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July 2021 Newsletter – the rest of the summer

After a hectic couple of months, this newsletter updates on what has happened thus far this season but concentrates initially on plans for the rest of the summer post Freedom Day.

1. **What happens on Freedom Day – Monday 19th July?**

With Covid rates continuing to increase across Greater Manchester and the UK as a whole, we don't feel we are ready to cast aside all the protocols and processes that we have introduced over the last 13 months since we re-opened in July last year. We will therefore open from Monday 19th July under the following protocols and procedures :-

- As staff will continue to be the main movers between rooms within the clubhouse, **staff will continue to wear masks when inside the clubhouse.**
- Whilst we cannot mandate it, **it would be very much appreciated if members and visitors could continue to wear masks when moving around the clubhouse.**
- **We will continue to supply a waiting on service** as we are not only aware that members and visitors have really liked this service, but some aren't yet ready to go back to queuing at the bar for drinks.
- Whilst we will continue to supply a waiting on service, **we will allow members and visitors to queue at the bar for drinks. It would be very much appreciated if masks were worn when queuing at the bar. We do request however that having bought drinks at the bar, members and visitors then drink their drinks away from the bar.** Once again we feel it is a bit too early to go back to the days of people drinking at the bar, either whilst seated or standing.
- **The bars will have space set aside for waiting on staff to work from, alongside space for those members / visitors who wish to order from the bar themselves.**
- **Hand sanitising units will remain on the walls within the clubhouse with dispensers remaining on the tables and we urge our staff, members and visitors to keep on making use of these;** I think such units are probably here to stay and welcome their continued use.
- **The restrictions that have been in place in relation to toilets will no longer apply** but please just be sensible in relation to numbers actually within the toilets.
- **Opening hours remain unchanged, ie**
 - 4pm to 11.30pm (last orders at 11pm) Monday to Friday
 - Midday to 11.30pm (last orders at 11pm) Saturday
 - Midday to 11.00pm (last orders at 10.30pm) Sunday
- **Monday to Thursday we will serve from the Members' Bar and have the Members' Bar / Pool Room open.** We will only open the Function Room if required as an overflow.
- **Friday to Sunday we will have the function room open as well and have both bars open.**
- **Members and visitors outside are welcome to continue to order from our waiting on staff or come inside to order from the bar.** As noted above we would appreciate it if masks were worn when queuing at the bar.



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I hope our members and visitors understand that with covid rates escalating and positive cases at their highest levels since January it just doesn't feel right to stop doing everything that we have done thus far to make the Log Cabin as safe a place as we can for our staff, members and visitors. It goes without saying, but if you are exhibiting symptoms please don't come to the club.

If everyone is careful and respectful of our staff, fellow members and visitors to the club then I'm sure that we will all be able to enjoy the rest of the summer and the freedoms that the vaccine roll out have afforded us.

We will continue to review the above protocols and procedures that we have in place, and I will update you accordingly on any changes that are made in the future.

2. The season so far?

Our first season in the Lancashire League has certainly been eventful.

Our 1st XI continue to vie for promotion having been in top 6 all season and sit 3rd as I write this with a visit to 2nd placed Haslingden due tomorrow.

Jack Harrison became the club's first ever Lancashire League centurion, whilst club professional Chesney Hughes and fellow opener Andy Kerr managed to break the Lancashire League batting partnership record when they put on 320 for the 1st wicket in the home match against East Lancs.

We also welcomed Ramsbottom to the Log Cabin in a T20 match, which many thought was the first competitive match between the two clubs. It was great to see so many people come along to watch the game, in fact it was possibly the largest crowd we've had for quite some time.

Meanwhile the other senior teams and the various junior teams have welcomed visits to a whole host of different grounds and really enjoyed their cricket thus far, in fact one of the best finishes we've seen at the Log Cabin for a long time saw two of our juniors, Luca Addleton and Charlie Exton, knock off 35 runs or so for the 11th wicket to win a match that had looked beyond the 3rds.

