



STOCKHOLM CRICKET CLUB

Annual Report 2021

Verksamhetsberättelse

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Chairman's Notes

In writing a summary on 2021, I want to firstly start by mentioning that as a club we are made up of over 250 members. During 2021 we have had 100s of training sessions and matches. We are also an organisation based on volunteers, whether coaching a team or working on a committee. Therefore I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who volunteered their time and energy during the year, as without your contribution none of those training sessions or matches would have occurred. Simply, we would not exist.

As for what we did and achieved, naturally Covid-19 left its mark on 2021 just like the year before. Though perhaps the impact was somewhat lessened as the vaccination rollout got underway. During the season, when it came, we had 4 teams in the Men's T20 Club cricket competition. Our Junior section showed the depth we have been developing, as we fielded 2 U15 teams along with a U19 team in the Cricket Sweden youth competitions.

Results also came our way too. The Men's 1st IX secured their Superettan license and reached the quarter finals of the ECS Stockholm T10 competition. And the U15 Söder team reached the SM final.

Significantly we also re-launched our Women's Section. Originally started in the 1990's by Irene Persson, the women's team had faded away by the turn of the century. So it was heartening to see the growth during the year as we restarted with a focus on recreation cricket while at the same time working with other clubs to enter teams in competitions.

As we grow we need to change and learn from our mistakes, while also coalescing around our common values: we are proud of our history and value it; we are open and welcome everyone; we play with the spirit of cricket in mind; we place youth at our foundation; and our elite teams are our external face.

In summary we are building a solid base for the future. There is much we need to do together, but our future looks bright.

Go well.

Karl Langston

Chairman, Stockholm Cricket Club

2021-12-30



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Men's Cricket

Herr 1st XI

In line with a change to bring an elite focus in the club initial steps were taken to develop a more professional structure for the 1st XI team. This started with selection requirements that include fitness, not solely ability. And selection of squads specifically for the different competitions. But also included general match management, where we aim to improve the game day experience.



T20 – Superettan

After a rocky start to the season the 1st XI recovered to secure their Superettan license, finishing in 3rd equal place and missing out on promotion to All Svenskan only on NRR. The leading run scorer was Jyotimoi Saikia, the leading bowler was Rakesh Kumar.



T10 - Swedish Cup and ECS

In 2021 the T10 format Swedish Cup was combined with ECS. After winning the qualification group, we progressed to ECS Group A. Where over the week we won 4 and lost 4, finishing 3rd. Unfortunately the run finished in the quarter final, being knocked-out by DIF Cricket.



Individual Awards

Abhishek was voted by the club members as Player of the Season. Team awards as were:

- Best Batsman – Abhishek Mathur
- Best Bowler – Rakesh Kumar
- Captains Cup – Jagan Sandhu

Superettan 2021

T20: P11 – W5 – D1 – L5

Swedish Cup and ECS 2021

Qualification: P2 – W2 – D0 – L0

ECS: P9 – W4 – D0 – L5





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SCC Gladiators

2021 was an exceptionally good year for the Gladiators.

Playing in Cricket Sweden's Division 1 the Gladiators had a target to finish in the top 3. After a few initial losses, the team realised that they needed immediate attention on fielding and batting. A focus in Club practices, on improving fielding and batting, helped to win 5 out of the last 5 matches. And the Gladiators finished in 4th place, missing out on a play-off place to Superettan on NRR.

Below are some team achievements:

- Won 6 out of 10 matches after losing 4 out of first 5 matches.
- 4 matches were won by restricting the opposition to less than 100 runs
- Cricket Sweden Division 1 player rankings
 - 4 batters in top 50 – Ajay Kumar, Feroz Patel, Varun Goel and Basant Sharma
 - 2 bowlers in top 10 – Varun Goel and Basant Sharma
- Best individual performances
 - Batting: Highest individual score – 73 (Ajay Kumar), second best 42 (Feroz Patel)
 - Bowling: 5 wickets in single match by individual bowler – one time (Ajay Kumar)
 - Bowling: 4 wickets in single match by individual bowler – two times (Varun & Basant)

SCC Gladiators Results 2020

Division 1: P10 – W6 – D0 – L4

SCC Warriors Results 2020

Division 1: P10 – W4 – D0 – L6

SCC Challengers Results 2020

Division 2: P5 – W2 – D0 – L3

SCC Warriors

Also playing in Cricket Sweden Division 1 North, the Warriors finished in 7th place with a 4 and 6 record.

At the end of the season, the Gladiators also played in the Kunsängen Cup. Winning the final against Indiska CC.

SCC Challengers.

A new team in 2021 the Challengers played in Cricket Sweden Division 2, finishing in 4th place.





