Dear fellow members,

After the shortened season of 2020, 2021 saw a full cricket season with WHCC entering 6 Saturday league teams in the MCCL for the first time in our history, a truly remarkable feat and one that shows the current playing strength of our section.

Although selection is never easy and certainly not with 6 teams to select on a Saturday, it was a fantastic effort that saw the section fulfil all of our Saturday league fixtures and not without a little bit of success I hasten to add, with the 2’s winning their league with a truly remarkable 153 points. It was also great to see the 3’s and 4’s getting promoted as well, the 3’s with 2 successive promotions under Ed Sobers leadership! It was a first for the section in getting 3 teams promoted in one season.(please see attached captains reports for a more in depth view of all the teams respective seasons).

The first team this season struggled to get going after their first 3 matches were all rained off, which put them on the back foot right from the start. A great win chasing against Hornsey was most probably the highlight of the season with winning at Enfield coming a close second.

After winning the Middlesex Cup (division 1 version) last year, the 1’s unfortunately fell short at first hurdle at Harrow St Mary’s in this seasons 45 over competition (Premier version) but in the Middx T20, took a strong North Middx team to the final over before valiantly losing by 1 wicket.

Sunday cricket saw a bit of a dip this year in availabilities but the section will continue to push Sunday cricket with the fine facilities that as a club we have at our disposal. Please see Matt Webster’s report on the season just gone.

The MDL endured a tough campaign that was entirely out of their control. I can only reiterate once again how incredibly proud of their behaviour in extremely trying circumstances.

The annual six-a-side competition saw a record number of teams (16) entering this seasons competition which was once again superbly organised by Henry Saunders. Congratulations to the “young guns” of the section who once again prevailed in this seasons competition.

The junior section continues to go from strength to strength with over 215 paid up members. The cricket camps continue to be well supported in the school holidays and it is great to see our Sports Club attracting so many juniors to the game of cricket over the summer months.

Last but not least, a big thanks once again to the cricket committee once again for their support over the course of the season which makes the club such a special place to be at in the summer and makes my role so much easier!

It was with great sadness to have to report the passing of Iain Phillips this year. Iain had stepped down from the committee last season due to his ongoing health issues but he will be forever remembered as one the truly great gentlemen of not only our section but also Winchmore Hill Sports Club.

Regards,

Neal Avent.

Chairman.