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Spring 2015 Newsletter

Easter Holidays

We are closed over Easter weekend on Friday 3rd April & Monday 6th April, due to bank holidays and the site being closed. However, we are open as normal the rest of the time.

I am running a two day training camp on Monday 30th March and Tuesday 31st March from 10.00am - 3.00pm both days at The Gainsborough Academy. Depending on numbers I shall be looking at getting practise partners in, where possible.

If you are unsure whether the club is open or not, please refer to the "Dates for you Diary" section or alternatively contact me.

Summer Activities

As majority of you are aware, we sent out a quick online survey asking what your preferences would be for activities over the summer. Taking all opinions into account, we have decided to do the following:

13th April - 19th July

Mondays - closed

Thursdays - Open - Practise & weekly friendly competition

Fridays - Open - Group Coaching

20th July - 3rd September

Mondays - closed

Thursdays - Open - Practise & weekly friendly competition

Fridays - closed

More details of the weekly friendly competition will follow shortly.

National Cadet League/National Junior League/National Vets League

Firstly, we had our first team enter the National Vets League. The team consisted of Clive Mitchell, Paul Rodgers & James Wynne. Despite quite a good 2nd day of play, the team finished bottom of their division.

National Junior League at Ormesby, however, has been a lot more successful for our teams. The A team managed to finish a very credible 4th place, finishing behind Ormesby, Northfield & Bishop Auckland. The B team, finished 2nd in the 2nd division, but by the closest of margins, coming down to the last match vs Ormesby. The team only needed to pick up 4 games to claim the title, however, they only managed to pick up 3 games, meaning that they were tied with Ormesby, coming 2nd due to losing that last match.

In the National Cadet League, the A team, barring a disaster, looks set to pick up the runners-up spot behind the strong team of St.Mary's Hull. The event has been reasonably strong this year, and the B team have felt that strength, currently lying in last place at the moment. Averages - Vets: Clive Mitchell (7 from 20), Paul Rodgers (3/9), James Wynne (2/20), Juniors: Amy Gittings (19/27), Ryan Mitchell (18/27), Adam Gittings (17/27), Harry Tomlinson (22/36), James Longstaff (11/18), Kieran Crawford (20/36), Chris Gamble (14/27), Henry Walshe (13/27), Matt Mudd (2/9).

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 8th March - Final day of NCL

Sunday 22nd March - Gainsborough League Championships

w/c Monday 30th March - Last week of Gainsborough League - all matches must be completed by the end of this week

Monday 30th March - Training Day (TGA) 10am - 3pm

Tuesday 31st March - Training Day (TGA) 10am - 3pm

Wednesday 1st April - Gainsborough League Calcutta Cup final

Thursday 2nd April - Open - Practise/Pay & Play session 6.30pm - 9.00pm

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday - Club Closed

Monday 6th April - Easter Monday - Club Closed

Thursday 9th April - Open as normal - Practise/Pay & Play session 6.30pm - 9.00pm

Friday 10th April - Open - Group Coaching 6.00pm - 9.00pm

Saturday 11th April - East Midlands Regional Qual. for u11-14 Nationals

Sunday 12th April - Blitz Club Championships 2015

Monday 13th April - Closed

Thursday 16th April - Open

Friday 17th April - Open

Sunday 26th April - Lincolnshire u11-15 Closed County Championships - at TVA

Sunday 10th May - Burton Uxbridge 1*

Sat/Sun 16th/17th May - Chandlers 4* at Grantham

Sunday 24th May - Bishop Auckland 2*

Sat/Sun 6th/7th June - u11-14 National Championships @ Ponds Forge, Sheffield

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Lincolnshire u11-15 closed County Championships

We are pleased to announce that we are running the Lincolnshire u11-15 Closed County Championships on Sunday 26th April. The last time this was run, was back in 2012, when Scunthorpe Sports club ran it. Unfortunately, due to location etc, they didn't get many entries, however, we are looking to run it differently and hopefully can make a success of it. We would really appreciate your support in helping to promote, and possibly even represent us at this event. Entry forms have been sent out via email and paper copies can be produced on request. **Closing date for entries is Saturday 18th April.**

Blitz Club Championships

This is being held on Sunday 12th April this year. Due to the popularity of the Hard Bat competition last year we have decided to keep this event, and will do our best to fit it in. All members of our club are invited to play in this annual competition, and this year we are inviting players that are attending our satellite club sessions to play in what could potentially be their first competition too. Entry forms have been sent out via email and paper copies can be produced on request. **Closing date for entries is Friday 27th March.**



Gainsborough League Championships

This event is being held on Sunday 22nd March at QEHS in Gainsborough. Events will be played out to a conclusion on the day, so no commitment of a full day and another evening, like in the past. Entry forms are in your handbook, so if you would like to enter, then please complete the form and hand to Steve Mason or Phil Dixon.

Coaching & Satellite Clubs

Some of you may well be interested in how the Satellite clubs are going. These are going well at some schools and not quite as well at others. Rossington, QEHS & Fred Gough will continue next year, and hopefully we will start to see some of these players coming through to our club coaching sessions. There are plans in place to try and get a few more satellite clubs up and running for September but more on this will be revealed in due course. Our own group coaching sessions have seen a few new players attend, and we welcome these new players to the Blitz family. Hopefully, you will be seeing these players come through and thrash you oldies sooner rather than later :)

National Rankings

I've had a request to publish where everyone is ranked in the country, as some of you are playing national competitions, including National Cadet league etc, but don't actually realise that you have a national ranking. For those that would also like to improve your national ranking, then there are national competitions on most weekends, just ask myself or anyone that already plays in them, for more info. Attending training, may also be a good idea too though :)

U13s: Darcie Proud - no.12, Henry Walshe - no.44, Sam Phillips - no.311

U15s: Amy Gittings - no.36, Darcie Proud - no.41, Henry Walshe - no.149, Matt Mudd - no.263, Sam Phillips - no.829

U18s: Amy Gittings - no.85, Ryan Mitchell - no.418, Adam Gittings - no.455, Harry Tomlinson - no.478, Chris Gamble - no.497, Kieran Crawford - no.554, James Longstaff - no.696.

U21s: Adam Gittings - no.282

Vetts: John Malone - no.341, Clive Mitchell - no.540, Paul Rodgers - no.685, James Wynne - no.721

Many thanks for your continued support. Lets make 2015 a year to remember.

Paul Johnson - Head Coach