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**Streatham & Marlborough Cricket Club**

**SMS – 7 September 2018**

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Welcome to the Streatham & Marlborough Sweep (SMS) – the latest information from SMCC

**Overview of last weekend**

The league season has come to a close and all the men’s sides are safely confirmed as mid-table. Last weekend stretched our resources as holidays took many members out of the equation and so it was heartening to still put out six sides, as we have done all season. Credit must go to the skippers and Chair of Cricket, Justin, who have done a terrific job throughout the season.

In the games, the 1st XI condemned Cheam to relegation whilst the 3s won a tight one against Banstead. The 6s pulled off the most stunning turnaround reducing New Ash Green from 80-0 to 105ao in defending 149. Whatever the results, a great evening was had by all at the club, with the 4th XI providing grateful sustenance including orzo salads (my, how far we’ve come…!). These are the following standout individual performances which deserve recognition: A Knott (68), Saini (64\*), Glazier (54), S Singh (50), Shafique (6.1-0-30-7), Steel (4.4-2-14-5) and Guest (9-3-22-4). Well done all!

**Awards Evening (“Dinner & Dance”) – 20 October 2018**

It's that time of year again when the club comes together to celebrate another hugely successful season at Streatham and Marlborough Cricket Club. Brush of those brogues and suit up for a night of prize giving, great food and dodgy dancing.

Venue: Clubhouse, Dulwich Common

Cost: £35

Dress: Formal

Partners / Friends / Family / First dates (especially!) all welcome.

7pm till 3am

Payment can be made using the details below:

Streatham & Marlborough CC

S/C: 20-80-57

A/C: 80617997

Ref: "D&D (Initial & Surname)"

Secure your place now for the event on Saturday 20th October by clicking the below link.

[**Sign Up**](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C48AEAD2CA0FE3-smcc/11125193)

PLEASE INCLUDE YOURSELF IN THE NUMBER OF GUESTS WHEN YOU RSVP AND COMMENT WITH FULL NAMES OF ANY GUESTS

Finally, any queries please get in touch via the Facebook group or email natalie.hill@msn.com

**Social Calendar**

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| 15 Sept | Junior End of Season Awards |
| 20 Oct | Senior End of Season Awards “Dinner & Dance” |
| 24 Nov | Annual General Meeting |

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This will be the last regular missive of the season but, as always, if you have any questions, please let me or another member of the committee know.

Cheers,

Dan

Men’s Club Captain



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**Upcoming Fixtures: 7 September – 23 September**

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| **Date** | **Start** | **Team** | **Opposition** | **Venue** |
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| Saturday 8 Sept | 12:30 | Friendly XI | Foxbury Exiles | Home |
|  | 13:00 | Friendly XI | Kingstonian | Away |
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| Sunday 9 Sept | 13:00 | Sunday 1st XI | Southwark | Home |
|  | 12:30 | Sunday 2nd XI | Bardhill | Home |
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| Saturday 15 Sept | \*\*\* Junior End of Season Awards \*\*\* |
|  | 13:00 | Friendly XI | Locksbottom | Home |
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| Sunday 16 Sept | 13:00 | Ladies Trust XI | Guildford | Home |
|  | 13:00 | Sunday 1st XI | Albamorphics | Home |
|  | 12:00 | Sunday 2nd XI | Kingstonians (TBC) | Home |
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| Saturday 22 Sept | Hiring for London New Zealand CC |
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| Sunday 23 Sept | 12:30 | Sunday 1st XI | Dulwich Wanderers | Home |
|  | 12:30 | Sunday 2nd XI | Wimbledon United | Home |
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**Results: 30 August – 5 September**

**1st XI**

Won by 22

SMCC 166ao (43.5) / 144ao (41.4)

1st XI League position – [5 / 10](http://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77475)

**Ladies 1st XI**

Ladies 1st XI League position – [1 / 4](http://womenscsl.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=78372)

**Ladies Trust XI**

Ladies Trust XI League position – [2 / 10](http://ssdl.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=78015)

**2nd XI**

Lost by 6 wicket

SMCC 161ao (49.3) / Egham 162-4 (25.3)

2nd XI League position – [5 / 10](http://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77481)

**3rd XI**

Won by 11 runs

SMCC 185-8 (45) / Banstead 174ao (42.1)

3rd XI League position – [6 / 10](http://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77486)

**4th XI**

Lost by 6 wickets

SMCC 125ao (35) / Banstead 126-2 (16)

4th XI League position – [4 / 10](https://surreychampionship.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77491)

*Report: The sun drenched the grounds of Streatham and Marlborough for the last league match of the season. After a selection week which could only be deemed nightmarish, we fielded a side full of debutants against Banstead; a strong outfit whom we had defeated in the earlier outing by one wicket.*

*I lost the toss; with little batting available to me, and after some mid-week pestering (advising perhaps?) from Sags, decided to let him open with Avin. Avin took a single off the first ball and Sags got a beauty first up, and we were 1/1. I came in at number three and was soon joined by my trusty lieutenant Patel, and enjoying the pace that we were being served up, the scoreboard ticked over.*

*And ticked over it did, at high 4s to around five an over. With the score at 70/2, we felt that we were on today - there was a chance for a decent score to be posted - if we could stay out in the middle. However, with some excellent left-arm orthodox at one end and right-arm off-breaks being delivered at the other, the runs didn't completely dry up but slowed matters down somewhat. 100 was brought up, and then I was bowled for 54. And that's where matters didn't just slide downhill but fell off a large cliff with sharp, jagged rocks lining the bottom.*

