

The Kent County Playing Fields Association

Supporting Young People In Sport

August 2015 Newsletter



Mr. Bill Cockcroft DL
Patron

Welcome to the summer addition of the Charity's newsletter. Further to reporting the departure of trustees Mr. Anthony Levick and more recently, Mr. Marcus Bell, I am delighted to inform you of their replacements; **Mr. John Knott**, a long term supporter of the Charity has now joined the management committee. John's vast experience in sales will bring a fresh approach to the organisation. **Mr. Steve Farr**, having been Deputy Head at Clare Park school, became the County's first Rugby Youth Development Officer in 1991. He was so successful that by 1996, the County Rugby Union had procured the employment of two more Youth Development Officers under him. In 1998, the RFU appointed him Regional Rugby Development

Manager for London South (Kent, Sussex and Surrey), shortly after which he was promoted to become the RFU's first Equity and Child Protection Manager for the whole country. Some five years ago, Steve took early retirement from the RFU as a result of a health problem from which he has now fully recovered. He is currently a lead coach at Tonbridge Juddians RFC, but has a general sporting interest. In addition Steve is also our District Representative for Tonbridge and Malling.

It is also important to recognise two new additions to the Golf Management Committee and I'm delighted to welcome **Mr. Rai Janz** and **Mrs. Elaine Coomber**. Rai has been a long term supporter and sponsor of the Charity through his friendship with former Trustee Malcolm Hawkes. Elaine, having played in the Cecil Leitch 5 Club Tournament many times, offered to become involved at last year's competition and is now part of the team.

The Edwin Boorman Memorial Award



The criterion is broadly similar to the Stanley Blow & Ole Kverndal Fund, (now closed) however; beneficiaries must generally be between the ages of 10 to 18 years. This fund is specifically aimed at clubs and other voluntary organisations with new initiatives. Application forms may be downloaded from our website www.kentpfa.org.uk or by contacting the Secretary. Successful applicants will receive awards at the Annual General Meeting scheduled for May 2016.

Sadly, due to technical difficulties we were unable to publicise and promote the fund successfully for presentation at the AGM in June'15.

Cecil Leitch Five Club Competition 2015

The Cecil Leitch Competition held at **Gillingham Golf Club on Monday 8th June** was a great success and we were fortunate with the weather. The competition had original entries of over **2,140 players** producing **92 finalists** on the day from **90 golf clubs**. The Women's **winner was Sandra Stronach of Dartford Golf Club off a handicap of 29** who won after a count back with two other players achieving the same score of **38 points**. **Mary Bell of Nizels Golf Club off a handicap of 8 finished second and Hilary Shields of Wilderness Golf Club off a handicap of 25 finished third**. **Lorraine Townsend of Boughton Golf Club won Nearest the Pin and Georgina Venus of West Malling won the Women's Longest Drive.**



Sandra Stronach receiving trophy from Gillingham's Ladies' Captain, Pauline Davis.



Scott Woolford receiving trophy from Gillingham Club Captain, Michael O'Sullivan. Far left, Richard Young, Chairman of KCPFA Golf Committee. Foreground, Shirley and Ken Daniel, long standing trustees of the Golf Committee.

The Men's Competition was **won by Scott Woolford of Marriot Tudor Park Golf Club, off a handicap of 12 with 37 points**, again after a count back **with Tim Wilcox of Cherry Lodge Golf Club off a handicap of 12 finishing second**. **Third place, with 36 points, off a handicap of 9, was Martin Salmon of Gillingham Golf Club**. **Nearest the Pin was won by Scott Whyte of Knowle Park Golf Club and Longest Drive was won by Michael Wilson of Sidcup Golf Club.**

In addition to trophies being awarded, both winners received a week's accommodation in a luxury villa in Marbella, Spain situated at the splendid Guadlamina Golf Course. Both winners are scheduled to take their holidays in May 2016.

The Charity would like to thank Gillingham Golf Club for allowing us to use their facilities, to their members and to all officials, caterers and bar staff and especially the grounds staff who presented the course in fabulous condition.

