Club Officers for 2024
11. Election of the Hon. Auditor for 2024
12. AOB
13. 200 Club Draw

A copy of the previous AGM minutes is available on request by contacting the Secretary, Martin Preston on 07988 204349 or bhcc_secretary@yahoo.co.uk



Secretary's Report

2023 was another full and busy year at BHCC.

On the field, the men's 1st XI had a strong year in Div 1 and were runners up in Julian Cup. The 2's, 3's, and 4's all had difficult seasons so hopefully next season will be better for each of the teams. Read Tom's Captain's report for a full run down of the season.

2023 saw the second full season for the Ladies team. Many congratulations to the Ladies for winning your divisions - well done to all involved. Take a look at Devaki's Ladies Team report for all the details. Good luck with continued growth and success in 2024.

The Colt's also had busy year with strong numbers across the different age groups. Well done to all the boys and girls across the different age groups for getting involved and giving it your best shot. Friday's remain a great family night with the BBQ and bar in full swing. All club members are welcome to come along and enjoy the evening so hopefully see you there next summer.

Thank you to everyone involved in running and supporting the different cricket sections and teams – captains, managers, coaches, assistants, bar staff, grounds people, administrators, scorers, umpires. It is a tireless and often unappreciated task but with everyone's contribution, we continue to grow and strengthen a club.

Last year I reported that we had unfortunately lost our Clubmark status. This year I am very pleased to advise that Clubmark accreditation was reinstated before the start of the 2023 season.

It is with great thanks to Goldie Gill, our Safe Guarding Officer, for her help in resolving the DBS delays and keeping everything up to date on the DBS front.

If anyone out there who would also like to get involved with child safety for the club, please get in touch with myself or Goldie.

There are no amendments for the Club Constitution this year. There may however be a need to align with ECB Clubmark requirements so adoption of required ECB statements and/or policies will be undertaken as necessary to ensure compliance.

In news from the TVCL...

1. Repeat disciplinary offenders will attract a team points deduction after two offenses instead of the previous three offenses.
2. Clubs with teams in Div 1, 2 or 3 must have Clubmark status.
3. A proposal for all matches to commence at the earlier start time of 12pm (midday) did not meet the 70/30 threshold required to pass. However over 50% did vote to change to the earlier start time so this may get some traction in coming years.
4. All matches in Div 6 and below will be win/loss format
5. DLS to be used in Div 1 and 2 only. ARR system to remain in place for Div 3 and below.
6. Teams in Div 1 and 2 will deducted 1 point for falling to provide a scorer.
7. Over rate penalties to change from penalty runs to in play fielding restrictions.
8. It is proposed to amalgamate the Berkshire and Chilterns Leagues into an expanded Thames Valley Cricket League structure from the 2025 season.

To additionally take any Mid-Bucks League clubs who meet TVCL Gradings & Standards criteria for Division 4-5 and wish to apply.



The purpose is to create a single pyramid league structure in our Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire geographical area, which will facilitate seamless promotion and relegation; shorter travelling distances; and more efficient administration.

The benefits being...

- Create a single coherent aspirational pyramid for Saturday League cricket in our geographical area
- Reduce travelling distances, times and costs in the lower divisions enabled by greater regionalisation spread of teams across 4 divisions
- Create seamless promotion and relegation (subject to gradings & standards checks) by removing the current feeder league structure
- Achieve administrative efficiencies & economies of scale benefits by combining roles and spreading volunteer committee administrative workload
- Open up better financial opportunities via greater scale of the league coverage

An EGM of TVCL members clubs will vote on the proposal in March. A two thirds majority will be required to pass the proposal.

The Berkshire and Chiltern League's will hold their own EGM's and vote in April.

If passed, the amalgamation will commence in the 2025 season.

The 2023 fireworks night was my first as the lead coordinator having taken over from Mike Powell. There was a lot to do and a lot to learn and I am extremely grateful for the team who helped me with the organising and running of the event. Take a bow Matt Roberts, Alpana Chakravarty, Mandy Consadine, Tom Mellor for a great job in bringing it all together. Additionally, I would like to express my gratitude to Mike Powell who remained on hand to guide and assist when needed.

Overall, the night was another huge success for the club. The weather once again threatened to spoil the fun but thankfully it held off and we saw large crowds once again.

The ground was very soft due to all the rain leading up to the event but Billy Traylen and his team did a wonderful job in getting some bigger rides setup and protecting the ground from damage. Billy and his fair will be back again next year.

