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60TH ANNIVERSARY 1957 - 2017



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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME



● Where have the last 10 years since our golden 50th anniversary gone as we now celebrate our diamond anniversary?

Although the memory fades, I can still envisage the early days and players who formed this great club from very humble beginnings and played on unprepared wickets and outfielders which were, to say the least, uneven with the risk of treading in cowpats, sharing bats, pads, gloves and even "boxes" (if worn at all).

From such acorns has grown a very successful cricket club.

I wonder if the original members would have believed Cobo CC would dominate local and, indeed, Channel Islands cricket for the best part of three decades and produce many island players – and the now-excellent playing conditions.

Since a Guernsey team has been participating in the ICC World Cricket League, with some success, Cobo CC has supplied a large percentage of the island side including two captains (Stuart Le Prevost and Jamie Nussbaumer).

Local cricket has suffered a little because of the demands of international cricket, but understandably there are great opportunities for our local cricketers to travel the world and improve their game.

What does the future hold for Cobo CC? One thing I believe is essential is that players and retired ones are needed to help in the running of this great club, especially in encouraging the young members to continue the traditions of Cobo CC.

Brian Le Prevost

Cobo CC extends a very warm welcome to

IAN GOULD,

*former England, Middlesex, Sussex & Auckland Player &
Current ICC International Panel Umpire*

Ian Gould's cricketing career saw him keep wicket for England in ODIs, including the 1983 World Cup. He captained Sussex when they won the 1986 NatWest Trophy. His county career was shared between Middlesex and Sussex, starting at Lord's, moving to Hove in 1981, and returning to Middlesex to captain their 2nd XI in 1991, who he subsequently coached. A genial and popular character, he joined the first-class umpires panel in 2002, was promoted to the international panel in April 2006 and the elite panel three years later.



COBO CC - THE FIRST 60 YEARS...

● WHILE a diamond duck is something all cricketers want to avoid, a diamond anniversary is something for any club to celebrate. Cobo Cricket Club do so this year in our usual, social style as we mark turning 60 years old.

Actually, the foundations of the club go back to a couple of years earlier to when a group of lads – Maurice Le Huray and the Batiste brothers of John, Brian and Don – started playing cricket on the commons at Vazon and Cobo. After a game, they would head to the Rockmount for a drink and started talking about cricket to others in the bar. Soon they had garnered enough interest to get a team together.

In 1956 a small committee was formed with Le Huray made captain of the team and Rockmount CC came into existence, playing friendly matches against visiting holiday-makers or pub sides.

Things turned more formal the following year when terms of membership of the club were laid out in June 1957 – an entrance fee of two shillings and sixpence was required – and the name of the club changed as Cobo CC were born.

Former Guernsey Press sports editor and one-time Cobo president John Le Poidevin wrote of the original brigade that 'coaching would have been a foreign language to them, but what they didn't lack was a love of sport' and that crucial love of cricket has remained the ethos of our club ever since.

Although island stars were not part of the Cobo CC make-up in the early years – Mick 'Tico' Mechem being a notable exception as he became the first Cobo player to be capped by Guernsey – success on the field arrived relatively quickly and the side were promoted to the top flight for the 1962 season.

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COBO CC - THE FIRST 60 YEARS...

Five years later we won our first Evening League crown, just a decade on from our humble beginnings. We have gone on to make it 18 EL titles and counting, to go with 10 Weekend League crowns, 15 GCA Cups and a couple of Channel Islands Club Championships in its extended guise following on from two Trislander Trophy 'Upton' successes.

The club have not been afraid to spread our wings either. Early 'tours' to Alderney and annual matches against St Ouen of Jersey took us on our travels and we became the first Sarnian club to enter the Jersey Knockout, winning it on a couple of memorable occasions.

Cobo CC even hit the national media headlines in 1990 when we played in the National Village competition for the first time and while the initial trip to Fleet in Hampshire to face Crown Taverners saw some lasting friendships formed, a couple of subsequent ill-tempered encounters on the mainland called a halt to their participation after two seasons.



Cobo A 1963. Back row (left to right):
B Le Prevost, G Pearson, T Thornton, A Shepherd, R Lucas, M Cleal
front row: B Batiste, B Brouard, M Le Huray, M Mechem, D Batiste

You see, the most important aspect of Cobo has always been that our players enjoy their cricket.

'We have always been a tight unit of mates playing together,' club president David Nussbaumer said. 'The cricket has always been approached seriously, but we have also always enjoyed ourselves as a group and it has proved to be a recipe for success.'



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COBO CC - THE FIRST 60 YEARS...

'It all started as a group of mates in a pub – the heart and soul of the club started from the Rockmount in those early days, that heart and soul is still there now and we hope that it remains for a long time to come and that people continue to buy into the ethos of the club.'