Next year's competition will be held at the renowned Sundridge Park Golf Club on Wednesday 15th of June 2016.



We get every penny there are no running costs!

SMS-Donations

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Kent Schools' Golf Association

The Charity provides a donation of £300 per year to the association. I am delighted to report this enabled the association to take four boys and three girls to the **South of England Schools' Championships at Mill Ride Golf Club, Ascot in May**. The players' performance was very impressive, as **Kent won both the Boy's and Girl's Team Championships**. **Nicole Amos** won the Girl's Championship, **Darcie Smith** was third and **Nicola Smith**, sixth. **Tom O'Reilley** was runner up in the Boy's Championship with **Ollie Daws**, fifth, **Barney Foreman**, tenth and **Jonathan Gerrish**, sixteenth.

As a result of these performances, **Ollie Daws, Barney Foreman, Darcie Smith and Nicola Smith** all played in the **English Schools' National Championships on the 22nd of June at Peterborough Milton Golf Club**. **Nicole Amos** played in the **English Schools' Under 16's Championships in July**.

In the **National Championships Ollie Daws (March Academy, New Romney) finished 34th**, a disappointing result by his own admission after playing for English Schools in the previous three years and **Barney Foreman (St George's Schools, Gravesend) was 45th**.

In the Girls Championship Nicola Smith (Highsted G.S, Sittingbourne) gained a very creditable 9th place and was selected as a reserve for English Schools against Welsh Schools.

In the English Schools Under 16 Championships Nicole Amos(Highworth GS) performed very well to finish in 11th place at the age of 14 and George Young (Maplesden Noakes, Maidstone) played well to finish 12th.

Although a small donation, the funds greatly help finance the activities of the association and enable these youngsters to participate at the highest level and make the most of their talent.



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Grants – Hawkes Awards

April saw a large number of applications and resulted in the following awards being made. **Nicole Amos (Golf), Simon Dacey (Fencing), Oliver Robinson and Annabelle Richards (Cricket), all received £200** to assist with the costs of training, kit, accomodation and related items. **Flynn Hope (Triathlon), Angharad Ward (Curling) and Reyce Asesimba (Jiu Jitsu) each received £250.**



Reyce Asesimba (pictured above with Dad, Heru, and younger brother, Jaidon, far right) having won the World Championships in February, the British Championships in March, went on to complete a unique Grand Slam by winning the gold at the European Championships in Dortmund, Germany in May.



In July, further awards were made to **Samuel Painter, £300 (Triathlon) and Peter Buravytskiy, £200 (Trampoline Gymnastics).** Peter, pictured left, has had an impressive year, his recent achievements include: Kent Trampoline Gymnast of the Year 2014, Bronze Medallist at the Frivolten Cup in Sweden 2014, British Elite Synchro Champion 2014, South East Regional Men's Elite Champion 2014, Top 10 at World Age Championships, age 13-14 boys, Daytona

Beach 2014, Men's South East League Individual Champion age 13-14 boys 2015 and Men's South East League Synchro Champion Junior Boys 2015.

It is clear from the two examples above that the quality of applicants for the Hawkes Award has improved consistently over the past few years.

Hawkes Awards Continued...

The final award for July was made to **Kimura Shukoki Karate Club of £500** on behalf of multiple applicants. Five members of the Maidstone based Kimura Shukokai Karate Kent returned from **Sun City, South Africa** with four medals after representing England in the **2014 Kimura Shukokai International's World Karate Championships**. Club instructors **Katie and Chris Simpson** from Kingswood were accompanied by students **Steve, Maria and Michael Pereira** from Sutton Valence and **Luke Carpenter** from Charing. This competition, which is held every two years, attracted some six hundred competitors from all over the world.



In his first full International competition **Michael Pereira (14)**, pictured left alongside **Katie Simpson**, fought through all the preliminary rounds in the Kumite (fighting) event only losing in the semi-finals. He then took part in the repechage for third place and defeated all his opponents to take the bronze medal. In the Kata (forms) event Michael went one step further and reached the showpiece final where he competed with great maturity in front of many distinguished guests to finally take the silver medal.