A shout out to Trip Pannu whose invaluable experience and guidance led to improvements in various aspects of health and safety. Thank you Trip for helping us take a step forward in raising standards.

Thank you also to the many volunteers who helped out with the setup, running the event and with the following day cleanup. Sorry, there are too many to specifically mention but please know your help and support is extremely important and very much appreciated. Thank you.

Please mark in your diaries Saturday, 2nd November which is the date for the 2024 fireworks night. Once again I will be seeking volunteers to help organise and run the event. Please don't be shy in coming forward to offer help and get in touch with me.

Another date for you diaries. Saturday morning 6th April we are holding Ground Force Day which is when we wake the club up from winter and prepare for the new season. Look out for emails and messages from you respective playing group calling for volunteers. Please support Ground Force Day and spare an hour or two to get the club ready.

For much of the year there have been bank account struggles with the 200 Club. These are now thankfully resolved and all draws are up to date with winners notified and details posted on the club website.

Thank you Mike Powell and Mark Hayes for persisting with the banks. It was painful but you got there!

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Clubhouse and grounds maintenance is an endless task. There are rafts of jobs ranging from small to large that need doing around the club throughout the year, every year.

If anyone has any specific skills that could be useful we'd love to hear from you, so please don't be shy in coming forward. All help from the membership is so valuable and vital in maintaining the club but also helping to keep playing subs down as low as possible.

Specific skills could be (but not limited to); electricians, plumbers, carpenters, builders, welders, web designers, communications experts, fund raising specialists.

Please get in touch with myself or Club Chairman Owen Roberts if you think you can help.

In closing, I would like to thank all of my fellow committee members for all of the time and effort they put in throughout the year. We are all volunteers with busy work, home and family lives away from the club, so your help in running the club is very much greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Martin Preston
Secretary



Captain's Report

The 2023 season was a tough one across the club with injuries and availability proving a real challenge at times. However every fixture was completed and there were some outstanding personal achievements.

The first team had a good year, finishing 3rd and coming runners up in the Julian Cup.

Our pre-season plans were thrown into chaos when we lost Prashant Kumar and our overseas player to some work related issues. This left a big hole in the side and eventually we managed to get ex Pakistan seamer Bilawal Bhatti in as an overseas.

A fine opening day win over Uxbridge got us off to a good start with James Hammerton hitting 86 and Bilawal a quick 62. We followed up with a comprehensive win over Cookham Dean with Imran Butt(84) and Muteeb Syed (4-22) leading the way.

We then put in a couple of poor performances to lose to Ickenham and Eversley.

A draw followed at Wokingham where Hamid Riaz hit 124 and James Hammerton 72 not out before an easy win over Henley 2s with Bilawal taking 4-35.

This was followed up with probably the best win of the season away at Tring. In a tempestuous game we made 223/8 with Hammers again in the runs with 66. A fine 2nd spell from Bilawal (5-49) gained us a great win.

We finished the first half of the season with a comfortable win over Falkland with Sikandar Rizwan taking 4-51 and Hammers hitting another half century.

At this point we were on the fringe of the title race but could only manage a losing draw against leaders Stoke Green.

Captain Ziya Mohamed hit 76 at Uxbridge but we could only draw again despite 6-32 from Bilawal.

After a washout at Cookham we had another winning draw v Ickenham with Hamid hitting another century. However our inability to bowl teams out had put paid to any chance of winning the league.

We beat Wokingham (James 83, Hamid 4-26) but then lost to Henley before another good win against Tring with an all-round performance from Bilawal with a half century and 5 wickets and a 50 from Sikandar.

The season ended with a disappointing defeat at Falkland with Sikandar hitting a 3rd consecutive 50.

James Hammerton ended up as the leading run scorer in the whole of division 1 with 542 runs in 12 innings, a fine season.

A 3rd place finish was a decent effort, the lack of a real quality spinner probably the main issue that stopped us getting closer to the top.

The 2nd team had a very tough season. Injuries to Don Pike and Qamer Shan meant they barely played and I broke my hand early on which limited my involvement for much of the season.

This did allow some opportunities for some young players with 15 year old Jake Wilson grabbing his opportunity. The highlight of the season was his century against White Waltham, a real achievement for an U15.

We finally gained our first win of the season in our 10th game at Newbury where I took 6-31. Just as we found a bit of momentum the weather spoilt things and then too many draws with weak sides left us too much to do to stay up.

We did manage to put in a good team effort to win at promoted Purley where Dev Bhikan hit an unbeaten 77.

