



Poloc Cricket Club

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Cricket – Fitness – Gym – Winter Golf

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Dear Member,

NEW SEASON – SAME WEATHER!

The new league season began yesterday and as if on cue the favourite Twitter quote of seasons gone by #ScottishSummer came to the fore with the game at Shawholm for the 2nd XI washed out after just a few overs. The 1st XI game at The Tryst seemed to dodge the worst of the weather but unfortunately our first match in the First Division resulted in a five-wicket defeat at Stenhousemuir, although some positive signs in both batting and fielding.

As we come to the end of the festival of Ramadan, I would like to take the opportunity of wishing all members celebrating a Happy Eid!

START OF THE SEASON DEVELOPMENTS

It has been great to see such a healthy attendance at training over recent weeks. Special recognition must go to the Under 13 age group with over 30 young members registered and attending – truly hope for the future. Senior training continues, and we are always on the look out for new players to add to the squad.

Junior training and coaching, coordinated by Junior Convenor Grant Cathcart, is led by Keith Sheridan and Keith Sheridan, with assistance from James Cathcart and Nabeel Khan. Held on Thursdays between 6pm and 7.30pm, the sessions see age- and ability-appropriate use of hard and soft balls. It has been great to see, as I mentioned above, the good numbers registered, and playing, with us.

Senior training is now in to its established pattern: taking place twice weekly, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, sessions start at 6.30pm, finishing some time after 8pm.



Poloc XI versus Kelburne XI, 23 April 2022

We had two pre-season matches against Kelburne and Stoneywood-Dyce XIs last weekend, both resulting in defeats for the Poloc XI, but again both acting as a good warm-up games for the season ahead.

END OF AN ERA – NEW START – PART II



As I mentioned in my April Newsletter, the old scoreboard, for so long a feature of Shawholm has now been replaced with a new modern electronic scoreboard (pictured left). Poloc has moved into the 21st Century (at least in a scoreboard sense), and the new board offers the ability for the board to be used with ease in all matches, both Senior and Junior and to be positioned on the ground so that spectators and players alike can see the progress in the game. The WDCU have also launched a new website www.wdcuive.com where you should be able to follow live scoring from all games

around the west of Scotland in real time. So if you can't make it to the ground, you can watch the scores as they come in.

REPRESENTATIVE FIXTURES

The club continues to be invited to host representative fixtures, the first in 2022 seeing Western Warriors and Eastern Knights Under 18 women's sides playing to T20s at Shawholm on Sunday the 1st of May. Blessed by good weather, the day was a success, with the clubhouse, managed by Donna Richardson, doing a roaring trade in coffees, teas, snacks, and drinks.



GROUNDWORK CONTINUES AND CLEAR-UP

Adam Richardson, and his team, continued their good work on the ground throughout April to return Shawholm to its former glory. Significant work at the end of last season, and early this season, to remove thatch from the square, and the two-way scarification of the whole ground in April, will hopefully pay dividends in the weeks and months to come. Good numbers helped at the pre-season clear-up with both the internal and external areas given the once over. The training nets were restored following a good powerwash from Keith Young and are now ready for the season ahead.





Before-during-and-after photographs of the all-weather net bays

BODYFIT GYM SECTION

Adam and Stuart continue to see growing numbers in the use of the gym facilities, and any member who feels that they have wintered too well, and could do with shedding a few pounds, should contact Adam or Stuart to discuss a fitness programme they can offer.



A BodyFit class pictured at Shawholm on 30 April 2022

CHANGES WITHIN POLLOK PARK

Members attending the club recently will have noted that there is **no right turn** into Pollok Country Park from Pollokshaws Road. All vehicles are being diverted via the roundabout and back towards Shawlands for a left turn into the estate. The exit as mentioned before is again different with cars redirected out of the estate via a right turn between ourselves and the Police Dogs and out to Higgs Road. It has also been really pleasing to see that Poloc Cricket Club appears in signage (see below) throughout the park for directing members of the public around the estate.



Can I remind all members and friends that the clubhouse remains open throughout the week, on certain days, with Donna Richardson continuing to provide teas, coffees and snacks as well as at the weekend when matches are on. If you haven't been down to the club for a while please pop in on a weekend, or if you're just out for a walk in the park, then pop in and see Donna, and enjoy the best view in Scottish cricket whilst having a coffee and a cake.

Yours sincerely,

Kenneth J A Robertson
President