

News from

THE CLUBHOUSE

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FROM SEDGEFIELD
CRICKET CLUB

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WINTER 2019

Welcome to the Winter 2019 edition of The Clubhouse. The aim of this update is to ensure members and non-members are kept informed in aspects of club life.

Sports

After a great year for both the seniors, juniors and girls in 2018 and the subsequent nice break for all concerned, preparations are well underway for the 2019 cricket season.

Winter 2019 Training Dates:

Seniors

Date	Venue	Time
Sat 26th Jan	Sedgefield Community College	11.30am - 1pm
Thurs 7th, 14th, Norton Indoors & 21st Feb		7pm - 8.30pm
Sat 2nd March	Sedgefield Community College	11.30am - 1pm
Thurs 7th, 14th, Norton Indoors & 21st March		7pm - 8.30pm
Sat 30th March	Sedgefield Community College	11.30am - 1pm
April (Weds)	SCC Outdoors	TBC

Juniors

For Under 11 up to Under 17 age groups, training starts the weekend of **January 25th & 26th 2019**.

Girls

Girls Softball training runs from **Saturday 26 January to Saturday 16 Feb** inclusive.

Girls Hardball (U15) squad training runs from **Saturday 23 Feb until Saturday 6 April** inclusive

More specific details to follow soon to parents from individual Coaches.

Cricketing Development

- In 2019, the club will be taking part in some U9 Festival cricket. This new age group is being introduced to bridge the gap between the All Stars and the U11 age groups.
- Parents of Juniors may also be interested to know that a new payment method will be introduced for Coaching sessions in 2019. It is hoped it will make it a much simpler for coaches and Parents.
- Senior Team Captains developed and presented a business case to SCC Executive Committee to support the appointment of a Club Coach during the summer months. We are pleased to say that the case for the role was accepted as it is seen as additional investment to enhance the current support and development of both senior and junior players. Negotiations are underway with two prospective coaches and we hope to have an appointment early in the new year. A full evaluation of the initiative will be undertaken to ensure it meets the expectations of the players and the club to support any future investment beyond the 2019 season.
- Approval for deep drill aeration around the wicket was agreed and undertaken in November 2018 under the supervision of our groundsman Robin with the purpose of eliminating compaction, improving drainage and to encourage healthy deep-rooted grass growth to provide players with optimum ball conditions. Let's hope it reflects in the results next season!

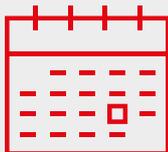
2019 social diary dates: Cricket Club Quiz Friday 11th January, Folk night Friday 18th January (tickets in advance), 6 Nations Rugby starting 1st February, Gin, Swing and Fizz night Saturday 23rd March (tickets on sale from the bar)

DON'T MISS DATES FOR THE DIARY IN 2019

Kit Day: 9th February 2019.

**NatWest Cricket Force Day:
6th & 7th April 2019**

**Cricket World Cup Family Day:
June 2019 (Date TBC)**



Sedgefield District Rugby Club

SDRUFC have enjoyed a good first half of the season with some notable results including an 20-22 away win at Gosforth, the first time the clubs met, and an incredible 17-17 draw against North Shields here at Station Road.

Before the Christmas break, the club sat sixth in the league while the Saxons 2nd XV continue to play their own brand of Sedge Rugby.

Blow off the cobwebs and join in the party that is Sedgefield Rugby!

Bar and Social

In 2018 we have seen fantastic support for the Club and bar, and the obvious refurbishment is evidence of the revenue raised. We thank all those who have expressed their appreciation of our new facilities, and we plan to put them to good use!



We now offer outstanding private function facilities, and attractive hire rates for private parties, christenings, children's events, Engagements, weddings, funerals and meetings. In addition to discounted drinks, hire discounts will also be available to Members.

Recently we have said goodbye to our Bar Manager **Chloe Whitelock**, who has moved on to further her career, and our Barman **Jordan Cooksey** who many of you will know from the Cricket pitch, has also chosen to hang up his bottle opener! We thank them both for their time behind the bar.

We would like to say a huge welcome to new faces behind the bar, **Michelle McDonald**, **Emma Greener** and **Kate Carter**, who are all local people with a vast amount of hospitality experience between them.

Chris Bunting has taken over the organisation of the membership process and is in the process of moving the club to a paperless system by 2020. Information can be found here: <https://bit.ly/2A8knUO> (pdf)

The AGM in early November was a genuinely positive affair, with all vacancies filled and on the junior front, the biggest problem is a surplus of coaches for all of the teams! This is a very positive position for the Cricket Club to be in, and further testament of the determination to continue building upwards from the grass roots.

Everyone at the Club also wishes to place on record sincere thanks to **Duncan Moss**, who's been a popular chair over the last three years, but unfortunately through poor health decided that he needed to retire from the role. The club is sure that he will continue to support SCC as the genuine "club-man" that he is. At some point in the future and subject to Duncan's health, arrangements will be made to celebrate his contribution made over the years to the club.

After several years on the Executive Committee as Club Development Lead, **Paula Swindale** was elected at the AGM as the new Chair of Sedgefield Cricket Club which has broken new ground as the first woman to serve in this role. Given the long standing efforts of women and girls contribution to the club both on and off the field over the years, increasingly so in recent times, this is a great milestone for the club.

Club Development

We would like to say a big thanks to all the volunteers that gave their time and energy to support the club in 2018, it is through your actions that SCC is as successful as it is. The fantastic turnout for the **Coxhoe AAP event** led to the club receiving funding for new furniture for the members area in the club house and outside fixed patio heating which we know even in Sedgefield in the summer will be very much welcomed.

We have been very fortunate in 2018 to receive several grants that have allowed the club to invest and progress the club's ambitious development plan. We would like to thank the **ECB**, **County Councillors**, **LEADER** and **AAP** for their recognition in what we are trying to achieve as a club. Thanks also go to the volunteers behind the scenes who put in the hours of work to obtain the grants that support the club's development both on and off the field. We will continue to work hard to ensure SCC can provide the best facilities both on and off the pitch for our players, members and visitors. We will keep you posted on a quarterly basis of developments in 2019.

Have you any SCC news for the Spring Newsletter? Get in touch with **Paula Swindale** or **Neil Edmundson**