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Stockholm T20 Smash

The club held the annual “T20 Smash” in August and September at the end of the T20 series. 10 teams entered the T20 Smash in 2021, and the matches were played over 6 weekends.

Finals weekend saw Stockholm CC beat Stockholm Titans by 3 wickets, and SMI beat SICC by 2 wickets. The final saw SMI come out on top, winning by 14 runs.



Participating team were; Indiska CC, Solna CC, Stockholm CC, SCC Gladiators, SCC Warriors, SCC Challengers, SICC, SMI CC, and Trident Sports.



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Women's Cricket

Dam 1st XI

In 2021 the Women's Section started a team to compete in Club Cricket Competition. During the start up phase it was decided that the team would join together with other clubs in order to field teams.

Joining Alby CC, the women's team played in a T20 tournament hosted by Malmöhus CC. Then together with Västerås CC, in November the team played in an indoor T10 competition. Meghana was the leading run scorer in both tournaments.



Soft Ball Cricket

After a covid-induced delay the club started its Women's Softball Cricket initiative, to encourage participation of women and families in cricket.

With regular training sessions held in Kista from the start of summer the initiative has been expanded to include training in the South of the city too.



Swedish National Team

Meghana was selected to the Swedish National team for the bilateral series against Norway in August.





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Junior Cricket

U8s

The U8s had training on Sunday mornings in Kista during the summer. During which time there was a vast improvement from everyone. A badge style, awards system was developed in the autumn to provide a fun way of measuring progress toward the learning goals of the team.



U13 Akalla & Kista

The U13 Kista team had a turbulent year in 2021. After coaching the team for several years Nagendra decided to stop coaching. Luckily several parents volunteered to pick up, but there was a period without training.



At the end of the season, given the number of people had increased to over 30, it was also decided to split the Kista team into 2 age based groups - Akalla and Kista.

During the season the U13s played a few friendly matches (both softball and hard ball) against other clubs in Stockholm. And with the growth in U13 cricket within Stockholm there looks to be a more opportunities moving forward into 2022 and beyond.



U13 Söder

Training in Skarpnäck the U13 Söder team came on with leaps and bounds in 2021.

With Arun, Prasad and Stephen working as coaches for the team, at the end of the season Karl stepped aside as coach.



U15 Kista

There was a massive increase in progress from all the team during 2021, with a fantastic team feeling being built. Playing in the U15 T20 competition in 2021, they finished in 3rd place, only due to NRR.

Unfortunately Suman decided to stop coaching during the season, but luckily Yasir agreed to take over as coach in November.



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U15 Söder

With a base in Skarpnäck the U15 Söder team had a fantastic 2021. Undeclared in the T20 league North, they sadly lost the SM final against Göteborg CC. But showed a commitment and will all season.

U19s

In 2021 the club entered a U19 team solely itself, having previously entered a team in combination with DIF. With a 6 and 4 record they finished in 3rd place.

Two players, Adyita and Ritam, were selected to the regional JPL team Stockholm Förs.

Events

Ungdoms Cricket Festival

With Covid-19 impacting the ability to host the tournament, the U15 Cricket Festival was modified and changed into a U13 and U15 tournament.

Wicket Keeping Master Class

A new concept was tested in 2021, where a Master Class could be held for a specific area or skill, allowing an in depth focus not possible in normal trainings. Being outside the normal team structure in the club, it is also a way of bringing in external expertise.

The first of these was a Wicket Keeping Master Class was held in June. Led by Manu Lund and Jyoti Saikia, 10 people from the junior sections received focused wicket keeping coaching.



Ice Cricket

In February, to break the monotony of indoor training and as a relief from the constraints of Covid-19 restrictions, the Junior Section organised Ice Cricket on Trekanten. Where everyone could get together out in the sunshine and fresh air to play some cricket.



Coaches Education

Having well educated coaches is a key component in being able to help the children that are a part of our Club be the best they can be. Therefore, it was fantastic that in 2021 we were able to send 2 coaches from the club attended the GTU education in English and 9 attended the Coaches Essentials education as organised by the Cricket Sweden.



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Veterans Cricket

Old Boys

The Old Boys had a marvellous summer of cricket in 2021, with a good mixture of T20s, 40-Over and declaration matches organised during the summer.

Highlights of the season included the Midnight Cup hosted by Guttsta, being an opportunity bond as a team for the weekend it set up the season. The Old Boys bounced back after a painful 8 run loss on day 1, to win the next day with Kerwin's and Ayyappa's effort with the bat setting the platform for a 33 run victory.

There was also the thriller of a tied declaration match, where we bowled out Guttsta in the last over before time was due to be called with the scores level was a thrilling result. Thanks to a great bowling attack led by the ever-young Jeffery and Anil

The overall record for the season was played 6, won 4 lost 1 and tied 1.