Katie reached the semi-finals of both the ladies Kata and Kumite events only narrowly losing out to the eventual winners in each event. In the repechage Katie's stamina and strong technique shone through and she took the bronze medals in each event.



Pictured left, left to right, **Katie Simpson, the Pereira family, Luke Carpenter and Chris Simpson**. Chris, who acted as one of the International referees at the event said, **"Every one of our squad members who travelled to South Africa did themselves credit in what was a very strong competition. They all trained hard in the build up to the event and win or lose they will have gained a considerable amount of experience"**.

As far as the KCPFA are concerned, Chris and his daughter Katie signify what it really means to be dedicated to your sport. The time and effort involved in training and improving the quality of their squad is amazing. Our thanks go to them for the comprehensive application pack, follow up results and to each of the individual applicant who took the time to write letters of thanks to the Charity. Our congratulations!

The Ernest Virgo Cricket Award

In April, an award of **£100 was made to Thomas Wooding** following a reference from **Mr. Peter Robinson, Director of the Kent Cricket Board**. This was to assist Thomas with the costs of taking the England and Wales Cricket Board Coach Education Course in coaching children level 2, which included first aid, disclosure and barring system accreditation.

A further award of **£200 was made to Harry Carter** to enable him to play for the Kent under 12's Squad and stay at the festival of cricket over 3 days in Taunton, Somerset. Kent under 12's played against Berkshire, Wiltshire and St. Stithinas (South Africa). Harry plays cricket for Broadstairs Cricket Club Juniors. He plays seniors for the second team and work league at Margate Cricket Club.

The Ernest Virgo Cricket Award - Do you have a player that could benefit from up to £300 a year?

The Ernest Virgo Fund was set up so that awards should be made annually to a number of young cricketers of lesser means and opportunities so that more young people would be encouraged to actively participate in the sport; Applicants for the award should provide a statement of attainment and be ideally of county level within their respective sport. Awards should be made for the expenses relating to coaching/training travel and accommodation up to a maximum of £300 a year and should be made to persons recommended by the Kent Schools Cricket Association or by the Senior Coach of the club they are members/affiliated to.

Donations

Our thanks go to the Ladies of North Foreland Golf Club and Mr. R. L. Steele. In particular and on behalf of all of the charity, I would like to thank **Mrs. Pauline Hawkes** who gave instructions for "In Memoriam" donations to be made in her late husband Malcolm's memory. Mention should also be made of those supporting the charity through **Just Giving**. In addition, **Sponsorship Forms** are also available should you wish to compete in any event on behalf of the charity. Please contact the Secretary.

Subscriptions - Thank you to those members who have already made their subscription payments and a gentle respectful reminder for those who may not have done so.

Loans

Sidcup Sports Club have been made a loan of £25,000 to install drainage on one rugby pitch and to resurface another.



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National CPFA Conference – Ramada Hotel, Kenilworth, Warwickshire June 17th 2015

The Secretary attended the above conference on behalf of the Charity. The theme this year was “ **The value of Playing Fields contribution to increasing participation in Physical Activity**” The utilisation of inspirational ideas and good practice, the usage of playing fields and the value of volunteering and the role that CPFA's have, will feature in the programme, together with Guest Speakers.

Disappointingly, the numbers attending this year was down despite the conference agenda and the fact that several talented guest speakers addressed the audience.

The conference is open to Borough, District and Parish Councils throughout the county. This is a very useful day for these organisations to exchange views, make contacts and to see what other local authorities are doing. Please contact the Secretary for further information, should you wish to attend in future.

Grounds Man of the Year Awards at the Kent & Sussex Courier & Sevenoaks Chronicle Sports Awards 2015.

John Woodhams, cricket coach for Platt Cricket Club Juniors, was unable to attend the event previously held at the Assembly Hall, Tunbridge Wells in February 2015. Subsequently, the Secretary, Paul Peacock, arranged to visit the club and present John with his award.



