



## Bristol Baseball Club

### Newsletter 8, August 2010

#### Only 2 Sundays left in the season

Our final 2 doubleheaders will be played at home on our new ground at Patchway Sports Centre. We welcome all supporters to come down to our ground, pitch up with your blanket or chair and enjoy some baseball with us. On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August we are home versus the Essex Redbacks, and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August sees us close our season against the London Metros. We hope to see you there, directions are on our web site!

#### Dates for your calendar – club events

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September** - If you are sad about the season being nearly over, cheer up, we have arranged a game in Plymouth for our independent team, the Bristol Bats. All players who have attended some training sessions this year are invited to play for the Bats. We will be playing 2 games, 1 v Plymouth and 1 v Guildford. This is a friendly environment to get game experience and we will see some of our players in a competitive game for the first time ever! Please save the date, and contact us as to your availability if you are interested in playing.

**October** – We are arranging a club awards evening to recognise the efforts that players have put in this season. This should be great fun as it will re-cap some of the achievements of players over the season. There will be some awards for statistical performances, but also some awards that we will be asking Badgers players to vote on. All club members are welcome to attend the awards evening.

#### Will Lintern –GB catcher and BSuk coach, to visit our club 26<sup>th</sup> August

We have booked Will Lintern, a GB player and very qualified coach, to visit our club training session on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Will works with BaseballSoftballUK and would like to come down and do some training sessions with us from time to time. This is very generous as he is based in Birmingham, but he would like to help baseball thrive in the Southwest. We recommend that people attend his sessions – Will is a very experienced baseball player with very good coaching skills.

He is also a trainer of coaches and is offering to do a level 1 coaching course in Bristol. This will be a two-day course now scheduled for next year. The course will be open to everyone and delivered at low cost (subsidised by the club and BSuk). More news to follow, but you can register your interest already by email: [contact\\_us@bristolbaseball.co.uk](mailto:contact_us@bristolbaseball.co.uk)

## Diary

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of August – visit of GB coach/player Will Lintern at practice

11th/12th September - Guildford/Plymouth games @ Plymouth

8th October - Awards Evenings/End of Year Social

21st October - AGM

## New uniforms for the Badgers

Thanks to the kind generosity of the Jimenez family, the Badgers have been sporting new uniforms. Check out the photos below. Looking good, feeling good!



## Spring league 2011 & new field

As part of preparing for next year we are thinking of how to get the field ready. For this we are already working hard. We can do some help – your ideas are invited and welcome. We are working on applying to Sport England and local funds to help us create a field ready for next season. We will still need all the help we can get – if you know of materials & tools that can be useful to building a baseball field – or other ideas, large and small - we d like to hear from you.

Some time during autumn/winter we will build our infield – if you are willing to help by spending a day or two digging, designing and generally being useful - then let us know.

As part of our getting ready we will also have a spring league to prepare us for the season by getting more playing time for more people. This will also see us recruit many new people. The spring league will likely last 2 months and will be supported by some expert coaching to people who participate.

Interested in playing a short league? Lead a team? Play a different position? Coach new people? Start a University team? Learn some baseball tricks for your cricket team? Design a logo/uniform? Here is your chance! Register an interest now with [contact\\_us@bristolbaseball.co.uk](mailto:contact_us@bristolbaseball.co.uk) stating 'spring league'.

Support and equipment available!

### **Support the club – buy the T-shirt!**

We still have shirts and hats available! 15£ and 10£ respectively!



*Happy as Badgers – Thom and Scott! Screen print and 100% cotton ☺*

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