*Out of the mainstays in the 4s lineup, Hughes returning from a night on the sauce in Bristol came and went for 1. Raj, stoic with his 23, was fired LBW and from there, there was little to be noted on the scoreboard as we lost eight wickets for 22 runs, a calamitous yes-no-yes-\*\*\*\* run out closing our innings at 125.*

*Given the low total, the openers came out blazing. One of their opening batsman who had racked up over 650 runs for the season (and might I add 20+ wickets - \*ahem\* hider \*ahem\*) opened his shoulder, cleared his front leg with demonstrative effect and bashed away for 75\*. Sags taking 100% of the wickets for the day, as Banstead comprehensive defeated us by eight wickets. But it didn't matter for us so much, our fourth place on the ladder remained, and Banstead finished second.*

*The beer was welcomed and food delivered in the evening decent (yes, I may have been biased), the shots - well perhaps not so welcome the day after. We bid adieu to Normandy and Oxted and Limpsfield as they are relegated and a further goodbye to the season. January 13th has been marked in the diary. (B Glazier)*

**5th XI**

Lost by 107 runs

LESSA Christ Church 159ao (39.3) / SMCC 52ao (24.1)

5th XI League position – [5 / 7](http://krcl.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77284)

*Report: A real end-of-season-nothing-to-play-for feel, and a makeshift 5s side, but there was a lot of strong talk about staying focused until the final ball. SMCC bowled decently, with some remarkable catches by Karthik, Mitch Davies and Paul Henly. Good lines and length from Ben Venables, and Neil Scott. 158 seemed alright on a topographically interesting pitch.*

*And then came the batting. A woeful display, as the opening bowlers obliterated the top order with tight bowling, but ultimately some dismal strokeplay. Hopefully the scorecard will be lost in the annuls of time, but it does read at one stage 11-6. 27-7 at drinks, the batsmen said to each other “I don’t want to be the team that was bowled out for less than 50”. And we weren’t – but only just. 54 all out can’t be glossed over by any clever rhetoric or florid prose.*

*A long night in the bar followed – with every beer, we looked to forget the day, but enjoyed looking back over a competitive season, where Bexleyheath’s talent troupe of colts were clearly the best side in the league and deserve their success. We won-one-lost-one to every other team, so can feel both proud and frustrated with our final position wedged firmly in mid-table.*

*Highlights? Paul’s century against Chislehurst, Steve's wickets at crucial moments, the all-round bowling performance against NatWest, two thrillers against Blackheath, Teifon’s wonder catch against Lessa, the 334-run bonanza away at Ex Blues.*

*The cricket fan in me would say it’s a been an intriguing season, where we rarely felt outclassed. Mostly though it’s been a very enjoyable one with a diverse, close-knit group of amiable characters. The winter is going to feel very long after the laughs and camaraderie of the past four months – with only Mitch’s upcoming Love Island application to keep us busy. (M Nicholas)*

**6th XI**

Won by 43 runs

SMCC 149-8 (40) / New Ash Green 106ao (32.1)

6th XI League position – [3 / 7](http://krcl.play-cricket.com/website/websites/view_division?id=77288)

*Report: The 6’s sealed a last day victory with a 43 run victory on a gripping late summer afternoon at glorious Mayow Park.*

*Set 150 to win New Ash Green looked set for victory at drinks when despite Alf Grimsey and Barrington Wilks bowling as well as ever the resolute opening partnership of Freeman and Green put on 80 for the first wicket. Captain Freeman reached his classy 50 but was then undone by the slow arm wiles of Dave Carey (5-4-10-3).*

*But the rest of the game belonged to Gohar Shafique. The tall young man produced a match winning spell (6.1-0-30-7) using his height to exploit the variable bounce of the track and relying on his teammates to catch safely. Seldom has a young cricketer grown in the game so quickly over the course of a golden summer. Wickets fell on 80, 83, 83, 83, 85, 89, 90, 91, 105, 106. Remarkable cricket by the 6s and a testament to the sense of belief and comradeship that has grown up amongst this group of players.*

*Earlier the 6s had been grateful to Gavin Buck who again narrowly failed to reach a well-judged 50, falling agonisingly on 49. Tim Stokes again showed his temperament and judgement to bat judiciously with the tail making a priceless 29 not out. To beat the league leaders and champions on the last day of the season is a fantastic outcome for this young team and one that seemed unlikely in June when they were soundly beaten at New Ash Green by a 100 runs.*

*There have been tight games – losing by 1 run to Dulwich was a bitter pill – but there have been few thrashings. Nevertheless questions remain at the top of the order where too often talented batters have got themselves out cheaply. Nevertheless it is certainly the case that there is a balance of youth and experience in the side. Wilks appears to be evergreen and in Hewitt, Simpson, Barrett-Johnston, Stokes and others there is great promise for the future.*

*One pressing issue that needs to be sorted urgently is how to take down and replace a rope around a square. Buck, Simpson, Grimsey and Carey took something like an hour to untangle the blue rope and get it around the square. Very different to the days of Scoutmaster Nicholas and his precision operation.*

*Stan Barrett-Johnston just topped the runs scored in 2018 from Tony Hewitt and beat the same player to the number of catches although Hewitt also had two run outs. Wilks took the most wickets with Gohar Shafique and Dave Carey close behind. (L Johnston)*

**Sunday 1st XI**

Lost by 7 wickets

SMCC 175-8 (40) / RNVR 176-3 (34)