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REMINDER!!

Please keep updating your registration profiles on the Play-Cricket Website!! We are starting to send out the NatWest CricketForce t-shirts for this year and for this we need the delivery addresses to be correct, including a postcode. If the addresses aren't complete, we can't send out your t-shirts!

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Now you can decorate with Dulux!



We are pleased to announce that Dulux Decorator Centres have just signed up as an Official Supporter of NatWest CricketForce. No one knows decorating like Dulux do and their professional team will always be on hand to give you advice, whatever the job. They will be offering 20% off all of their products (excluding spray machines, ladders and promotional lines), and to make this exclusive to NatWest CricketForce registered clubs they will be sending out discount cards to all who have signed up. Only on production of this discount card will the discount be available. The discount cards are about to be dispatched and they will be going to the delivery address entered in your registration forms. If you don't receive your card within the next fortnight email the helpdesk -

natwestcricketforce@ecb.co.uk - and we'll help you out.

Dulux Decorator Centres have over 190 stores throughout England and Wales and so you won't be too far away from making the most of this excellent offer. To find out more about Dulux, their offers and the locations of their stores go to **www.ecb.co.uk/natwestcricketforce** and click on the link for Official Supporters. Whether you're painting sightscreens, clubhouses or changing rooms, Dulux Decorator Centres will be on hand to help!



Dulux Decorator Centres helping out a NatWest CricketForce 2008 event earlier in the year.

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Waterlogged ground or square??

Problem solved!

How many cricket matches have you had to call off due to rainfall leaving water on your pitch? We may have solved that problem for you by signing up Bowcom as an Official Supporter of NatWest

CricketForce. They are offering a 15% discount on their BowDry, a revolutionary ground-drying machine designed specifically to effectively and efficiently remove standing water from any surface. Furthermore, there is an offer of 15% discount on the replacement foam kit, and on the drum exchange. The discounts in total work out as follows:

BowDry List Price: £535
Offer price: £454.75

Foam Kit List Price: £49.50
Offer Price: £42.20

Drum Exchange List Price: £99.50
Offer Price: £84.40

For more information on Bowcom please go to www.ecb.co.uk/natwestcricketforce follow the link for 'Official Supporters'.

IT COSTS CLUBS MONEY WHEN MATCHED AND PRACTISE SESSIONS ARE CANCELED. THIS BOWDRY MAY BE A WISE INVESTMENT!!

Useful Tip!

Looking for furniture for your pavilion, club bar, changing rooms etc?? There's a website where you can find new and second hand hotel and pub furniture at great prices. Visit www.doveinteriors.net



This company is not an Official Supporter of NatWest CricketForce

BARLOWS

Barlows have been an Official Supporter of NatWest CricketForce since 2006 and they offer all registered clubs a 10% discount on their electrical goods. They have a large range of appliances, white goods and general electrical products. Not only do they provide a retail service, they also provide a range of electrical contracting works i.e. maintenance, fire alarms, emergency lighting and much more. Although they are based in Shropshire and Cheshire they can potentially carry out a job anywhere in the UK depending on the size. See the NatWest CricketForce website for more details!!
www.ecb.co.uk/natwestcricketforce



H & R Johnson Competition

H & R Johnson, providers of tiles and tiling products, have been Official Supporters of NatWest CricketForce since 2006. They have been very supportive since they joined us and on numerous occasions have been willing to add extra support when they can. This happened again this week in the form of a competition to give away £2,500 worth of their products. We had a huge response and the winners will be announced in next month's newsletter; thank you to all those who entered. Make sure you look out for more promotions and special offers in the run up to the NatWest CricketForce weekend.



Please see

www.ecb.co.uk/natwestcricketforce
for more information on H & R Johnson

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Get Recycling!!!

Recycling is an excellent way of saving energy and conserving the environment. There is a great deal of waste which could be recycled that ends up in landfill sites which is harmful to the environment!!

Did you know that:

- 1 recycled tin can would save enough energy to power a television for 3 hours
- 1 recycled glass bottle would save enough energy to power a computer for 25 minutes
- 1 recycled plastic bottle would save enough energy to power a 60 watt light bulb for 3 hours
- If all cans in the UK were recycled we'd need 13 million fewer dustbins
- Glass is 100% recyclable and can be used again and again
- Glass that is thrown away and ends up in landfills will never decompose
- Recycled paper produces 73% less air pollution than if it was made from raw materials
- It takes 24 trees to make 1 ton of newspapers
- Up to 60% of rubbish that ends up in the dustbin could be recycled
- As much as 50% of waste in the average dustbin could be composted
- Plastic can take up to 500 years to decompose.

Please take note of these facts and think what you could do at your Cricket Club (and at home) to help the environment. Contact your local authority for advice and to enquire about the supply of recycling bins and other useful energy saving resources.

EXAMPLES OF BEST PRACTISE

One thing we love here at NatWest CricketForce HQ is to hear of clubs and their unique ideas of making their NatWest CricketForce event a big success.

East Socon Cricket Club in Huntingdonshire needed to raise money to build a new net facility as their old one had become dangerous and unusable. Their idea was to combine their NatWest CricketForce weekend with a number of fundraising events to bring financial support into the club. On the Friday evening of the NatWest CricketForce weekend they held a Grand Dinner Dance which included an auction and raffle, and on the Saturday they began a 24 hour Cricket Marathon. These 2 events on the NatWest CricketForce weekend helped the club to raise over £20,000 for their new nets.

We encourage everyone to think about how you can make your NatWest CricketForce the best event it can be to benefit your club.



Start Snapping!!



Start taking pictures now of your grounds, club houses, pavilions etc before you get started on your improvements and refurbishments.

It'll be great for you to be able to show 'before' and 'after' shots to those who visit your club to see what hard work has been done. Future sponsors of your club may be impressed too! Furthermore, we'd like to see the photos so we can see what you've done! What's more we can use them to show others what can be achieved and get them involved!!