

# **SWANAGE CRICKET CLUB**

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Notice is hereby given that the

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Will be held at

**THE PAVILION, SWANAGE CRICKET CLUB**

On

**FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

At 7.30 p.m.

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's Report<sup>(a)</sup>
7. Youth Report
8. Women and Girls Report
9. Captain's Reports
10. Croquet Report
11. Club Constitution – proposed changes<sup>(b)</sup>
12. Election of Officers and Committees
13. Election of Auditors
14. Subscriptions and Match Fees
15. Any Other Business

a) The accounts will be available at the AGM.

b) Proposals to revise VP membership application process are enclosed.

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Hon. Secretary

# **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SWANAGE CRICKET CLUB HELD AT THE PAVILION ON FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 at 7.30 p.m.**

## **PRESENT:**

Chairman, Treasurer, R. Barker, J. Cook, S. Gee, D. Haines, T. Ives, Mrs B Mitchell, D. Morton, Michelle Nash, Kelly Norman, P. Norman, R. Norman, S. Orchard, K. Southern, R. Wilcox, T. Yeates.

Although the attendance was short of a quorum, the members of the Committee decided to proceed with the meeting but defer any contentious votes to an EGM should they arise.

## **APOLOGIES:**

President, Secretary, B. Audley, P. Barker, H. Cocke, J. Constable, R. Evans, Fran Frith, M. Frith, T. King, M. Nash, P. Selby, R. Smith, C. Wells, M. Wells, Mrs W Wells, C. Wood.

## **MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM:**

The minutes of the last AGM were sent out with the notice of this meeting. The minutes were proposed by R. Wilcox and seconded by R. Barker as being a true record of that meeting.

The Chairman expressed thanks to Jill Clarke for assembling the AGM material and to K. Southern for taking the minutes of the meeting in Jill's absence.

## **MATTERS ARISING:**

There were no matters arising.

## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

The Chairman's report had been circulated with the notice of this meeting. The report was proposed by D. Morton and seconded by R. Norman.

P. Constable explained that he would be stepping down as Chairman for personal reasons but was heartened to see the Club growing as a result of the expansion of youth cricket.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

The Secretary's report had been circulated with the notice of this meeting. The report was proposed by R. Barker and seconded by Michelle Nash.

P. Constable explained that the Secretary was stepping down and thanked her for her work during her term in office.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year. The Club had been extremely fortunate and grateful to receive a substantial legacy from Martyn Coak's estate during the year enabling the purchase of much-needed equipment and future further improvements to the Club.

Other generous donations had been received which had been used for the installation of heating and insulation, for disabled toilet facilities, to upgrade the electrics and to purchase youth training kit. Where possible, claims would be made for Gift Aid, enabling an extra 25% to be added. The Treasurer thanked all those who had given to the Club during the year; without the donations and sponsorship the Club would be in a far different position.

Total subscriptions received during the year had increased slightly, notably from family memberships and croquet income but Vice Presidents fees had dwindled.

Bar income had almost doubled to £18,193 producing a gross profit of £4,896 in line with expectations.

The Club had also received some extra funds from hiring out the pavilion for the use of Purbeck Runners along with a number of very succession functions. The youth section had held a number of events with sales of food to boost finances.

Expenses for the year showed as £22,369 including depreciation of £4,765. Electricity had been estimated but was likely to be higher in the next year, in part due to the additional heating and the use of the pavilion during the winter.

The balance sheet showed funds in hand at 30<sup>th</sup> September of £28,352 and net current assets of £82,122.

The Treasurer thanked her fellow committee members for their support, in particular Dave Morton for collecting membership subscriptions, Ryan Norman for running the bar, and Tim Ives for dealing with all the youth matters and assisting with the banking.

The report was proposed by D. Morton and seconded by R. Barker.

The Chairman noted that this was Linda's last year as Treasurer and so thanked her for all her hard work over the years that she had served on the Committee. This was echoed by all those present.

## **YOUTH REPORT:**

The Youth Representative's report had been circulated with the notice of this meeting. The report was proposed by D. Haines and seconded by D. Morton.