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Chetan Bhanot was our leading wicket taker with 19 and Jake (340) and Manish Chaudhary (312) were leading run scorers.

The 3rd team were also relegated, badly impacted by the availability issues in the higher teams. Aryan Agrawal hit his maiden century and Majid Khan put a decent season together with 414 runs.

Bowling was a struggle with just Mohammad Jalal and Amar Hussain the only players into double figures on the wicket front.

The 4th team finished 6th with Raghu Ramanujam scoring 427 runs in 10 innings. Club stalwart Martin Preston scored a maiden century against Ascot and Owen Roberts hit 339 runs at nearly 50.

Steve Abraham (18) was the only person to take more than 9 wickets.

Player of the year was Yasir Hussain who produced one of the catches of the season!

The Julian cup was somewhat diminished with just 5 games taking place. We beat Wargrave in the semi-final before losing the final to Stoke Green.

We have already secured 28 year old Western Australian Jacob Wintle as our overseas for next season.

In order to improve across the board we really need to make more of an effort with availability, training and punctuality on match days.

Thanks to Ateek Akhtar for scoring and Mandy and Stacy for their effort behind the bar and with teas.

Hopefully 2024 will be a good year.

Tom Mellor
Club captain



Ladies Report

The women's team had a very successful second season in 2023!

Indoor training started at Claires Court Ridgeway school from Sep 22 with Keiran helping the women's team training. We were averaging around 10 players for the indoor training sessions.

We played in the Berkshire women's softball indoor league again for the Oct 22 - Apr 23 matches. We played 9 indoor matches and won 4 out of the 9 matches. This was our second season indoors and we still had players playing indoor games for the first time. The results were a big improvement from the previous season.

Outdoor training began in April. We started with a successful player's pre-season meet up - attended by most of the playing squad, where we discussed the upcoming outdoor season, fixtures, and friendlies.

In 2023 we entered two teams in the Berkshire women's outdoor softball league, development division for the summer. After 5 round robin cricket festivals, we played 9 matches, won 8 and lost 1. Both our BHCC teams finished on top of their respective divisions!

We were a lot more confident in the outdoor matches. We have some incredible hitters in the team as well as some strong bowlers. However, the highlight of our 23 season was our improved fielding and better teamwork. Over 20 different players participated in the matches.

We also played a series of friendlies and arranged a softball festival at BHCC. The festival was a success with 6 teams participating, over 100 family and friends in attendance and a good day at the bar (£500+). All teams are keen to return in 2024.

We have decided to enter only one team in the development league this season however we would like to arrange friendlies with performance league teams.

Our aim is to feel ready to join the performance league next year. We are looking forward to another successful 2024 season!

Devaki Phatak
Chair of Ladies Cricket



Colts Report

The headlines...

1. Over 200 Children attended BHCC junior age groups
2. The new Girls section ran three League Teams
3. The Teams played over 120 fixtures
4. Three Teams won their respective Divisions
5. Twenty Three Juniors played for the Senior Section in TVL Cricket
6. Thirteen BHCC Juniors represented Berkshire or were selected for the Junior Age Group Development squads.
7. Four BHCC Juniors played for the MCC Foundation Hubs with Jake Wilson playing in the winning MCC Hub U15 (Reading) team at Lords.
8. Jake Wilson was the “Colt of the Year”

Our objectives at Boyne Hill regarding the Junior Section are as follows

- a) To give all Girl and Boy Junior Cricketers the opportunity to safely learn & play the game at Junior & Senior level & experience Club Cricket life.
- b) To Run a successful All Stars Section
- c) To have at least 25 boys registered at U9 , U11, U13 with at least two League Teams.
- d) To have at least one team at U15 , U17 , U19
- e) To have one girls team at U9, U11 & U13
- f) To have at least 15 Colts players playing for the Senior Sides per season
- g) To have each age group managed by 2 parents of Colts
- h) To win one league per season
- i) To have at least three / five players representing the County
- j) To have two x level 2 coaches involved in the Colts section
- k) To ensure the highest standard of Junior Player Welfare.

When considering our progress towards meeting these objectives ... we had a fantastic season !!

Over 200 Girls and Boys attended our age group training sessions and enjoyed their cricket at Boyne Hill.

We capped our All Stars Section at 50 and were able to give all the Children an enjoyable cricketing experience.

We had the highest number of boys and girls attend Boyne Hill i.e. 170 in our Girls , U9s, U11s , U13s , 15s and U17s sections. Within those age groups we entered 12 Leagues and played over 120 fixtures winning over 70% of them with most of our “A” Teams finishing in the top half of their divisions. We also hosted our third girls festival.

