



Poloc Cricket Club

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Dear Member,

Happy New Year!

Here's hoping 2021 will bring some relief from the COVID-19 pandemic and the ability for some form of normality to be restored to our lives, although the start of 2021 hasn't suggested that this is likely any time soon.

142nd Annual General Meeting

The 142nd AGM of Poloc Cricket Club took place last Wednesday on ZOOM. After a year like no other, the club continues to develop, and survived financially throughout 2020 thanks to COVID-19 grants, and the commitment of many members to pay their subscriptions. The AGM confirmed the following General Committee positions for 2021:

President	Kenneth Robertson
Secretary	Keith Young
Treasurer	David James
House Convenor	Stuart Irons
Refreshments Convenor	Grant Cathcart
<i>Bodyfit Fitness Section</i>	Adam O'Donnell
Head of Senior Cricket	Josh Sajjad
Cricket Captain	TBC
Grounds Convenor	Vacant
Special Efforts	Vacant
Ordinary	Keith Sheridan
	Andrew Mallichan
	Vacant

The AGM gave the General Committee the power to co-opt members to fill the vacant roles during the year.

Annual subscriptions

The meeting agreed the new subscription rate for 2021 (unchanged from 2020) and subscriptions are now due. For those who pay by standing order there is no change to your monthly payments.

Full details of the membership subscription rates are in the appendix to this update.

Latest statement from Cricket Scotland

Season 2021 and Coronavirus

Cricket Scotland is very aware that everyone involved in the game in Scotland is keen to try and understand the prospects for cricket in 2021. Clearly, the evolution of the virus (and its variants) is still unpredictable, and the current lockdown demonstrates the continuing need for great care.

Last year, cricket in Scotland played its part in the fight against the virus and we will continue to work very closely with **sport**scotland and the Scottish Government, including in assessing how and when the 2021 cricket season can commence. The roll-out of the vaccines gives us all hope that we will be able to play more cricket this year than was possible last year but that cannot, of course, be guaranteed.

A first meeting was held last week between the Chairs of the five Regional Associations and the Eastern Premier League (EPL), representatives from the Cricket Scotland Match Officials Association (CSMOA) and Cricket Scotland to assess how we can maximise the season.

The consensus reached was that, in light of the uncertainties, we would have to be flexible in all our planning. Hopefully a full season might be possible, but it could well be necessary to plan for alternative programmes taking into account potential disruption to fixtures, for example, in the event of restrictions on travel or ground availability. In addition, there might be a need for different approaches in different parts of the country, depending on local restrictions and wishes.

The current assumption is that the lockdown will hopefully be sufficiently relaxed to allow the opening of the season in April; if that assumption proves incorrect then the start would clearly have to be put back.

Possible issues that will be considered over the next month or so include:

- The possibility of any pre-season indoor practice.
- The start of leagues may need to be delayed. However, that might be offset in some areas where it could be possible to extend the cricket season well into September.
- In the event of restrictions on car sharing and/or travel, clubs may be limited to playing localised fixtures at least in the early part of the season as at the end of last season.
- If there are significant reductions in league seasons, Regional Associations may consider dispensing with promotion and relegation this year.
- The availability of facilities, particularly those provided by local authorities.

Cricket Scotland will be meeting with **sport**scotland in the next week or so to discuss the plans for the season and the timescales involved for decision making. Following that there will be another meeting with the Regional Associations, CSMOA and EPL in the first half of February and another communication will be issued by Cricket Scotland in mid-February.

Gus Mackay Chief Executive, Cricket Scotland

The General Committee will continue to monitor the situation and will keep members aware of any changes that will have a positive or negative effect on our ability to play cricket this season.

Winter golf and "Shawholm Shack"

I am delighted that throughout the current period of lockdown that Winter golf has still been possible at "Shawholm" and this continues to bring in some welcome revenue every week.



It has also been great to see people making use of the "Shawholm Shack" for their coffee or hot chocolates whilst taking a walk in Pollok Park. Continued thanks to our Grounds Contractor, Adam Richardson for his work on the ground and to his mum, Donna for running the "Shawholm Shack".

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'KJA Robertson', written in a cursive style.

Kenneth J A Robertson
President

Appendix - 2021 membership subscription information

Subscription rates

Players – seniors and students

£20 per month (or £240 in a single payment) for a **senior** (over 18) player

£15 per month (or £180 in a single payment) for a **student** player

Players – juniors and brothers/sisters of juniors

£10 per month (or £120 in a single payment) for a **junior** (under 18) player

£5 per month (or £60 in a single payment) for each **brother or sister** of a junior player

Other membership categories

£25 per month (or £300 in a single payment) for a **family**

£10 per month (or £120 in a single payment) for **restricted** members

£5 per month (or £60 in a single payment) for a **country** member (a non-player who lives more than 30 miles from "Shawholm")

Payment information

Bank transfer

Payments can be made directly into the club's bank account, the details of which are:

Bank: Clydesdale Bank
Name: Poloc Cricket Club
Sort code: 82-64-22
Account number: 80064981

PayPal

Payment by PayPal is also possible, using the club's PayPal account:

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/PolocCricketClub>