## **CAPTAIN'S REPORT 2016: SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> XI** (presented by R. Norman)

R. Norman reported that the season had been a difficult one for player availability, as a result of which the team had struggled early in the season. Later on, with improved player availability, they had caused a number of upsets. Despite the difficulties a strong team spirit had been maintained throughout the season.

The report was proposed by D. Morton and seconded by T. Ives.

## **CAPTAIN'S REPORTS 2016: SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and SUNDAY XI**

There were no Captain's reports for either the Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI or the Sunday XI.

## **CROQUET REPORT 2016:**

The Croquet Representative's report had been circulated with the notice of this meeting. The report was proposed by R. Wilcox and seconded by R. Barker.

## **RULE CHANGES:**

The Chairman's report circulated with the notice of this meeting contained proposals to amend two of the rules in the Club Constitution:

- 3 (i). The membership year will run from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December.
- 10. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of November.

P. Constable explained that, with the Club now running all the year round and with winter nets starting in December, it was necessary to decide membership subscriptions for the following year before this date. Bringing the AGM forward would make this possible, and might also lead to a better attendance at the AGM. There would be no change to the financial year or to the date when membership fees were due.

These changes were formally proposed by D. Morton, seconded by T. Ives, and carried by the meeting.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

The candidates and voting for Club positions was as follows:

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>CANDIDATE</b>	<b>PROPOSER</b>	<b>SECONDER</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
President	P Clark	D Haines	Michelle Nash	Carried
Chairman	R Barker	P Norman	R Norman	Carried
Treasurer	P Constable	Linda Hernandez	R Barker	Carried
Secretary	M Wells	D Morton	P Norman	Carried
Fixture Secretary	P Constable	R Barker	D Haines	Carried
Team Secretary	Vacant			

Club Welfare Officer	Michelle Nash	P Constable	D Morton	Carried
PR and Media Officer	M Nash	R Norman	D Haines	Carried
Club Development Officer	P Constable	D Haines	D Morton	Carried
Website Administrator	P Norman	R Norman	D Morton	Carried
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>CANDIDATE</b>	<b>PROPOSER</b>	<b>SECONDER</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
Social Secretary	T Ives	D Morton	R Wilcox	Carried
Membership Secretary	D Morton	R Norman	R Wilcox	Carried
League Secretary	M Wells	R Norman	Michelle Nash	Carried
Youth Coordinator	T Ives	D Morton	Michelle Nash	Carried
Disability Coordinator	Jill Clarke	T Ives	D Haines	Carried
Woman/Girls Coordinator	Jill Clarke	T Ives	Linda Hernandez	Carried
Volunteer Coordinator	T Ives	P Norman	D Morton	Carried
Pavilion Manager	M Forbes / D Morton	P Norman	R Norman	Carried
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Captain	R Norman	R Barker	P Norman	Carried
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> XI Vice-Captain	R Hatchard	R Norman	P Norman	Carried
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Captain	T Ives	P Norman	R Wilcox	Carried
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Vice-Captain	D Haines	D Morton	R Norman	Carried
Sunday XI Captain	Vacant			
Sunday XI Vice-Captain	Vacant			
T25 XI Captain	Vacant			
T25 XI Vice-Captain	Vacant			
<b>SELECTION COMMITTEE</b>				
1. Chairman	Vacant			
2.	T King	T Ives	D Morton	Carried
3.				
4.				
<b>BAR COMMITTEE</b>				
Chairman	R Norman	P Norman	D Morton	Carried
1.	P Barker	D Morton	R Wilcox	Carried
2.	S Kent	D Morton	R Wilcox	Carried
3.	M Forbes	D Morton	R Wilcox	Carried
4	S Orchard	D Morton	R Wilcox	Carried
<b>MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b>				
1.	H Cocke	T Ives	D Morton	Carried
2.	P Barker	T Ives	D Morton	Carried
3.	C Wells	T Ives	D Morton	Carried
4.	S Orchard	T Ives	D Morton	Carried

During the various elections a number of additional points were made:

- R. Barker offered a big vote of thanks to P. Constable for his efforts as Chairman at a time of difficult personal circumstances, a matter warmly endorsed by all attendees.
- Although M. Wells was returning in the role of Secretary, the intention was that responsibility for writing the minutes of committee meetings would be shared amongst a number of the regular meeting attendees.
- As Fixtures Secretary P. Constable informed the meeting that he had already arranged 5 pre-season games (the first on April 24<sup>th</sup>) and several Sunday fixtures (mostly at home). The Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> XI would have 4 free Saturdays during the season. The TT25 side would have 8 matches, mostly on Sundays.
- D. Haines would act as a deputy to the Welfare Officer.
- The Clubmark accreditation would need to be renewed in 2017.
- The subject of captancy of the Sunday and TT25 teams would be made an agenda item for the next committee meeting.
- P. Constable thanked all those who had contributed to the significant turnaround in bar takings and profits.

