



Bristol Baseball Club

Ahead of the season!

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Summary

We are much ahead of the season! This is largely because of hard work by the directors. Dan and Tom have been organising indoor training at Clifton College indoor facility in Clifton. This has been well received and at a very good price of only £25 for 6 sessions. Great organisation, exercise and even video analysis of batting practice! It has been talked about over the years but there is no substitute for simply doing it! Outdoor practice will start March 26th.

Recruitment has also seen a boost – a sustained recruitment campaign has seen us reach more people than usual. In our first indoor session, we added 4 new nationalities!

Fees are now overdue – please pay your membership and help the club stay on top of things.

If you are looking to join us this season, please pay your fees now.

There are 4 membership options:

Junior Membership (U16s) at £25

Training Membership at £50

Bats Membership at £100

Badgers Membership at £150

If you are not sure if you'll be playing for any of the teams or want to wait until formally selected for the Badgers please pay the training membership fee.

To pay your fees and register as a 2011 member now, please visit http://www.bristolbaseball.co.uk/membership_form.html

Umpire Course & Coaching Course

We are running a **free umpire course** on the **12th of March** – learn some Baseball umpiring and earn £20 a game. As we play weekend games, and often double-header 7-inning games, this means £40 can be made in an afternoon. Details, full info and subscribe here:

http://www.bristolbaseball.co.uk/umpire_course.html

The course will be led by Ron Blakeney, our very own Canadian Umpire with many years experience. He will be assisted by Tug Wilson (UK Umpire – Plymouth) and Peter Pfennig, a Level 2 Umpire from Germany.

Attend this course to improve your game and help the club – spaces left!

A Level 1 Coaching 2 day course will also be held in Bristol on 19th/20th March. There is one space open – please let us know soon whether you can make it – the club will cover the fee.

Fieldwork update

The work on the field has been quiet while we speak to the school about important details. The School and Leisure Centre are fully supportive and we are working with South Gloucester Council to get all details sorted. The next working weekend will likely be Saturday the 19th of March and/or Saturday the 26th. (note – the 26th is also the first outdoor practice – warm up by helping build the field!) – field working days to be confirmed – watch this space!

A full calendar here:

<http://www.bristolbaseball.co.uk/calendar.html>

Some photo's of our field work here:

http://www.bristolbaseball.co.uk/photo_gallery.html

We are still recruiting, practice will likely be on Thursday evenings and we play league games on Sunday. All are welcome to come and watch – check out Bristol baseball going into our 5th season!

The club is open to anyone, women included. We are a very international bunch, half British, the other half from various great places around the globe!

Wanted – contributions to this newsletter! Baseball stories to share? Tips? This newsletter would like to hear from you – contact_us@bristolbaseball.co.uk

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