

LMVCC Newsletter—Test Match Batting

Training Begins

As January must follow December and a batting collapse must follow Joe Root's wicket, the start of winter training must follow the turn of the year. Training for the seniors has taken place four times at time of writing with between moderate and fair attendance from the first team.

On the team Whatsapp group, Neil Lederman proudly announced the new "themed" net sessions: the first net being themed around test match bowling and batting as a good way of reintroducing the team to a cricket bat—a concept that was, at this point, as unfamiliar as Jon Galloway to the LMVCC first team.

With "test match" the agreed theme, Mark Landau went in to bat first and show the young whippersnappers how to go about constructing an innings. Such was the construction of the innings that the first ball, a slow, short, slow off spinner from new wicket keeper and Vice Captain Ben Kohler hit him on the pad in front of middle. From this point on, the innings was conducted the same way that Chris Lynn conducts business.

Unfortunately, this short episode was symptomatic of the test match batting that was displayed by the rest of the team. The newsletter would like to note Rafi Saville's efforts, as he interpreted "test match" as one would play golf in a hot air balloon: with his head in the air, swinging hard.

Training Continues (in the pub)

Despairing at the state of the squad, Lederman tried to inspire some unity and dedication with a team meal. Turnout was decidedly better than at training, but the meeting involved food and drink and discussing Gould's recent unemployment, so is it really a surprise?

Lederman was hoping to implement training regimes for each player and was the first to show signs of improvement as he was sporting a bright orange Fitbit watch. He was upstaged, however, by Adam Brand, whose own Fitbit displayed a step count six times higher than Lederman's.

The meal concluded with the hope that the club could feel more inclusive to all members: a priority which we are taking very seriously this season. If you have a suggestion for how we could integrate more people into the club, or have suggestions for new recruits, please contact Neil Lederman at neillederman@msn.com



Upcoming Events

Training continues

Club Day—Sunday 25th June

Upcoming Simchas

Ben Fraiss has just had a baby

Mark Landau has announced the due date of his baby: the 13th July

Upcoming Birthdays

Mickey Okin—2nd February

Darren Lehmann—5th February

Next Training Sessions

U9+11s	Monday 13th February 6:30-7:30	Yavneh College
U13s +U15s	Monday 13th February 7:30-8:30	Yavneh College
Senior	Wednesday 15th February 8-9pm	Finchley CC

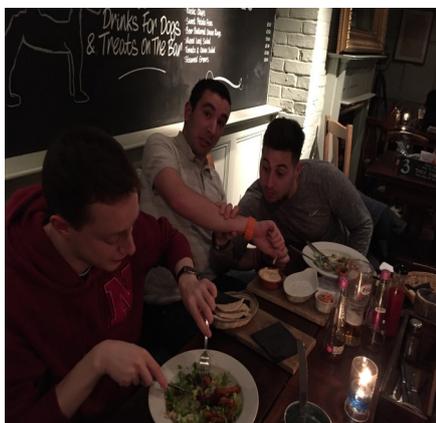
New Subs Benefits

You may have noticed that the subs for seniors have increased by £20 and juniors by £10. On this matter, the club has some exciting news that you may have missed.

Middlesex County Cricket Club have welcomed us into their scheme (sidenote: the newsletter cannot remember, nor find, the name of the scheme, so it shall be known as the 'more people watching cricket scheme'), for which we're paying that little bit extra.

As a result, any member of the club can attend T20 matches at Lords at no extra cost. This is a phenomenal opportunity to see Eoin Morgan, Steve Finn and, this newsletter is desperately hoping, Brendon McCullum returning to the Home of Cricket this summer.

The newsletter hopes you're as excited as you were when Jos Buttler hit that 6 off Nehra in Nagpur (say nothing of the final over).



Get to know: Mark Landau—Fixture Secretary

What is your middle name?

David

Cricket bat or animal bat?

Cricket bat

To be expected. Have you at any time been a member of a "Funky Bunch"

No, but I am open to offers

Have you thought of a name for your baby and will it be Neil?

We have some names—Neil is DEFINITELY not one of them. Especially if it's a girl

Please describe your dancing in three words

Poised, elegant, infrequent

Would you rather be a man with the mind of a mole, or a mole with the mind of a man?

Definitely a mole with the mind of a man. I'd figure out a way to live in a more comfortable environment: I wouldn't just accept my circumstances underground

And finally, Ludwig Wittgenstein said 'Whereof one cannot speak, thereof one must be silent'. With that in mind, can you explain the 2008 Financial Crisis?

I'm gonna say no

Pre-season diets and the FitBit watch

(Left to right) Steven Allweis, Neil, the watch and Ben

I was playing in a match, at short fine leg, and I dropped their young overseas on 3. He went on to make 150* and was also Hamish Marshall - Unnamed LMVCC Member