### **SUBSCRIPTIONS AND MATCH FEES:**

P. Constable said that, although the Club's subscriptions and fees were low by League standards, the preference of the Management Committee was to leave them unchanged and to continue to raise funds by other means. Accordingly the proposals and voting were as follows:

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>PROPOSAL</b>	<b>PROPOSER</b>	<b>SECONDER</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
Senior Subs	£35.00	R Wilcox	D Haines	Carried
Social Subs	£20.00	R Wilcox	D Haines	Carried
Student	£20.00	R Wilcox	D Haines	Carried
Junior Subs (U15s)	£15.00	R Wilcox	D Haines	Carried
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>PROPOSAL</b>	<b>PROPOSER</b>	<b>SECONDER</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
Social Subs	£20.00	R Wilcox	D Haines	Carried
Family Subs	£50.00	R Wilcox	D Haines	Carried
VP Membership	£35.00	R Wilcox	D Haines	Carried
Mileage	Up to 75 miles - £12.00 over 75 miles - £18.00	D Morton	R Norman	Carried
Match Fees	Sat - £9.00* Sun - £7.00 Both - £13.00* Half the above	D Haines	R Norman	Carried
Youth Match Fee (including full time education)	*Plus £1 levy for Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> XI			

### **ELECTION OF AUDITORS:**

The Treasurer indicated that, if we were to continue with Harding Redmans as the Club's auditors, they would charge a fee of £500 (+VAT). P. Constable stated that the Club's Constitution merely required that the annual accounts be prepared by a qualified accountant, a condition he would be able to fulfil as incoming Treasurer. Accordingly no election of auditors was made. The new arrangement was felt to comply with the Constitution as the future accounts would also be verified by an independent examiner.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. S. Gee said that a Google search for Swanage Cricket Club brought up a lot of old unfavourable material and asked whether it could be removed. P. Norman explained that it was generally not possible to get rid of historical data but he would look into the matter.
2. Square day would be on 18<sup>th</sup> March.
3. Outdoor nets would start on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

Meeting closed 9.05 p.m.

## **CHAIRMANS REPORT**

I am delighted to report on the huge progress made by the club on and off the field since the last AGM, a mere 9 months ago. Finishing runners up in the Premier league with the 2nd XI winning County Division 5 are both fantastic achievements and elsewhere our youth set up continued to develop under Tim Ives' stewardship. We even expanded into ladies cricket and it was a joy to see the ground used so much during the summer. All of this is an incredible achievement given our catchment area and when compared to so called 'bigger' clubs. It is also testimony to all the hard work and commitment from the Management Committee, members and players alike. Congratulations and sincere thanks to all involved.

Of course, having players regularly available in numbers made such a big difference in fortunes when compared to last season but it was also good to see younger players playing an important role in the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI's successful season. The fact that others are also regularly playing in the Sunday friendly XI and TT25 competition means that the club was correct to withdraw from Sunday league cricket several years ago to help develop the youth. In this respect the League have now also decided to abandon Sunday league cricket altogether.

Off the field was a similar success story and we are indebted to Amanda Hambidge who put the club forward for a Suez Communities Grant and which ultimately resulted in us receiving a significant five figured grant to replace our heavy roller and wicket mower. A large contribution from the Croquet Club also helped in this process to replace our outfield mower and I can personally assure readers that this new equipment has helped transform the work of the head groundsman and his team! The new decking, assisted by an ECB grant, now also provides a much larger viewing and social area for players and spectators alike. Peter Constable, Tim Ives and Michelle Nash have also worked hard to ensure that we were re-accredited with Clubmark status at the end of the season – an important process that enables us to remain in the Premier league and continue to apply for grant funding.

