

Cornwall Cricket Board Celebrate their Volunteers

Cornwall Cricket Board is pleased to announce that they have completed their first Volunteer Reward and Recognition event celebrating the enthusiastic and dedicated cricket volunteers who run recreational cricket in Cornwall.

The cricket clubs did extremely well in getting a large number of nominations in for awards such as Junior Club of the Year, Young Volunteer, Another Way, League and Board, Natwest Cricket Force, Building Partnerships, Behind the Scenes and Lifetime Achiever.

The winners of the Cornwall Cricket Boards awards will progress onto the ECB OSCAs that are taking place at Lords in London on the 13th October 2008. The winners will be wined and dined, receive a tour of the ground including the Pavilion, Media Centre and Museum. There will be guest's speakers and an answer and question session from Mike Gatting, former England Captain and ECB Managing Director – Cricket Partnerships.

The winners of the categories for Cornwall were:

Junior Club of the Year – St Erme Cricket Club
Young Volunteer – Joe Crane, Newquay Cricket Club
Another Way - John Shepley, Looe Cricket Club
League and Board – Steve Barrett, Cornwall Youth Cricket League
Natwest Cricket Force – Elaine Bustin, Grampound Road Cricket Club
Building Partnerships - Chris Goninan, St Just Cricket Club
Behind the Scenes – Geoff Hills, Launceston Cricket Club
Lifetime Achiever – David Fowles, Mullion Cricket Club

St Erme Cricket Club won the junior club of the year for having a thriving junior section with a good infrastructure that is currently working towards Club Mark Accreditation. Joe Crane won the Young Volunteer for his efforts with Newquay Cricket Club, taking on the running of the junior section which takes time and commitment and good organisational skills. John Shepley was awarded the Another Way for his work with Looe Cricket Club and for the Cornwall Cricket Board as the ECB pitch Advisor working with the Groundsmans Association and cricket clubs. Steve Barrett won the Boards and League for his extraordinary efforts during a wet summer trying to manage the Cornwall Youth League, junior club competitions and Area the cricket programme. Elaine Bustin for her organisational efforts during the Natwest Cricket Force event with Grampound Road Cricket Club. Chris Goninan for Building Partnerships between St Just Cricket Club and the local primary and secondary schools and more recently, getting Solar Panels on the pavilion and using them to educate the local population and schools about renewable energy. Geoff Hills won the Behind the Scenes for Launceston Cricket Club for being the driver behind the club developing their two new playing facilities and David Fowles for his long time support and work with Mullion Cricket Club won the Lifetime achiever award.

Thanks must go to The Minack Theatre, The Hall for Cornwall, One Eyed Cat, Shanaz Indian Restaurant and Chance to Shine for supporting the awards and giving the winners an evening to remember. Without their support the rewards would not have been able to go ahead. Somerset Cricket Club also needs to be thanked as the

award winners were given free tickets to see the Pro 40 one day game verses Nottinghamshire.

Cornwall Cricket Board would like to thank all the volunteers who run cricket in the county. Without them cricket at senior and junior level would not happen. So a big thank you to all who help your run cricket your expertise and time is valued.

If you would like to nominate someone for next years event then you will be able to download the nomination form from the Cornwall Cricket Board Website in March 09. If a club would like to find out how to get more volunteers involved in their cricket club then look at the ECB website and if the club wishes to apply for the NATWEST Cricket Force event please see go to <http://www.ecb.co.uk/development/natwest-cricketforce>

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