

## Cricket Managers Report - 2015

2015 in general was a very positive year for the club. 1 promotion and 3 teams consolidating their league positions (in some cases only just) means we head into 2016 looking in good shape. I won't pick out individual performances in this report as that is for individual captains reports.

I would like to start by thanking all the non playing members of the club; all our umpires, scorers, tea makers, bar helpers, groundsmen, maintenance, welfare, colts and many others. Without you the club wouldn't function as it does.

I would also like to thank the effort of all the captains over this season; Tom, Rob, Simon, Nige, Rohan, Ed, Sam, Luigi and Fred (I'm sure I've missed off someone). Sometimes their time and effort not only on a Saturday but also throughout the week to try and find 10 other players goes unnoticed.

Just to pick out a view highlights of the season: The 1sts defying the odds and playing some cracking cricket at the end of the season to avoid relegation.

The 3's and 4's still providing a base for our younger players to shine and push on up the teams, again this only works due to the dedication of their skippers who provide the environment where they wish to play and enjoy their cricket. Sadly the 2's couldn't win their "grand final" however their promotion into another season of their highest position in the leagues ever is a great achievement.

Just a couple of things to note: Firstly i would like to make an early plea for help with availability. Please use the website as much as possible, if you don't have a login please speak to me or Martin. It makes our lives as captains so much easier and means we don't have to send out 50 texts a week chasing people. Secondly, next year i hope we can really focus on our training. From January we have the use of great facilities at Ricky for nets; we have 3 nets where we can provide 1/1 coaching and a high standard of nets. It would love to see more people from the 2's, 3's and 4's down there. We lost more than half our games in the first 3 weeks, a slow start for a reason?

A quick thank you to Delly; Ray said after his first net with him "this guy will scare some people". Fair to say having kept to him, he wasn't wrong. Although his all round cricket ability will be missed, it's fair to say his competitive attitude mixed with his view that all cricket should be played for enjoyment will be missed even more. Cheers 6th change.

Bring on 2016; remember if you want a holiday - book it from Sunday to Friday!

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