Walking Cricket

With people over the age of 65 defined as a high-risk group, "walking cricket" was put on hold due to the ongoing covid-19 epidemic.

ParaCricket

Promotional Events

Working with both Järfälla and Stockholm Kommun during 2021 the club participated in several events to promote ParaCricket and give people the opportunity to give playing cricket a try.

Training

Regular training at Skarpnäck was restarted in the autumn.





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Off the field

The Board

The Board in 2021 were Karl Langston (Chairman), Sampat Manju (Treasurer), Jyoti Saikia (Secretary), Niranjan Komalla and Vijay Singh Gahlawat. Manu Lund was a deputy member. During the year Suman Mokhamatam resigned from the board, with Vijay taking his place.

Once again in 2021 due to the pandemic the board did not meet face to face, with all meetings held via MS Teams. During 2021 the board met 11 times.

An Extraordinary General Meeting was held in July, deciding unanimously to approve the proposal for the creation of an Honorary Membership category and update our constitution accordingly.

Key items worked on by the board were:

- The development of a strategic plan for the Men's 1st XI, with long term goals defined along with an action plan for the up-coming 18-24 months.
- The handling of logistics for approximately 180 personalised uniforms, and subsequent agreement with Den Svenska Cricketbutiken AB for them to manage the logistics for uniform ordering from 2022 onwards.
- The purchase of a live streaming system for cricket matches.
- The agreement with Stockholm Stad for the club to use Stenhagens BP in Akalla for junior cricket (the under 13 age group).
- The migration of our management systems to SportAdmin from Idrottonline.

The board also actively contributed to Cricket Sweden, attending 3 AGMs during the year along with numerous conferences, workshops and seminars

Committee Work

Disciplinary Committee

The Disciplinary Committee started the year 2021 on a good note with no cases pending from the previous year. During 2021 the committee received one complaint, this case is still being processed.

A new member, Ayyappa Sanikommu, joined the committee during the year, bringing the number of committee members to three.

In October, the DC organised a webinar on "Introduction to Disciplinary Committee activities". Despite some unfortunate communication glitches regarding the date and time of the Webinar, there was a positive response from the members of the club towards the seminar. The webinar covered; the documents available on the SCC website, an appeal for female members to join the committee, and a brief Q & A session. The DC looks forward to organising several such activities in the coming season.



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Technical Committee

The changes to the league schedules and structure impacted the Technical Committees in that there was no certainty on whether there would be cricket at all during 2021. The Technical Committee allocated players to squads in the 4 teams that were entered into the Cricket Sweden leagues.

Junior Committee

Preliminary steps were made to start the junior committee in 2020, focusing on areas for cooperation across teams.



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Membership

Membership Statistics

The membership of the Stockholm Cricket Club at the end of 2021 was 281 people, an increase of 22% on 2020.

The gender balance is poor, with only 7% of members being female. However this is up from 3% in 2020, driven by the women's softball initiative.

The club continues to have a large amount of flux in membership numbers, reflecting the "expat"

make-up of the club with people moving to and from Sweden. In 2021, 109 people have joined the club, 63 of whom were under the age of 20. During the year 59 members left the club, 26 of whom were under the age of 20.

There is a team of 26 volunteers leaders leading our junior programs.

<i>Age Group</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2020</i>	<i>2019</i>
0 – 6 years	5	5	5
7 – 12 years	67	58	47
13 – 20 years	49	27	10
21 – 40 years	103	105	94
41+	45	36	39
TOTAL	281	231	194

Youth Participation Levels

During the 2021 season there were Covid-19 restrictions in place for much of the season. This impacted the ability to organise indoor training for people 16 years old or over. However it also provided an upside, with the opportunity to book facilities, as competitions for handball and basketball were cancelled.

<i>Team</i>	<i>Registered Activities</i>	<i>Participants Player</i>	<i>Participants Leader</i>
U8	30	548	70
U13 Akalla & Kista	51	1507	164
U13 Söder	57	1153	197
U15 Kista	28	1072	108
U15 Söder	72	2760	293
U19	54	1556	165
TOTAL	292	8596	997

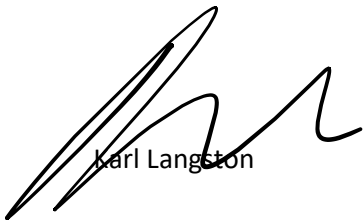
In 2021 we saw the number of registered 292 activities, remained at the same level as 2020. While participation levels increased reflecting an increase of people in the club.



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Board for Stockholm Cricket Club

18 February 2022



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