All this work is the tip of the iceberg as running a cricket club relies on the efforts of many people who put in hours of work throughout the year. It is difficult to mention some people and not others but thanks must go to Kelly Norman, Sharon Ives and Beryl Mitchell for their fantastic teas during the season. Also, those who helped at the carnival, helped prepare the wickets and who ran the bar at the numerous functions. I must also thank our sponsors for their continued support during the season.

In ending I must mention two other people who have played an important part in the evolution of the Club over recent years. Sadly we lost Roy Smith during the year and for those who didn't know Roy he was a very able cricketer and one of the founding members of the Croquet Club. The fact that so many people attended his funeral is testimony to the regard he was held in and our sympathies are with his family. We will also lose Ian Booth who has decided to return home to South Africa with Sabine to start a new business venture. Ian led the 1<sup>st</sup> XI for many years and his contribution with bat and ball goes beyond mere statistics and it was always a pleasure to watch him play and chat cricket with him in the bar afterwards. He has been an inspiration to many and I know he will miss us just as much as we will miss him. Thank you Ian for your fantastic contribution - we obviously wish you and Sabine every success and certainly hope to see you again sometime soon.

**Ron Barker - Chairman**

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT 2017**

Although it's only been 9 months since our last AGM the club has certainly managed to pack a lot into this shorter, transitional term. We must start by congratulating our senior sides for their performances during the season as although it was desperately disappointing for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI to finish 7 points adrift from winning the premier league there is still much to be proud of. Finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in itself is a massive achievement after winter concerns about relegation and our 2<sup>nd</sup> XI won County Division 5 at a bit of a canter. Our youth section also continues to go from strength to strength and we have now a ladies XI representing the club. As Ron says in his report this is an incredible achievement and it does really put other clubs to shame.

Although the level of success from the senior sides was great news after the difficulties of the previous season it was the result of having strength and depth with players being available throughout the season and willing to travel from areas such as London, Shaftesbury, Portsmouth and Bournemouth on a weekly basis to play. Couple this with the nucleus of last year's squad, the addition of several experienced and talented players plus several members of the youth sides stepping up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI we could regular field two strong XI's with options in batting and bowling. Although the 1<sup>st</sup> XI couldn't quite get over the line in the games against Broadstone we should be flattered that they felt it necessary to drop one of their regular players to bring in an ex-Glamorgan county bowler for the match played here.

Although the depth of availability was a great help to the club we must acknowledge that this also meant that other players weren't able to play league cricket as often as in the past. I can only thank those concerned for their

understanding and patience during the season and, where possible, for making themselves available for our Sunday friendly XI or TT25 squad. In all then our sincere thanks and congratulations go to Ryan Norman, Tim Ives (and Ron Barker for numerous 2<sup>nd</sup> XI games in place of Tim) and Tatty King for leading our Saturday and Sunday XI's during the past season. Thanks also to the many helpers and supporters that came to watch our matches - we hope we did you proud.

Needless to say our league success was built upon many great performances during the season with 6 centuries, 28 scores of 50 plus and 5 x 5 wicket hauls across all senior weekend games. The ground fielding was also exceptional (one or two games aside) and Phil Eades and Paul Norman were excellent behind the stumps. It is, however, Chris Woods, who takes my "champagne" moment of the season by catching a bazooka of a shot one handed when fielding only 5 yards from the bat and which must still have the batsman concerned attending therapy classes! Against this background the players awards was very competitive and our congratulations go to the following winners:

### 2017 Awards

Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Batting	Ben Baczala	Bowling	Pete Richards	Fielder	Dan Salmon
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Batting	Paul Norman	Bowling	Pete Barker	Fielder	Sam Willcocks
Sun XI	Batting	Scott Orchard	Bowling	Dave Morton	Fielder	Ryan Stern
TT25	Batting	Ryan Stern	Bowling	Ryan Lander	Fielder	Tommy Battrick

Most Improved player – Pete Richards

We must also congratulate Tom Yeates on his wonderful achievement on winning the 2017 NatWest Dorset OSCA in the Lifetime Achievers category. A very well deserved award for all the hard work Tom has done over the years.

