

## **Mirfield CC 2006 Presentation Night by James Norbury**

This year's prestigious Mirfield Cricket Club annual awards ceremony took place on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October. The ceremony celebrated a long yet successful season for Mirfield, which saw them comfortably survive their first season in section A of the Huddersfield cricket league, following their impressive promotion from section B last season.

The night itself was a great success, and proved to be an extremely successful one for club secretary and first team batsman Pat Neal (below). Pat scooped up four awards during the course of the evening, capping off not just a wonderful season for the team, but for him personally. He received awards for best batting and for the most man of the match awards over the whole season. He was also nominated players player of the year, receiving the Johnny Hodge Memorial Trophy. To cap off a great evening Pat also received a Century bat.



It also proved to be a memorable evening for club bowler Nas Saudager. Nas came away from the ceremony with the best bowler award and a medal for bowling. He was also presented with the Wilf Needler Trophy for the best individual performance of the season.

Many of the clubs other players picked up awards during the course of the night. David Bolt picked up the trophy for best fielding and Ben Allen received the captain's trophy. There were also honours handed out to Mirfield's second eleven. Tim Dixon received the award for best batsman whilst Brian Martin was handed the best bowler trophy.

Kenny Spencer was awarded as top scorer for the team and Richard Denton received a trophy for best fielding. Graham Whitworth was awarded for most man of the match awards in the second team and the captain's trophy went to Mathew Haigh. As well as Nas Saudager, bowling medals were also handed out to Andy Kaye and Mark Eastwood. Ajmal Zarif was honoured as Young Member of the year. In two separate awards, Kevin Bell was voted Clubman of the Year, whilst the Cock up of the Year trophy was saved for Paul Newton.

The event took place at the Auctioneer in Brighouse. The Awards and prizes were handed out by Dr Peter Davies of Huddersfield University, who is also part of the Cricket Heritage Project. The evening proved to be a huge success and was enjoyed by all those who attended.