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## March 2021 Newsletter

As we move towards the start of the season, I'd like to update you quickly on a few areas with the promise of more to follow in due course. They are :-

- The new GCC website – [www.greenmountcricketclub.com](http://www.greenmountcricketclub.com)
- Plans for the forthcoming season
- Plans for opening up the bar
- GCC's very own Fantasy Cricket League
- Membership for the new season
- The GCC 100 Club
- Our easyfundraising website address

### **The new GCC website**

I noted in my last newsletter that club member, Phil Thorp, had been designing a new website for us. It went live about a week ago and the feedback we have had thus far has been extremely positive indeed. Whilst covering all the current news about the club it also offers some fantastic trips down memory lane for those of you who have been associated with the club for some time. I urge you to all have a look at the website at [www.greenmountcricketclub.com](http://www.greenmountcricketclub.com) and then follow it during the season as Phil has some wonderful plans for the site's development throughout the season.

### **Plans for the forthcoming season**

The national roadmap and feedback from the Lancashire Cricket Foundation and the Lancashire League suggest that we are on course to start the season on time, albeit with a number of Covid related protocols in place. **I'll send out a specific newsletter on the protocols that will be in place for start of the season next week, but the key dates / issues to be mindful of are as follows :-**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April** – first senior nets from 1800hrs subject to Covid training protocols and the state of the outfield after the downpours of the last few weeks.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April** – whilst we have home matches for the 2nds on Sat 10<sup>th</sup> (friendly v Todmorden 2nds) and 3rds on Sun 11<sup>th</sup> (League match v Enfield 3rds) the Covid protocols currently demand that **these matches are played behind closed doors**. Whilst this concept isn't easy to apply at GCC, **we do ask that all our members and visitors don't come down to club for these matches as they will unfortunately have to be turned away**.

Thankfully this will hopefully only apply to the first weekend of fixtures.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April** – first junior nets from 1800hrs, again subject to Covid training protocols and the state of the outfield after the downpours of the last few weeks.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April** – Covid protocols are due to allow people onto the ground for the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of cricket, so we will be looking forward to seeing you as our 2nds play Lowerhouse 2nds in a friendly on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> and Accrington 2nds in the League on Sun 18<sup>th</sup>.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> team will be playing the reverse fixtures at Lowerhouse and Accrington respectively whilst the 3rds continue their league programme away at Church CC on Sat 17<sup>th</sup>.

I noted above that the first junior practice is scheduled for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April and details around the various age groups which vary from Under 9s through to Under 18s can be found on the club website. **The All Stars programme** which is scheduled to start on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May and is run in

conjunction with the English Cricket Board is unfortunately already oversubscribed so we are unable to accept any new registrations for this.

### **Plans for opening up the bar**

The national roadmap also currently suggests that we can open the bar for serving outside with effect from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April. **Naturally, regulations are particularly onerous but we feel can meet these with your support. Full details of what we plan to do, and what we need you to do to support us, will be sent out in due course once we've completed all our risk assessments** etc but the key issues are as follows :-

**The bar will only be open to 2021 club members** (and to club members of opposition clubs). **GCC club members (and opposition club members) will therefore need to show their new membership cards for 2021 before they can be served.** Non-members will be welcome on the ground but we won't be able to serve them alcohol

**Members will need to be seated** at tables, benches or their camping chairs **when placing an order** with our waiters / waitresses **and will need to remain seated when drinking.** Members and their guests are requested to **abide by the rule of 6 and to remain socially distanced at all times.**

The clubhouse can only be entered when using the toilet facilities, and **masks will need to be worn when entering the clubhouse. Members and visitors are reminded to remain socially distanced when queuing inside the club.**

The Police and Covid Marshalls will be monitoring all bars and cricket clubs in the area and will have the powers to fine the club (£1,000) and customers (up to £800 each) for breaches and could ultimately close the club down if breaches continue, so your continued support in remaining compliant with the regulations and our own risk assessments would be very much appreciated.

Our opening hours from 12<sup>th</sup> April will be as follows :-

Monday to Thursday – 4-8pm

Friday – 4-9pm

Saturday & Sunday – midday to 9pm

Please note that these will be reviewed on a weekly basis with any updates being published on our website.

The roadmap suggests that we will possibly be able to open indoors once we get to 17<sup>th</sup> May, we will update on plans around this in due course.

### **GCC's very own Fantasy Cricket League**

Matthew Senior, a member of our U18 team and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> team squad member, has offered to run our very own Fantasy Cricket League based on players and performances across our senior cricket teams throughout the 2021 season. Matthew's set it all up and has organised everything and it has certainly created quite a bit of debate amongst the various cricket WhatsApp groups so it augurs well for the season.

Entry costs £10 with 80% of the total entry money being paid out as prizes with 20% going towards club funds. The prizes are as follows :-

1<sup>st</sup> prize – 30%

2<sup>nd</sup> prize – 20%

3<sup>rd</sup> prize – 15%

4<sup>th</sup> prize – 10%

5<sup>th</sup> prize – 5%

Anyone can enter the league which can be found at [Greenmount CC Online Fantasy Cricket League | Home \(fantasyclubcricket.co.uk\)](https://fantasyclubcricket.co.uk) where you will be able to review the rules and pick a team.

Once you have picked your team we ask that you email [greenmountcccfl@gmail.com](mailto:greenmountcccfl@gmail.com) to get your team validated and to also get details on how to pay your entry fee. Entry fees have to be paid before you can start earning points.

My thanks go to Matthew not only for the idea but also having the determination to see it through. It has certainly created a stir and I personally look forward with interest to how the season evolves and the many discussions and debates that will ensue.

### **Membership**

Our membership secretary, Helen Bowker, has emailed all members with details about renewals for 2021 and has already advised members that we will be handing out new membership cards for 2021.

If you could look to get your renewal requests back to Helen as soon as possible it would be very much appreciated. For those who wish to join, details can be found at our new website [www.greenmountcricketclub.com](http://www.greenmountcricketclub.com) or via Helen at [postmaster@peterbowker.plus.com](mailto:postmaster@peterbowker.plus.com).

**I am afraid we won't be able to serve members without their new membership cards**, so renewing your membership early would really help in this respect, and then **please do remember to bring them along with you.**

### **GCC 100 Club**

My thanks go out to the 60 members who have joined the GCC 100 Club thus far.

We are now paying out 50% of all payments each month as prizes, with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> prize winners now receiving 25%, 15% & 10% of the monthly "take" respectively.

This gives us an invaluable source of income particularly at times like this when the club is closed. If you would like to join please email me at [gccclub100@gmail.com](mailto:gccclub100@gmail.com) and I will forward you through the joining details.

I'm happy to take payment up front so you don't have to sort out a standing order, although standing orders are obviously a no hassle option too. **Please also remember that you don't have to be a member to join the GCC 100 Club, so family members and friends are more than welcome.**

### **Easyfundraising site**

Just a reminder that we have an **easy fund raising site** set up at the following link.

[Greenmount Cricket Club Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)

If members can register and then do their online shopping via this site, we get a small commission each time you shop whilst the price that you pay remains unchanged.

Not all retailers are registered with the site, so there may be some instances where you have to go direct to the site you want to shop at, but most of the big retailers are registered. If you can just remember to go via this site when shopping online we would be very grateful indeed.

That's about it for now, I hope the update is useful and I do hope to see you down at the Log Cabin in the near future. Take care.

Rob Kilvington

GCC Club Chairman