On a blustery, rain-soaked day in April, I managed to catch up with John during a training session and he received his award in front of the juniors, parents and club staff (picture left). John has been involved in the game for over 40 years, the last 9 years with Platt. It was a pleasure to meet with him and to see so many youngsters turn out to not only train, but to also see some recognition for the commitment shown by John. I must also thank Mr. Peter Robinson, Director of the Kent Cricket Board for his nominations.

Annual Report and Accounts for year ended December 2014

Were approved by Trustees and signed off by our accountants MHA MacIntyre Hudson and are available to view on our website and with the Charity Commission. Hard copies are available from the Secretary upon request.

Out and About

The Secretary was pleased to visit **St. Margaret's Cricket Club** on Saturday afternoon the 16th May to present the **Chairman, Mike Parnell with a grant of £1,000**. As you can see pictured below left, the extensive netting required to prevent damage to adjacent properties.



Fundraising

The Trustees agreed earlier in the year to commit to new fundraising initiatives, one of which was the idea to hold a number of 'Boot Sales' on behalf of the Charity. Consequently trustees and friends of the association were invited to hand over any unwanted items suitable. In addition, **Trustee John Knott and Secretary Paul Peacock** were able to obtain a number of furniture items to contribute. On two consecutive Sunday mornings commencing 9th August, the Secretary, **Trustee Cheng Wong and Mrs. Pauline Hawkes** attended the boot fair resulting in a gain of **£150 and £172** respectively. Other items sold have raised a **further £250 and £170, a combined total of £742**. A further two sales are expected in September and we hope to break the £1,000 barrier. Our thanks to all Trustees who made donations, to **Cheng Wong and Pauline Hawkes in particular for attending along with the Secretary and to Trustee John Knott for his assistance in collecting and delivering all other items**. We would also like to thank **Paul Kelly of Staplehurst Parish Council** for buying all the chairs available and to **Mrs. Angela Peacock and Gabriel-Chemie Ltd**, based in Paddock Wood for purchasing artificial plants for their offices.



Budding sales 'assistants' Cheng Wong and Pauline Hawkes at the 'Big Boot Sale', Sutton Road, Maidstone.

Fundraising Continued...



Pauline Hawkes and Secretary
Paul Peacock.

For those interested, we still have several artificial trees for sale at £30 each, a fridge at £50 (photos available upon request) and several large wall murals depicting various scenes of London and St. Paul's, the London Eye and the Tower of London and a beautiful scene of Paris from Notre Dame. These are extremely good quality and large; may be suitable for a large office, hall or conference rooms. Price upon application.

In addition, we have a number of Dyson Blade and Bio(business) hand dryers. These have been PAT tested in July and are in excellent condition and working order.

Apart from the 5 am start, both days were blessed with sunshine and breakfast followed by strawberries and ice cream in what turned out to be successful days and a small measure of fun.

If you have any interest, in any of our items all enquiries should be directed to the Secretary Paul Peacock.

Annual Council Meeting

This year's meeting will take place at **Sevenoaks Rugby Club on Friday 30th October** commencing from 1pm, subject to final confirmation. We are delighted to have **Councillor Philip McGarvey, Chairman of the Council** in attendance, who will make a welcome speech together with a special guest speaker, yet to be confirmed. This meeting is an informal gathering to enable the Charity, district and local representatives to catch up and exchange ideas and best practice. **All KCPFA members are invited to attend.** Refreshments and a buffet lunch will be provided and it is hoped many of you will attend.

KCPFA 90th Anniversary 2016

An early suggestion for all members and friends of the association to make an entry in their diaries for the above celebration dinner to be held at **The London Beach Hotel, Golf and Country Club on Friday evening, 17th of June 2016**. This is a fundraising event to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Charity and although full details are in process, dinner will comprise of 3 courses and entertainment will be provided. This will be one of the most significant events in the Charity's history and it is hoped that all Trustees, members and sponsors of the association will make their best efforts to attend and enjoy this momentous occasion. Further details will be forwarded to all as arrangements are finalised.



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