For the record the Management Committee met 9 times since the last AGM to ensure that the club continued to operate smoothly. Aside from discussing sponsorship, grant applications and fund raising other regular subjects discussed included new Clubmark policies, ground and pavilion care, bar operations and improvements to the driveway and ground drainage. It is fair to say that these meetings can run on at times but there are always matters up for keen discussion and the coming winter months will not offer any let up. Indeed, youth nets have already started and we are planning ways of celebrating the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the pavilion opening for next year. We will also hold a member's survey to find out what we are doing well and how things could be improved.

In terms of ending this report I would just like to say thank you to the Swanage Carnival Committee for their generosity at the recent awards night and to the Croquet Club for their continued contributions towards our overheads and, this year, our outfield mower. We are also very grateful to all our sponsors for their continued support and to all of you who have made donations to club funds throughout the year.

**Club Sponsors :** Gee Whites, The Masala, The Golden Bengal, PTN Systems, Suttles, PJC Accounting, C&C Engineering Limited, Purbeck Kitchens, Woodlands Landscaping and Building Services, C and C Engineering, Linkrider Coaches, Swanage Holiday Properties, Ellis Jones and Neaves Rowing Services, Wright Marine Services (WMS), Dino's, MKL Accounting,

However, it is not just financial support that is vital to the running of the club and we are truly indebted to all who help us. Kelly Norman, Sharon Ives and Beryl Mitchell's teas really are the best (and Michelle Nash's bacon rolls on Saturday mornings are also a joy). Ron Barker and Dave Morton's tireless work on the square in all weathers must also not be underestimated. Tim Ives and his band of coaches continue to expand the youth section and many people gave up their time to help Ryan Norman run the bar at various social events in the year. Inevitably there will be many more things to do in 2018 so if you feel you are able to help out in any capacity then do please let us know as we would be delighted to hear from you.

Finally, it would be wrong to end this report without paying tribute to Ian Booth who has decided to return home to South Africa to start a new venture with Sabine. It is impossible to overstate Ian's contribution to this club over the many years he has played for Swanage for he is well respected throughout Dorset cricket and been an outstanding player and ambassador for the club. We all send Ian and Sabine our best wishes and although his departure will leave a huge void I am confident that the club has the depth and quality to ensure that last year was no fluke and that we will continue to progress and impress.

Thank you.

**Mike Wells, Secretary**

## YOUTH REPORT 2017

Another hugely successful season as we built upon the progress of the last few years. There were many highlights; the starting of Kwik Cricket for our youngest children so far with U6s and U7s, an U8s team for the first time, the U9s winning their league for the second year running, the U10s playing in Division 1, our first ever U11s Girl's match, the advent of the TT25 and Women and Girls cricket. Mike Nash became our 5<sup>th</sup> Level 2 coach when he successfully completed his course in April.

### 1. **Membership**

Junior membership continued to flourish with a final total of 105 juniors, as compared with 81 from last year. We had over 40 new members including 15 U6s. We now have 13 families who decided to join as Family Members despite having no adult player. We have 20 girls now playing in the various age groups.

Whilst most players keep returning, sadly some juniors didn't return from the previous season - all of which were followed up as to why. It was mainly at the older age groups and more often those who had only begun playing later. Of those U11 and below only 5 children stopped playing so hopefully this trend will continue as the younger players make their way up through the club.

### 2. **Teams**

U7s Kwik Cricket – mainly made up of U6s was hugely successful and meant 15 new players for the club. We decided not to go with the much hyped All Stars Cricket and talking to other coaches who did take part we definitely made the right decision.

U8s – played in a league for the first time (effectively the top division) finishing mid table and reaching the Plate Final which will be played next April/May.

U9s – won the Softball U9s for the second year running but also bit by bit made the progression to hard ball by playing for the U10s and in the U9s cup where we narrowly lost to a strong Bournemouth side.

U10s – our first Division 1 side in recent years who gave a great account of themselves improving hugely through the season and memorably beating Parley.

U11s – finished 4<sup>th</sup> narrowly missing out on 3<sup>rd</sup>. Some great individual and team performances as they continue to develop as a team.

