**Junior Cricket Report**

With Covid restrictions removed and barely a hint of rain, the 2022 surpassed our expectations with even more junior numbers, more training sessions and considerably more matches - 84 compared to 54 in 2021. Of those 84 matches, we won 44, lost 38, and tied 2 while 16 other scheduled games were either conceded by our opponents or cancelled. We reached county finals in 3 different age groups, U17, U15 and U11, with the U11s winning the Terry Moore Trophy while a young U19 team also reached the ‘Finals Day’ of the NCB U19 T20 Tournament. It’s now generally accepted that we have the best and biggest junior set-up in the County. Including All Stars & Dynamos we have 323 junior members (255 U18s of which 143 represented club teams)

Full results are:

* **Under 9s:** P11 W5 L6 OC2 - 4th in Tier 1 Group 1 of the Alliance John Dewing Competition.
* **Under 11s:** P22 W12 L9 T1; U11 Phoenix won the NCA Terry Moore Trophy Competition; U11 Fire 3rd in Tier 2 Group 5 of NCA Competition; U11 Blaze 5th in Tier 2 Group 5 of NCA Competition
* **U13 Girls**: P5 W1 L4 - 4th in NCB Hardball 100 League
* **Under 13s:** P20 W7 L13 - U11 Phoenix 3rd in NCA Tier 1 Group 1 of Alan Bridgewater
* Competition; U11 Fire 3rd in Tier 2 Group 7 of NCA Competition; U11 Blaze 5th in Tier 2 Group 7 of NCA Competition
* **Under 15 Girls:** P4 W2 T1 L1 - 3rd in NCB Hardball 100 Competition
* **Under 15s:** P14 W12 L2 - U15 Phoenix NCA Andy Seeley Trophy Runners-Up; U15 Blaze 1st in Tier Group 2 of NCA Competition
* **Under 17s:** P4 W3 L1 - NCA U17 Alan Kefford Trophy Runners-Up
* **Under 19s:** P3 W2 L1 – NCB U19 T20 Finalists

All this, of course, is simply not possible without a huge team of volunteers…and we’re always looking to add to it as the you can never have too many. Particular thanks go to:

**Head of Coaching/Junior Secretary:** Matt & Maxine Rushton

**Fixture Secretary:** Chris McKay

**Team Managers:** Kannan Kuppusamy (U19s), Maxine Rushton (U17s & U13 Girls), Martin Alcock (U15s), Chris McKay & Simon Woods (U13s), Carl Fawkes, Jason Whiddett & Adam Thompson (U11s) and Joel Pailes (U9s)

**Regular Coaches:** Including several newly qualified coaches and our team of young

volunteers and All Stars/Dynamos Activators. Special thanks to our Young Volunteer of the Year, Harry Ryan and Runner-Up Niamh Rushton

**Groundsmen:** Mike Phoenix, Grenville Ireland.

**Also:** Chris Wright (Vice-Chairman, barman, Friday night barbecue chef) Celia Phoenix (Safeguarding Officer/100 Club organiser), Georgia Ryan (Membership).

*Steve Phoenix*