

## Redcar CC March Newsletter

We start our welcome return to the NYSD Premier Division 2013 campaign in April led by new Skipper Tom Urwin and vice captain Mick McCabe. Our squad of players is much the same as last year but we are boosted by Professionals, Overseas Pro Mohamed Saad and English-based Muhammed Zahid. Last year's Skipper Steve Hutchinson will be sadly missed this year as he has a new job in Kazakhstan. However, we are hopeful he will be available for a couple of months.



**MOHAMED SAAD -**  
Country: Pakistan  
Right hand Batsmen/Leg Spinner  
Mohammed is a quality young right hand top order batsman who can also bowl right arm leg spin. He had a fantastic 1st class domestic season in 2011/12 for Lahore Ravi scoring 724 runs in 9 games played with a best of 188 with 2 hundreds and 5 fifties and an average of 55.69. This was the 4th highest in the Quaid-e-azam trophy 1st class competition 2011/12.



Muhammed Zahid is one of the most prolific wicket-takers in the NYSD over the last 10 years. He took 359 league wkts for Normanby Hall in 5 seasons from 2002-2006. He followed that with 140 wkts for Marton in 2 seasons, 2008-09.



Our 1996 Professional Corey Richards has been appointed as fielding coach to Bangladesh and is currently in Sri Lanka for their 3 match test series. Corey will also act as the team's batting coach in the interim, while the BCB looks to appoint someone. Corey was very popular here and he liked Redcar so much that he had the cheek to steal one of our most beautiful assets in the likes of Rachael Smith. They are now happily married and live in Sydney and have two lovely daughters Alexandra, seven years old and Zara, 5 months.

## Whitby Sponsored Walk Pictures

### **Chris Knight feeds the Troops**



Ravine trouble for Andy Hunter

Robbo, Potter, Chris Gibbin, Tyler & Steve Lee



### Picture Quiz Corner- Name these Redcar Players Past & Present

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PICTURE QUIZ ANSWERS  
A SAM BERRY B COL BANBRIDGE C RAY HUGGILL

**Jackie May 1931 – 2012**

We lost an invaluable contributor to Redcar Cricket Club when Jack May passed away peacefully in hospital in Middlesbrough on December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, after a long illness. Jack, 81, of Lingmell Road, Redcar, had lived in the town for 54 years. He was well known as a former cricketer, footballer and referee and was a former ICI Wilton manager. He was a very accomplished cricketer and after progressing from Saltburn and Normanby Hall, **he spent years playing for Redcar** as an all-rounder. He was Captain in the 1960s and was a member of Redcar's NYSD Championship Winning side of 1965. He represented the NYSD league team on numerous occasions. He began his football career playing for his local village team in North Skelton. He progressed to the Northern League and played for several teams, notably Crook Town and Whitby Town. One of Jack's "claims to fame" was showing his cricket colleagues the exact spot in the outfield at Kingsway Bishop Auckland where he put Auckland's legendary player Bob Hardisty "into the stands". After his playing days, Jack took up refereeing and quickly progressed, eventually being promoted to the Football League linesman list, which he served with distinction. He spent his later years playing golf at Cleveland Golf Club in Redcar winning a number of trophies with his "never say die" spirit. His widow Eleanor, 77, paid tribute by saying: "He was known to many people on Teesside. He was a great all-round sportsman and liked to excel at everything he did." Jack is also survived by a daughter Ellie, 52, and two grandchildren. Jack will be much missed by his family and friends and many sports people throughout the area.

**JACK MAY**



**BILLY WALKER**



**Billy Walker 1926 – 2012**

Another great loss in the winter was the passing away of social member Billy Walker on October 9, 2012 in hospital, Bill aged 86 years, Loving husband of Audrey, Dad of Ian, Tony and Fiona. Billy was truly loved by everyone who knew him at the club and although he did not watch much cricket all the players knew him. He always had a laugh and a smile and was full of interesting stories. He is a perfect example of the "Gone but not forgotten" idiom.

**"Redcar players working hard to raise funds in times of recession"**

The main highlight of the winter was a Sponsored walk by the players from Whitby to Redcar on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Pictured below are 22 of our heroes. They set off from the Whale Bone Whitby at 8 am on a fine Saturday morning and arrived back at Redcar CC between 5 and 6 pm after trekking 25 miles on the coastal route. The bar was more reminiscent of James Cook A & E that night as the lads limped their way through a well-earned drinking session. It was a brilliant effort and thanks also go to the back up team of Steve Knight, Chris Knight, Brian Reeves, Dave Marshall, and Steve and Jean Hanley who kept the troupes going with Bacon sandwiches at Staithes and Coffee, Tea and Brandy at Skinningrove and Saltburn. The biggest disaster of the trek was when Callum Brown's bait box dropped into a small ravine just after leaving Whitby. As you can see from the picture this was a heart-breaking moment for Callum and was he delighted to see the back up team in Staithes!!



L to R: Callum Brown, Billy Hodgson, Ben Hutchinson, Andy Hunter, Mike Rix, Craig Gibbin, Steve Lee, Ben Hodgson, Sean McGarry, Sam Berry, Karl Buckton, Tom Urwin, Danny Jones, Ollie Rodgers, Anthony Smith, Tyler Easton, Steve Robson, Adam Pickard, John Davis, Steve Law, Andy Wetherell, and Craig Potter.

During the Winter months the players have been very pro active in raising funds for the club which, as like all clubs and social establishments, is struggling in the double dip recession. The Gala Day at the end of September was a great success as the weather was kind to us after a rain-drenched Summer. There has also been a couple of excellent Quiz Nights run by Keith and Allison Munro which were well supported and organised.