I do have a couple of requests for a bit of help in relation to the cricket.

The first relates to any aspiring team managers or coaches for our Under 9s. We regularly have in excess of 30 juniors turn up for Under 9s practice on a Friday night but we unfortunately have only one team as our Under 9's coach Rory Daverage can physically only run one team on a match day. In seasons gone by we have had 3 Under 9s teams but without willing volunteers we simply can't have any more than the one we currently have. The ideal would be to have a former cricketer run the team, but this isn't essential as our club coaches can provide the cricket nous on a Friday night whilst a team manager who can carry out all the administrative duties and provide plenty of support and encouragement to the team would be fantastic as well. The club will pay for coaching / team management courses as appropriate and will administer DBS arrangements. If you would like to help us out in this way please email our Junior Cricket Chairman Leigh Dickinson on gccupdates@gmail.com and he will look to move things forward for winter nets and next season.



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My second plea relates to help on a Saturday and Sunday morning prior to cricket matches. Our groundsman is thankfully able to call on help with sorting the square / outfield whilst I look to clean the veranda, clean the tables and chairs, do a litter pick etc. Any help with these cleaning tasks would be very much appreciated indeed. If you would like to help in this way, please email me on rkattr@gmail.com.

One final cricketing matter relates to Life Member and club legend Mark Stewart, who was recently inducted into Wisden Cricket's "Club Cricket Hall of Fame". The many tributes on Facebook and Twitter that "Stewie / Marko / Spindles" has received since then are testament to everything that Mark has brought to the game and we are very proud to have him as a Life Member of the club. Well done Stewie!

3. Dates for the diary

a. Friday 30th July 6pm – T20 match v 2011 Treble Winners

In my last newsletter I noted that we would be celebrating the 10th Anniversary of our 2011 team winning the Treble, including the Lancs Knock Out in a fantastic final at Old Trafford to become champions of the county!

Our current 1st XI will therefore be playing the 2011 team on **Friday 30th July in a T20 match that will start at 6pm**. We will have a BBQ, the kitchen will be open and we'll have a bit of music as well to hopefully make the event a fantastic celebration of what was a simply marvellous team and year in the club's history.

We'll be looking to celebrate the 2011 team in more detail as we go through the next fortnight on our club website, www.greenmountcricketclub.com, so please keep your eye on that, make a note of the date and come down to the club for what should be a fantastic evening's entertainment.

My thanks go to Andy Kerr whose career covers both teams not only for the idea but for his help in organising it.

b. Friday 13th August – Greenmount CC Golf Day

Jack Harrison has also organised a Greenmount Cricket Club Golf Day at Walmersley Golf Club on Friday 13th August. All details can be found on the sign up sheet in the Bar or at the following link :-

[Sign up now for Greenmount CC Golf Day – Greenmount Cricket Club](#)

My thanks go to Jack again for organising this.

4. Conduct

We are so very lucky to have a wonderful club in a simply beautiful setting with many fantastic members, young and old. As a committee we look to do everything we possibly can to make everyone's stay at the club as safe and pleasurable as it possibly can be. We take pride in being a true family club at the heart of the community and the increasing levels of membership suggest that our members feel the same.



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Unfortunately, last weekend we had two instances where some members and visitors didn't show respect to the club, the committee or fellow members. On both occasions Committee members had to ask the people to leave and further action will be taken against them as such behaviour simply will not be tolerated.

We have such a wonderful club, please can we keep it that way. If a member brings a guest to the club, please ensure that the visitor shows the club, the staff and our members the respect that they all deserve.

Sorry to finish on a slightly disappointing note, I hope that this is the last time I have to make reference to it.

I'll get my next newsletter out in the first week of August, in the meantime, please take care and do all you can to continue to make the Log Cabin as safe an environment as it possibly can be.

Rob Kilvington

GCC Club Chairman