U11 Girls – a momentous day in May saw our first ever girls team travel to Winton for their first match. Sadly, the league they were in struggled to provide enough fixtures but they did manage 2 games, both of which were hugely enjoyable.

U12s – finished 4<sup>th</sup> in a really close division and if they had won their final match would have won the league. They became much more competitive through the season after a disappointing start and developed into a good team.

U13s – a difficult season with a lack of actual U13s but it all came to a brilliant ending as they beat Winton in semi darkness to record their first victory – thank goodness we now use a pink ball!!

U15s – lacked matches but had some incredible games that always went to the wire. A number of the players began to make the transition to adult cricket by playing in the TT25. (see later)

### 3. **County and District**

We had a few new players at District level this year with James Harding playing for the U9s and Regan Norman and Sid Nash playing for the U10s. Sid was also captain of the U10s with Regan as his vice-captain. Freddie Long represented the U11s.

Lily Wood and Safia Nadaf continued to play for the County. More recently Regan Norman has been selected for the County U10s and Sid Nash is at trials for the U11s

### 4. **TT25**

This was a new competition this year – 25 overs with an emphasis on youth development. We played 6 matches with mixed success but enabled many of the older juniors to begin to make the transition to adult cricket, some playing on grass for the first time. It also gave the opportunity to some players who had left the club to come back to cricket as well as give further opportunities to juniors playing in the senior adult sides.



## 5. **Junior Players in Adult Sides**

As well as playing in the TT25, a number the older juniors made the transition as regular players in the Saturday 2nds and Sunday sides. They all made a great contribution whilst being able to improve their skills in a competitive environment. Their bowling and fielding was a huge factor in the Sat 2nds winning the Division 5 title and gaining promotion.

## 6. **Coaches and other training**

We have been trying to increase our levels of qualification as well as updating our Safe Guarding and First Aid training. We are fortunate to now have 5 Level 2 coaches and others on the courses at present so we can meet the increasing demands of the junior section. Congratulations to Mike Nash who passed his Level 2 coaching certificate earlier this year. We have also been fortunate to have older junior players helping at training with Lily Wood and Safia Nadaf becoming Cricket Activators. We started winter training at the Swanage School in October increasing the amount of sessions in the New Year. This has begun once again at the beginning of October.

## 7. **Catering at Youth Matches**

The catering continues to be a major part of youth cricket and we continued to get great feedback from other teams about how much they enjoy coming to Swanage to play. It continues to create a great buzz on match days. Saturday morning kitchen is run by different parents and we have now moved successfully to Friday evenings as well. Profit on the kitchen at junior matches and training reached over £600 which has been spent on kitchen equipment, youth kit and clothing. A big thanks to our Kitchen Team for making this all possible.

## 8. **School links**

Our links with schools have continued to grow and this year we were supported by Chance to Shine. This helped us organise to go into all the 5 local primaries cementing the relationships already developed and making new ones.

We organised our own competition for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, with St Mary's running out the winners and we also hosted Dorset competitions for Y3/4 and Y6 Girls at the club. We will continue next year without Chance to Shine as this will now be linked with All Stars. A huge thanks to Jill for all her work and help with the schools and to Craig and David A for stepping in when needed.

## 9. **Equipment/Clothing/Sponsorship**

After organising discounted clothing in the form of shirts and caps and hoodies this year we were able to add training shirts to the list. As before this was done by a mix of charging a discounted price, getting sponsorship and fundraising. The clothing has been a huge part in the growth and development of the youth section giving Swanage an identity when they train or play

We continued to invest in new equipment so we had enough for each team as well as a few new things such as Zinger Bails and Stumps. Whilst we still have some work to do in this area, such as replacing the rest of the helmets which do not meet the new standard, we are now able to help children across the age ranges with equipment to train or to play in matches. Everything is now stored in a shiny green container - a far cry from the small youth cupboard it replaced.

None of this could have happened without the support of so many people and sponsors. huge thanks go to:

Woodlands Landscaping and Building Services, C and C Engineering, Linkrider Coaches, Suttles

Purbeck Kitchens, Swanage Holiday Properties, Ellis Jones and Neaves Rowing Services

Wright Marine Services (WMS), Dino's, MKL Accounting,

Geoff and Tracy Willcocks for another amazing quiz night, Michelle Nash for the Spiritualist Evening, the Con Club and RBL for the raffle at their annual match, the Con Club for their quiz and the Carnival Committee.