The Girls section which began in 2021 has grown in strength . In the Summer our U9s girls team won their League for the 2nd year in succession. !! The U11s won most of their games and won our own tournament . This is a fantastic achievement.

The U13 girls full of U12s did well but will do even better in 2024 as most of their squad will be U13.

In the Boys section ... The U9s Stags were unbeaten for the 3rd year running winning their division. The U11s missed out on qualifying for finals day by one match. The U13s did well in a much harder League and the U15s won their division of the BYCL league. Unfortunately , the U17s and 19s had curtailed seasons due to the awful August weather.

23 of our Juniors played for the Seniors sides this Summer (5 in the 1st or 2nd X1) showing that we are managing the transformation from Junior to Senior cricket well and are producing good Colt Cricketers for the future.

Jake Wilson scored a hundred for the 2nd X1 , played for Berkshire and the MCC Hub and was awarded the “ Ramesh Kapoor Colt of the Year Award” ...

The parental involvement has been excellent with Parents Coaching and Managing the majority of the age groups ... and many other parents being involved in helping out as well. The good news is some of the parents in the younger age groups are starting to go on coaching courses and this will enable us to have good coaching at all levels to supplement any outside coaches we employ. This year we invested more in coaches than ever before. Plus we ran an Easter camp for the first time.

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Child welfare is key to us achieving our overall aim .. and helped significantly by Goldie Gill we now have over 50 people with DBS certificates in the Club showing we give the right effort and significance to Child welfare and safety.

This winter we sent over 20 boys and girls to County Trials, with 18 moving forward to the next stage in the new year.

Off the field Friday evenings have continued to be really popular evenings with over 120 children and parents coming to the Club. The bar and BBQ has been busy generally staffed by many parents ...

On Saturday mornings the sight of Claires Court school playing a fixture on one pitch and 80 children on another was something to behold ... With cars parked around the boundary of both pitches !!

The Artificial wicket has worked well with many games and training sessions played on it. This has helped the children with the consistency of the bounce .. and also means the grass wickets have less wear and tear.

All of the above cannot happen without the considerable help of a number of volunteers ... they are too numerous to name but a huge thank you to all of them However special thanks must go to our section leaders i.e. Purvika Dev , Mik Chahal , Chris West , Paul Richards , Mike Shuttleworth, Jack Spencer-Jones , Manj Dhillon, Abhijit Ketkar, Ankur Nangpal, Ani Phatak, Mike Parker and Keiron Falk for all their efforts.

In 2024 ... we aim to continue our growth by further expanding our Girls section, continuing the growth of parental involvement in the section, entering 13 Leagues, winning more Leagues, having more children represent Berkshire all in a safe environment.

So in Summary a great year for the Junior Section

Over 200 children came and enjoyed cricket at Boyne Hill in a safe environment, we have grown the girls section, we played over 120 matches, we won three divisions of the BYCL, 23 boys played for the senior sides, we have had triallists at most county age groups, thirteen players represented Berkshire and we have a great set of parents supporting the Junior Section.

We look forward to building on our progress in 2024.

Stephen Spencer-Jones
Chair of Colts Cricket

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PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO THE CLUB CONSTITUTION

The committee puts forward the following alternations to the club constitution for consideration and adoption by the membership at the AGM.

A copy of the current constitution can be found on the club website for review ahead of the AGM.

<https://boynehillcc.hitscricket.com/clubs/2690/docs/BHCC%20Constitution%20-%20adopted%2018Feb22%20AGM.pdf>

NONE

NOMINATIONS OF CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2024

Position	Nomination	Proposed	Seconded
Chairman	Owen Roberts	Stephen Spencer-Jones	Matt Roberts
Treasurer	Madhavi Nadgouda	Martin Preston	Mark Hayes
Hon. Secretary	Martin Preston	Matt Roberts	Tom Mellor

Officers of the Club not appointed by a vote of Member's

Club President	Patrick Rogers
Safeguarding Manager	Goldie Gill
Club Captain	Tom Mellor
Chair of Men's Cricket	Stephen Spencer-Jones
Chair of Ladies Cricket	Devaki Phatak
Chair of Colts Cricket	Stephen Spencer-Jones

Ex Officio positions not appointed by a vote of Member's

Ground Manager	Tom Mellor
Pavilion Manager	Mike Parker
Equality, Diversity & Inclusivity	Matt Roberts
Social Secretary	Mandy & Stacey
PR Manager	Alpana Chakravarty