

# Sunbury Cricket Club

Founded 1938  
Surrey Championship Winners: 1988, 1998  
National Knock-Out Winners: 1974  
Evening Standard Cup Finalist 2008

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I must start by expressing to you the honour it is to take on the role as Sunbury Cricket Club Honorary Secretary. In doing so I would like to thank the work of my predecessor Penny Hughes. We continue to take great advantage from Penny's efforts.

The committee has met 11 times since last year's AGM . with the agreed strategy to increase the number of co-opted positions to the management committee, discussions were diverse but productive. Since the retirement last year of the Hon. Treasurer Les Wood, the committee has been attempting long and hard to fill the position with little success to date. We have however made significant steps in the past weeks and we hope by the AGM we will be able to confirm a new Treasurer for 2012.

I have personally played at SCC since the age of four which makes SCC a significant part of all my life, and no doubt it will become for those starting their cricketing journey at SCC, through our exceptional Colts section. The organisation and commitment by all of the coaches and back room helpers make the colts unrivalled in the area and the new nets facility (which has come with its own challenges) is the newest asset to an incredible ground. Dave Smith organised another fantastic Open day which attracted a huge number of new members.

The work put in to the ground by our groundsman Ian Pope and his tireless assistant John London is yet another example of integration to the club, both having sons that have come through the colts and gone on to play 1<sup>st</sup> team cricket and beyond. The ground looks in the best condition it possibly could. The committee has encountered a number of challenges meeting all the financial requests for new equipment, or even maintaining the existing equipment and materials. We have identified some areas where grants are available but in all instances they come with some financial contribution, which has not always been available.

I strongly believe in forward thinking, but without the basic run of the mill tasks taking place it makes things very difficult to plan for the future. I regret to be having to report on another year where SCC has been owed important sums of money from regular club members. These individuals jeopardise the existence of our club, which sounds extreme, but having been more closely aligned with the financial position of the club is the entire truth. I would urge these individuals to take up one of the standing order options, which allows you to spread the cost similar to a gym membership. Please concentrate on paying on time.

The club was exposed to nearly 1000 people who took part in a charity fun run, which combined fundraising with extreme use of the facilities, from ice cream and tombola in the Paddock to Bouncy castles and emphatic use of the bar. This event singlehandedly showed what our asset is capable of and we must stretch our facility as much as possible. I also hope to be reporting on a new Social secretary who can put our facility to good use, but we need your involvement.

The success of our events in general has been varied, due to weather and membership involvement. We must create a culture which works for the modern member and your input is vital in achieving this.

The cricketing side of 2011 saw all the teams finish in the top 5 of their leagues, with some controversial circumstances surrounding the 1<sup>st</sup> team. The negative effect this year was the rain which influenced no fewer than 28 games in total compared with just 5 in 2010, naturally this has effect on the finances as no match fees are paid.

It's been a privilege to contribute to the club over the last year and I look forward to the progression of the club in years to come.