## 10. **T20 Blast Hampshire v Surrey**

A just about full coach went to the Ageas with lots of children and parents going to their first ever match. Unfortunately, it proved a total wash out after the previous few years success.

## 11. Fun Day and Presentation

This was held on Sunday August 6<sup>th</sup> and included the perennial favourite bowl at the adult player. There were various games, bouncy castle and Gladiator BBQ and other food as well as the presentations. Thanks to all the adults, who included some older junior players, who went in the nets with the narrow 'eye in' bats to face the bowling.

It was a great day as we celebrated a fabulous year for Swanage Youth Cricket. There was much to celebrate with U9s receiving trophies for winning their league. There were also lots of individual award winners from Kwik Cricket Awards to awards for best performance in each age group - listed below.

### **Bronze Skills Award**

Bethany Wood Zac Baker David Taylor Alex Alcock Luiza Kitcatt Cameron Chadwick Josh Duncan Sam Wells Chloe Shepherd Charlie Johnson India Pope Nati Stannard Dani Stannard Tae Miller Jesse Townsend Ollie Auburn Charlie Smith Lucy Craker Martha Cox

### **Silver Skills Award**

Bethany Wood Zac Baker Alfie Shepherd David Taylor Alex Alcock Cameron Chadwick Josh Duncan Sam Wells Chloe Shepherd Charlie Johnson India Pope Nati Stannard Dani Stannard Tae Miller Jesse Townsend Ollie Auburn

### **Gold Skills Award**

AJ Holt Thomas Senior Eric Wadley Harry Spurling Jamie Hales David Taylor Alex Alcock Barney Baker Seb Wright Sam Wells Charlie Johnson India Pope Dani Stannard Tae Miller Jesse Townsend Ollie Auburn Bill Thurgood

### **U10s**

Best Batsmen – Regan Norman  
Best Fielder – Josh Wood

Best Bowler – Sid Nash  
Most Improved Player – George Taylor

### **U11s**

Best Batsmen – Thomas Wells  
Best Fielder – Sebastian Lyons

Best Bowler – Freddie Long  
Most Improved Player – Joe Diffey

### **U12s**

Best Batsmen – Jacob Pope  
Best Fielder – Spencer Grygiel

Best Bowler - Brandon Werndley  
Most Improved Player – Archie Fenech

### **U13s**

Best Batsmen – Harry Long  
Best Fielder – James Rowley

Best Bowler – Tia Norman  
Most Improved – Andrew Handcock

### **U15s**

Best Batsmen – Ryan Lander  
Best Fielder – Noah Pope

Best Bowler – Safia Nadaf  
Most Improved – Harry Long

Above all the youth section continues to grow and essential to that is the involvement of so many people. So finally, a huge thanks to all those who have been involved in whatever way this year; the coaches, the managers, the transporters, the umpires, the scorers, the cheerers, the cooks, the bar staff, the sponsors - there are far too many to mention. There is always someone to help when needed and the time is given willingly and generously.

## **WOMEN AND GIRLS SOFTBALL**

For the first time Swanage have been able to organise a Women and Girls team. They represented the club at two county Softball competitions with a side made up of some of the older youth players, women returning to the game and completely new players. In each competition we played 3 games all of which were really competitive. We also had a single one-off fixture against Winton. Attendance at the Thursday training evenings was usually well into double figures and we hope to build upon the success of this year next season.

**Tim Ives**

## CROQUET REPORT 2017

Sadly the Club lost two stalwart members this year; their funerals were attended by many current members. Roy Smith had been the leading light in establishing the Club in 2005 and Judy Vinson had been a regular helper on the catering side. A number of other members had limited opportunities to play due to health issues.

Membership at the beginning of the season was 104 with all those on the waiting list (12) accepted as members to replace the 9 people who did not renew their membership. At the end of the season there were 102 members.

Despite maintaining the membership numbers, attendance on club days was somewhat down on the previous year, for reasons that are not entirely clear although observation suggests that several of the new members played hardly at all. The weather and the state of the lawns were certainly not contributory factors.