Cobo owe much to the work done behind the scenes over the years by stalwarts such as Hedley Tostevin, Geoff Queripel, the Le Lacheur brothers 'Basher' and 'Piper', Graham Chester, Tony Ayton and Rob Batiste.

However, think of Cobo Cricket Club and two surnames tend to spring to mind – Nussbaumer

and Le Prevost – for the long-standing and ongoing contributions of the respective families to the cause.

The name of Brian Le Prevost features in the club minutes from the very early days and even now, in the year he turned 75, he is club chairman. Prev's elder son Stuart has served as a highly-successful captain of both Cobo and Guernsey, before being succeeded in both roles by David's son, Jamie.

David, whose other son, Luke, is also a first-team player for both club and island nowadays, wants the family links to continue for as long as possible.



Cobo A
1998



Cobo A
2006



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THE PRESENT DAY



● Having taken over the captaincy from Stu in 2011, I am pleased to say that the club has continued to pick up plenty of silverware. We strive to continue in this vein whilst also ensuring that the main objective is that we enjoy the game itself.

The former is becoming more and more difficult as the world that we live in changes. People are living busy lives and are demanding things quicker and shorter. Thus trying to find eleven able and willing cricketers, particularly in the weekend league, is becoming tougher by the year, but is not a struggle that we fight alone.

I am delighted that in our 60th year we have seen the re-introduction of the Channel Islands League, which breathed much needed life into a domestic fixture list that contained only three weekend club sides in 2016. Not only did it add

extra and more varied opposition, but also a chance to get one over against the Crapauds! Team morale was certainly be boosted with the two away trips to Jersey – unsurprisingly I didn't have many problems finding eleven for those two fixtures!

Mike is doing sterling work in bringing the next batch of youngsters through the ranks in a much improved Guernsey youth structure. We remain a strong unit in both the first and second sides but you can never stand still. As ever, we are dependent on sponsorship and volunteers to help keep the club running and to be able to make everyone involved proud by publishing features such as this.

Let's hope that we will be in equally good health as a club when we toast our 70th

Jamie Nussbaumer



50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

22 JUNE 2007

BACK IN 1957

● Quite a lot has change over the 60 years in which Cobo CC has been in existence! Here are just a few examples of what you could have been spending your hard-earned money on back in 1957:

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Belfast	£18-18s-0d
Glasgow	£20-6s-0d
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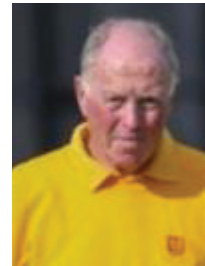
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COBO CC – THE FUTURE...



● Cobo CC have been the leading light in Junior cricket for several years, having built up a structure where those coming into the game can enjoy themselves but also learn and stretch themselves.

Many have taken up the opportunity for more individual coaching and have become engaged with the game.

For several years many of our Under 15 cricketers have made their way into Senior sides and the respective GCB competitions.

The GCB have recognised this and have introduced a new initiative, aimed at developing

both junior cricket and the benefits for both club and island cricket. Three clubs are now responsible for player development from under 11 through under 13, 15 and on into senior cricket. Cobo, Griffins and Wanderers will be the guardians of this.

However, development is the key, it is also about both enjoyment and participation. Throughout the summer there were a series of competitions in several formats when the base for the future is laid.

Within this is room for parents and volunteers and the development of club structures with a social element. A Pathway is being developed for all.

Within this structure Cobo will remain a "BIG Club for a small Island".

Mike Kinder

So 60 years NOT OUT what a magnificent achievement !

For a Club to exist under its original name and colours in this day and age is testament to the people behind the scenes, and it is appropriate today to take the opportunity to pat these fine fellows on the back and say 'thank you'.

Every season the struggle to get players out and fulfil fixtures seems to get harder and harder as the distractions of life seemingly squeezes a social life to the side. The key to longevity is remaining true to the tradition and name of the Club, rather than any quick fix merger or some such.

The Cobo of today still sees many of the names of yesteryear around the boundary on match days, and that enforces the Club ethos. This year saw the future of Cobo (and others) sprout into being via the Junior Club League, a joint initiative with Guernsey Cricket. Under the guidance of Mike Kinder, and assistance from Mark Wall, Andre Austin, Ollie Bromley and Bob O'Brien the Cobo blue (albeit in small boys and not XXL) was seen in matches at Under 11 and 13, winning the U11

& U13 30/30 League. Another 60 years of Cobo Club cricket can be secured by supporting these kids in their fledgling start in the Cobo colours

Over the years Cobo have supplied numerous players, and captains for the National side playing a big part in successes across the world. A strong GY5 side is a barometer of local cricket as a whole and seeing the blues back challenging for cups again will be good for everyone.

I am sure many stories will be swapped by those old and new to Cobo at the celebration dinner, and it is this comradery and history, so much a part of cricket which makes it such a special game.

So on behalf of all at Guernsey Cricket, Happy Birthday to Cobo Cricket Club and here's to many, many more decades and a few more trophies along the way!

