



GALA CRICKET CLUB

REVIEW OF 2020

5th of February 2021

COVID-19 COMES OUT ON TOP

Last year proved to be one of the most strange and most challenging the club has experienced.

In terms of fixtures and general activity, 2020 was one of the quietest years the club has had in living memory due to COVID restrictions.

The pandemic had a negative impact across the club including membership numbers in some areas as well as games, training, social events and junior cricket programmes such as All Stars and Dynamos cricket.

The club could have easily closed its doors for the year but thanks to the hard work of volunteers, the club was able to facilitate fixtures and training.

A COVID-19 response group was set up, along with nominated COVID-19 officers, who ensured safety and adherence of social distancing.

The hard work of those involved has been highlighted by the fact that our club was able to participate in more fixtures than any other Border club and the majority of those in the East of Scotland.

THE NUMBERS

Membership

149 Members

Playing Memberships

- Juniors - 22 (including 3 female)
- Seniors - 28 (including 2 female)

Non-playing Memberships

- Adult (17-64) - 64 (including 15 female)
- Adult (65+) - 35 (including 14 female)

Membership numbers, in the circumstances, held up very well, although junior numbers were considerable down due to the All Stars programme being cancelled alongside other junior activity.



THE NUMBERS

Junior Cricket

4 MATCHES PLAYED

3 AT UNDER
16 LEVEL

1 AT UNDER
12 LEVEL

Top Achievements:

- Most Improved Under 16 - Ellie Wilkie
- Most Improved Under 12 - Bailey Paterson



ALL STARS AND
DYNAMOS
CRICKET
CANCELLED
DUE TO
PANDEMIC.

5+

JUNIOR PLAYERS CONTINUING TO
STEP UP TO SENIOR CRICKET.



THE NUMBERS

Senior Cricket

6 MATCHES PLAYED

5 MATCHES WON

1 MATCH LOST

83%

MATCHES WON



TOP PERFORMERS

160 SID SIDDHU
runs

156 JAMIE CROOKS
runs

107 DINESH THARANGA
runs

9 DINESH THARANGA
wickets

9 JAMIE CROOKS
wickets



THE NUMBERS

Social Media

3004 Followers



Twitter - @gala_cricket

Followers in February 2020 - 901

Followers in February 2021 - 1186

+ 23.9%



Increase of 285



Facebook - Gala Cricket Club

Followers in February 2020 - 985

Followers in February 2021 - 1059

+ 6.9%



Increase of 74



Instagram - @galacricket_

Followers in February 2020 - 606

Followers in February 2021 - 759

+ 20.1%



Increase of 153

2020 has seen us gain 512 new followers across all three of our social media platforms. We are now above our 3000 target within our strategic plan as we continue to expand our reach in the community and further a field.



OUR 2020 ACHIEVEMENTS

On the field



National:

Charis Scott is selected for Scotland A.

Robbie Paterson is selected to train with Scotland under 15s.



Eastern Knights & Eagles:

Caitlin Ormiston is selected for the Eastern Eagles.

Maisie Maceira and Ashley Robertson are selected for the Eastern Eagles under 16s.

Robbie Paterson is selected for the Eastern Knights under 14s.



Playing Achievements:

Sid Siddhu registers his first century for the club.

The club retains the Rae Nichol Memorial Trophy against Selkirk.

The under 16s claimed a fine win at East Lothian in their last game of the season.

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Off the field



Borders

Charity Work:



Remembrance:

The club paid its respect to players who were killed in action during World War I and II – first time they have put together such a list.

The club raised £900 for NHS Borders charity, The Difference after many players and members worked together to complete 4000km over the month of May.



CricHIIT:

CricHIIT, which started at our club in 2019, continues to grow with new members joining in 2020 and continuing to increase female participation at the club.



Meigle Park

Images of Meigle Park in lockdown go viral as the ICC and popular twitter account That's so Village share and show appreciation for the ground reaching millions of users worldwide.

THANK YOU'S FOR 2020

The club would like to extend its thanks...

To all players both junior and senior for their efforts during what was a tough summer. We had to be patient for some cricket however it was worth while in the end. Hopefully, with any luck, we will get some more cricket this coming season.

To all supporters of the club, your support is always valued and appreciated. We look forward to welcoming you back to Meigle Park this summer.

To parents for helping with transport and at different times during the season. This assistance is always appreciated greatly.

To our sponsors who continue to support us through tough times. The club remains thankful for your continued support.

To the volunteers at the club who work tirelessly at times to ensure the smooth running of the club. Without them, the club would not exist.

THE YEAR AHEAD

Our plans and aims for 2021

Unfortunately, due to COVID, the layout of the coming season remains unclear. However, the clubs still aims to:

- Seek a return to competitive 1st XI cricket (Could be 8 team league between June and August).
- Re-introduce a Saturday 2nd XI as was planned in 2020 for the first time in over 20 years.
- Play more junior games.
- Continue facilitating All Stars and Dynamos junior cricket which was halted by the pandemic in 2020.
- Bringing the clubrooms back into use, when restrictions allow
- Make use of the Borders Community Cricket Coaching role which includes coaching in local Galashiels primary schools.
- Carry out further plans to remember Gala CC's fallen from World Wars I and II.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following names have accepted nomination for 2021

Chairman - Michael Halls

Treasurer - Alan Niven

Assistant Treasurer - Max Hastings

Secretary - Kenny Paterson

Fixture Secretary - Jack Halls

Ground Convenor - Stephen Halls

Junior Administrator - Stuart Skeldon

1st XI captain - Josh Irvine

1st XI vice captain - Duncan Millar

2nd XI captain - Ross Patterson

2nd XI vice captain - Stuart Skeldon

Sunday XI captain - Finlay Rutherford

Child Protection Officer - Bruce Robertson

Bar Working Group - Alan Niven, Graeme Ormiston, James Boyle, Kenny Paterson

Membership Secretary - Lorna Blake

Ettrick and Lauderdale Sports Trust Contact - Bruce Robertson

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