After the exceptional results in 2016, when Swanage were the South West Federation Handicap League champions, the 2017 League results were much more modest. In their section of the handicap league Swanage finished 4<sup>th</sup> (of 7) with 3 wins and 3 losses. The section was very close; a win against Dowlish Wake (who won the section) rather than the actual 9.5-10.5 loss would have seen Swanage as the section winners. In the stronger level-play league 1 win, 2 draws and 2 losses led to a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish (of 6).

By contrast the results in friendly matches were much improved versus previous years reflecting the focus on using these matches to give experience to people who might aspire to become part of the established League teams in the future. There were wins both home (8-4) and away (6.5-5.5) against East Dorset, a win at home (10-2) and a draw away (6-6) against Wareham, and a win at home (7-5) against Kingston Maurward.

The intention was that Swanage would provide two players in this year's 6 man Dorset team for the inter-county competition played on an August weekend. However the hospitalization of William Ormerod on the first morning reduced that to one, but that person (Keith Southern) was Dorset's leading point's contributor with 5/8. Dorset finished 9<sup>th</sup> (of 12), not as high as in the previous 2 years but still about par based on the rankings of players from all the other counties.

22 people played in the Club's Bob Oliver competition with the trophies won by Tim Hughes and Debbie Brown, both first time winners. A new event introduced this year was a singles competition for aspiring League players; 8 players participated with Greg Vaughn running out the winner. The idea of resurrecting a shortened form of the RNLi tournament, which last took place in 2013, to run on Wednesday evenings throughout June was abandoned for this year as a result of having too little time to plan it, but it is hoped to do something in 2018.

The condition of the croquet lawns has continued to improve for which thanks are again due to Ron Barker and his helpers for their regular efforts. However the main reason has been the acquisition of the new outfield mower which enables closer cutting of the lawns. The Croquet Club contributed £4000 to the purchase cost and has established a small pool of people able to use the equipment. The addition of the decking was much appreciated by spectators at the League and Friendly matches.

Thanks to the efforts of Colin Garner, and for ease of maintenance, the Croquet Club created its own website separate from, but with a direct link from, the Cricket Club website although dates of events (playing days, matches and social events) will continue to be provided for inclusion in the Cricket Club Calendar.

The social side of the club continued to flourish with three successful events; the annual lunch, a 'Bangers & Beans' evening, and a Cream Tea afternoon. The chosen charity for funds raised during the year from raffles was the Purbeck Admiral Nurse project.

Even after the sizeable contribution to the acquisition of the outfield mower, the Club retains a healthy balance of funds so will continue to be able to support the Cricket Club by contributing to expenditure on items of mutual benefit as opportunities arise.

Keith Southern  
Croquet Representative



Some of the Junior section at the Fun Day and Presentation as seen with the Mayor Mike Bonfield who kindly presented some of the awards

**PROPOSAL TO REVISE THE VP APPLICATION PROCESS SET OUT IN SECTION 3 OF THE CONSTITUTION** (proposed changes shown in bold )

**3. Membership**

(a) Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of cricket on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non discriminatory basis.

(b) The club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non discriminatory and fair basis. The club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

(c) Application for membership (Full, Junior, Family, Student, Social, **Vice-President**) of the club shall be by completion of a membership application form and by payment of the relevant subscription fees as determined by the Annual General Meeting of the club.

(d) No person shall be eligible to take part in the business of the club or eligible for selection for any club team unless the appropriate subscription has been paid by the specified date or membership has been agreed by the Committee.

(e) The club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or cricket into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the Committee who shall appoint an Appeals Committee to hear the appeal.

(f) All members will be subject to the regulations of the Constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and any Codes of Conduct that the club has adopted. The Constitution shall identify those members eligible to vote at any General Meetings.

(g) Honorary Life Members shall only be elected by a simple majority at a General Meeting and a person is only eligible for election if he/she has rendered exceptional service to the Club.

(h) Honorary Members shall only be elected by a simple majority at a Management Committee Meeting and a person is only eligible for election if he/she has rendered a good service to the Club.

**(i) Vice Presidents shall only be elected by a simple majority at a Management Committee Meeting.**

(j) The membership year will run from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December.

