



Well that's all folk's for another summer. (Yes Rik/Terry (u13's) you have one game left)

Some stats.

We ran 14 sides this summer that played 114 games between them. The teams had mixed fortunes, but all contributed to 69 wins and two tied matches, with 43 losses. So over 65% team success rate.

We have Under 15 County Champions. With the Regional Final to play this Sunday 10/8/2008.

We have league winners from the Under 10's Kangaroos.

We have league runners up at: -

Under 9 Softball,
Under 9 Hardball,
Under 11
Under 14 &
Under 16.

We have Cup Runners Up at

Under 9 Hardball,
Under 11 Bashley Tournament
Under 13's Blackmore Vale Finalist &
Under 13,
Under 14 &
Under 16.

I would guess we must have over 140 active colts players playing for Bournemouth Sports. We need to investigate the costs associated with playing up, as this activity is needed to support all sides within colts cricket.

We ran a World Cup competition in June/July that included all children registered from as young as 6 to age 12's. The under nines softball World Cup had over 20 active boys & girls, many having their first chance at competitive fun cricket. I think this is the first time we have contemplated and run such an event?

We run training/coaching Tuesdays, Wednesday (new to 2008) & Friday's on top of Colts games. We have active coaches numbering seven. There is still work to be done on training and skills, and this will be developed during the winter.

We have at least 4 County players & at least 12 plus Colts active in the District competitions.

We have a good 14 + Colts every week playing Saturday League cricket at Senior Level, with similar numbers on a Sunday.

So in conclusion not bad eh?

Could do better ,yes?

I have some thoughts in discussion with others.

1. We must keep equal sides at all age groups where numbers allow.
2. We must consider and try to actively recruit. I still like the recommend a friend scenario with incentives to the recommending member (financial).
3. I would like to see us run possibly two Tournaments at under 9's and under 11's/12's
4. I would like to consider at ages 12 and 14 that we put an academy side together to play up a year in preparation for the National Competitions. This would need for example an under 12's side playing in the under 13's league a year early.
5. I would like to see us using the square on C2 for training. Specifics like bowling and keeping wicket to sharpen up and developing skills away from a net environment in smaller groups
6. I would like to have games weekly for the session's age group. Maybe 8 a side games to alleviate the pressure on the coaches, but to also shadow the captains giving them skills and tactical awareness especially when fielding and setting fields (this idea is used in other Counties and works).

There are certainly more ideas out there, and I am sure you have some? Please discuss them with me, I am all ears.

I have no news on winter training yet .

We have put teams in for the indoor leagues and will be in touch, once I have spoken to match Managers, and decided on which child will play in which team.

Have a few weeks off everybody. I personally had a lie in this morning!

Will be in touch soon.

Neil

Remember the presentation evening is on the 3/10/2008 starting around 7:30 PM.

Please pop this date in your diary. We have much to celebrate, plus we will honour each teams best player's with individual awards at each age group. So something for everyone including the Mini's U9's, who will each receive a medal for the World Cup (under 9's) only.