*Mark Latter
Chief Executive
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A VIEW FROM THE OPPOSITION...



● I have been fortunate to play against Cobo for all of my 50 year career, and in a time where there have been more changes in rules, balls, leagues, facilities and clothing than any other Guernsey sport, one constant has been Cobo CC.

My first highlight and still the best Evening League innings I have ever seen was Robin Roussel's 88 n.o. in a 16 over game on 6th August 1970 at KGV on the old bitumen wicket. Majestic, I was playing for Rovers at the time in what was a top of the table clash and Robin just blew us away with proper cricket strokes and a calm authority only the gifted have.

I went on to play the majority of my career for Salemites CC and when we were in Division 1 we played Cobo. They always had a side that was competitive without crossing the line and in the likes of Pete Vidamour, Gary Rich, Mark

Culverwell, and many others had characters that at time made you feel you were in a different place, rather than a cricket match. They would talk to each other about the week end or anything other than the game and it was off putting in a strange way. Perfectly legal and non personal but very effective as a concentration breaker.

Cobo have produced many good officials, Mickey "Tico" Mechem probably the best unqualified umpire I ever played under, his quiet "asides" left you in no doubt that you were wasting your time appealing. Brian Le Prevost has always been there often unnoticed but a solid rock on which Cobo has flourished.

I could write many paragraphs on what Cobo means to Guernsey Cricket but I believe that the model that they are is exactly what Guernsey Cricket needs more of now, stability, longevity and a club that demands respect for its history and I hope we will see it flourish well into this century. It would be great to look down and see it pass its 100 anniversary in 2057.

Ralph Anthony



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COBO CRICKET CLUB

ROLL OF HONOUR

1957 to 2017

TEAM HONOURS

EVENING LEAGUE

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Division Two – 1961, 1987, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2000

Division Three – 1974, 1987, 2006

Division Four – 1996, 2008, 2012

Division Five – 2005, 2008

Division Seven – 1996

AFTERNOON LEAGUE

Division One – 1990, 1992, 1993, 1998, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2015

GCA KNOCKOUT CUP

1972, 1977, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1996, 1998, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2015

LOWER DIVISIONS KNOCKOUT/GCA TROPHY

1996, 1998, 2004, 2005

TRILANDER TROPHY (THE 'UPTON')

1990, 1998

CHANNEL ISLANDS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

2004, 2005

JERSEY SENIOR KNOCKOUT

1994, 1997

INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION

GCA PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1992 – Mark Poole, 1993 – Gary Rich, 1997 – Gary Rich, 1998 – Stuart Le Prevost, 2002 – Jeremy Frith, 2004 – Stuart Le Prevost, 2005 – Matt Oliver, 2008 – Jeremy Frith, 2009 – Jeremy Frith, 2010 – Jeremy Frith, 2011 – Ross Kneller, 2017 – Josh Butler

GCA YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR

1960 – Tony Shepherd, 1962 – Micky Mechem, 1994 – Stuart Le Prevost, 1999 – Paul Le Tocq, 2003 – Matt Oliver, 2005 – Jamie Nussbaumer, 2007 – Blane Queripel, 2008 – Jamie Nussbaumer, 2009 – Jamie Nussbaumer, 2016 – Josh Butler

GCA VETERAN PLAYER OF THE YEAR

2005 – Gary Rich, 2008 – Peter Vidamour, 2010 – Gary Rich, 2013 – Stuart Le Prevost

COBO CC PLAYER OF THE YEAR (1984-1991)

1984 – Brian Robson, 1985 – no record, 1986 – Tony Shepherd, 1987 – Ian Fitchet, 1988 – Mike Webber, 1989 – Gary Rich, 1990 – Vince Kenny, 1991 – Vince Kenny

CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR (1988-1991)

1988 – Andy Batiste, 1989 – Tony Robin, 1990 – Malcolm de la Haye, 1991 – Mark Le Tissier

PLAYERS' PLAYER OF THE YEAR (1991-present)

1991 – Mark Poole, 1992 – Tony Robin, 1993 – Gary Rich, 1994 – Peter Vidamour, 1995 – Paul Wakeford, 1996 – Graham Marquand, 1997 – Gary Rich, 1998 – Mark Culverwell, 1999 – Mark Le Tissier, 2000 – Gary Rich, 2001 – Stuart Le Prevost, 2002 – Jeremy Frith, 2003 – Matt Oliver, 2004 – TJ Ozanne, 2005 – Matt Oliver, 2006 – Stuart Le Prevost, 2007 – Blane Queripel, 2008 – Peter Vidamour, 2009 – Jonathan Warr, 2010 – Stuart Le Prevost, 2011 – Stuart Le Prevost, 2012 – Ross Kneller, 2013 – Ollie Newey, 2014 – Ollie Newey, 2015 – Ollie Newey, 2016 – Luke Nussbaumer



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