

PCC Awards Night 2022



In the run-up to Christmas, Paignton CC's 2022 end of season awards night on the seafront gave president Colin Knight a chance to reflect on a year of mixed successes for the men's sides. The 1st XI maintained its position in the Premier, due in no small part to the feats of Divy Saxena who scored 1010 runs and took 27 wickets, supporting the mix of home-grown colts and local cricketers who made up the side. Meanwhile the 2nd XI dropped to D West, the 3rd XI finished mid-table, and the 4th XI were promoted.

Players of the Season for the men's teams were Mark Orchard (1sts) for key contributions with bat, Sam Robbins (2nds) for his runs and wickets, and veteran batter Jason Woodcock (3rds) who averaged 48. Meanwhile, Mark Bennett (353 runs) and James Holland (22 wickets) shared the 4ths award - for their key roles in their promotion winning season. Champagne moments were picked up by Cole Harford, Kevin Francis and Sam Rowsell ... while Rory Medlock won the Don Piper shield for the overall champagne moment - his maiden league century for the club. A special mention was also given to a number of youngsters who debuted in age-group cricket in 2022 as well as the social camaraderie of the teams through the season.

2022 was a busy year for Paignton's hardball and softball ladies' sides, with almost 40 representing the club in competitive matches. In hardball, Hollie

Perkin won the Ladies Player of the Season after averaging 73 in DWCL Division 2 as part of the team who finished runners-up. Other awards went to Charlotte Massey, Nancy Gilpin and Ella Clark. In the softball section, Ladies Player of the Year was won by Imogen Wray - for her achievements with bat, ball and in the field. Other awards were picked up by Julie Simpson and Tracey Woodcock. Finally, Steph Kaczalska won the Ladies Clubman trophy for her part in the softball team finishing as county runners-up.

Following the team awards, a number of players received caps in honour of maiden centuries and five-fers and the Al Downham Promising Young Player trophy was awarded to Ollie Woodcock. Additionally, Trevor Massey and Nick Harman received Valuable Service Awards for their contributions to girls' and ladies' cricket. As always, Tim Ward finished the evening with a rousing acknowledgement of the many volunteers who contributed to the club in 2022 – before Terry Farkins' name was added to the prestigious Bob Whitburn Clubman trophy.