

West Region Newsletter, 62, January 2017

Inspiring Scotland to Choose Cricket

Club News:

All clubs should have received an e-mail from Cricket Scotland about the new, and exciting, 'All Stars Cricket' programme, which is coming to Scotland.

'All Stars Cricket' is a UK-wide programme that aims to inspire 5 to 8 year olds to take up cricket and join their local club! The programme enables children to acquire the skills to play the game and connects them to their Scottish cricket heroes.

Every club has been encouraged to register their interest in the programme – with a view to attending a roadshow which will provide full details about this innovative development for cricket in Scotland. Please get in contact with me if you think your club has not received any information about this programme.



Coaching News:

Cricket Scotland has launched its 2017 Coaches Association. Open to all coaches holding the minimum of an ICC Introduction to Cricket Award (or equivalent qualification), membership has several benefits:



- Coaching insurance cover provided by SportsCover* (valid until 31 December 2017)
- Free registration for Cricket Scotland Coaching Forums, held throughout Scotland
- First access to a copy of the Coaching E-Newsletter – Hawkeye the Noo!
- A free Mini Coaching Rucksack (pictured left)
- A Cricket Scotland USB memory stick
- Interaction with a network of like-minded coaches across Scotland

* NB: insurance cover will only be valid if a member has a valid PVG and an up-to-date First Aid qualification

Membership costs only £40 and registration is possible through the Cricket Scotland website by following this link: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/news/article/coaches-association-2017/>.

Cricket Society of Scotland:

The next meeting of the west regional branch of the Cricket Society of Scotland will take place at Titwood (Clydesdale CC), at 7.30pm, on Monday 13th February. The guest speaker will be Grant Bradburn.

Grant is a New Zealander who played for his country in 7 Tests and 11 ODIs. He had rather an unusual international career in that, having debuted for his country in 1990, he was then dropped following the tour of Sri Lanka in 1992/93 - only to be recalled to the colours against Pakistan in 2001, at the age of 35! He retired from domestic cricket after the 2001/02 season, having played for Northern Districts for 16 years and having played more matches (115) for them than anyone else. He coached Northern Districts for five years from 2008 (succeeding Andy Moles), leading them to Plunket Shield success in 2012. He subsequently took charge of the New Zealand A and Under-19 sides before being appointed Head Coach by Cricket Scotland in July 2014. His current contract runs until the end of 2017.

For further information about the west branch, please contact either of the Joint Secretaries Graham Hollier (graham_hollier@sky.com) or Ewen McConville (ejrmcc@gmail.com).

'Curriculum For Excellence' Resource For Schools:



Discussions continue to be on-going with several potential partners based around the introduction of Cricket Scotland's 'Curriculum for Excellence' resource pack to schools.

As well as the resource pack and equipment, the schools involved in any project get support from Cricket Scotland and their local club – to try and help the school to deliver exciting striking and fielding sessions and to link up school delivery to the local club.

Following the official launch of the Ayrshire project (involving schools from both East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire) during December, a project based in the local authority area of Glasgow has now also begun – and discussions are continuing with both East Renfrewshire and Renfrewshire about the programmes within their respective local authority areas.

'Direct Club Investment' Programme Update:

Following each club submitting a robust 'Business Case', four West Region clubs have received funding support from **sportscotland** as part of the 'Direct Club Investment' programme. Each project had a different start date and therefore each is at a slightly different stage. Please find a brief update from each club below:



Clydesdale CC have just completed their first year of their project. Steve Taylor has provided the following update: "The first year of having our Club Development Officer has been a real success with new junior members joining and a great buzz about our clubhouse. We are now advertising for a Development Officer for the new 2017 season." Full details are available at: <http://clydesdalecricket.org.uk/>.

East Kilbride CC were the most recent cricket club to join the programme. David Healy has provided the following update "East Kilbride CC fully buys into the principles and is excited by the potential that DCI brings our whole club. We have undertaken an extensive recruitment process and will be announcing the post holder [Development Officer] in the next few days who we expect will be able to hit the ground running!" For more information please visit: <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/eastkilbridecc/>.



East Renfrewshire CC was the first West Region club to take advantage of the DCI programme. The club has now entered the third year of its project. The last few months have seen three club coaches complete the module part of the ECB Certificate in Coaching Children's Cricket course (UKCC Level 2), saw the club hold a first ever celebratory event to recognise the achievements of the club, its Juniors and its Seniors during 2016 and saw the club participate in the WDJCU Indoor Super 8s. For additional information about the progress of the club please visit: <http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/eastrenfrewshirecricketclub/>.

Renfrew CC are currently in the first year of their project. Parvase Majeed commented: "The indoor nets at Glasgow High this winter have been assisted by DCI to allow Renfrew to work with age groups more intensely. The club is in the process of commencing the schools programme extending to all outlying schools in Bishopton and Erskine - and will be looking to ensure the schools benefit from all the initiatives that are available." Please contact Parvase, parvase_786@hotmail.co.uk, if you wish further information.



Sport Marketing Network & ‘Thriving Clubs’ Programme:

As highlighted in the December newsletter, the ‘Thriving Clubs’ programme will be continuing in 2017 – but will have a new look. The release of full details is imminent.

Clubs have been e-mailed details about the “#MoreThanCricket” club conference which will be taking place on 11 March 2017. The conference is focussed on how cricket and cricket clubs can grow in Scotland – and the conference poster is available at the end of this newsletter.



The conference is not about policies and strategies. It will be about best practice and will provide thoughts, tools and to-dos – while telling real stories & successes and lessons to be learnt and sharing ideas & experiences on how to grow cricket.

For more details about either the conference or the ‘Thriving Clubs’ programme please get in contact.

WDCU / Senior Cricket News:



For the latest information about the WDCU, Senior cricket within the west of Scotland and the appointment of a new WDCU Administrator (Iain Murdoch), please visit www.wdcu.co.uk.

Umpire News:

The next meeting of the West of Scotland Association of Cricket Officials (WoSACO) will take place at Titwood (Clydesdale CC) on Tuesday 31 January, starting at 7.30pm. Anyone wishing further information about the association should contact the Secretary/Treasurer Jim McClymont: jbmcclymont@gmail.com.



WDJCU / Junior Cricket News:

During late December, 159 players from 12 different clubs represented 21 different teams during the 2016 WDJCU Indoor Super 8s. Congratulations to Clydesdale CC who enjoyed remarkable success by winning the U12, U15 and U19 tournaments - and thanks to all the players, coaches, officials and volunteers, and Hutchesons' Grammar School and their staff, for making the competition possible.



The 2017 WDJCU league fixtures have been released. The full schedule was e-mailed out to Junior Convenors during January – and a copy is available on-line, on the West Junior Cricket website, at: <http://www.westjuniorcricket.com/>.

West Regional Development Centre:

The West Regional Development Centre (WRDC) hosted a special, one-off U12 Talent Day on Saturday 21st January. Such was the high level of interest in the event that the one planned session had to become two – with both sessions operating to the same plan and covering the same technical content.



In total, 41 players from 15 different clubs came together to re-cap some basics of moving, batting, bowling, fielding and wicket-keeping – and to get to experience some slightly different activities and net rotations. The session was also opened up to all Junior Convenors, so that they could come and observe and hear the key messages which were being passed on. Thanks must go to the players, the Sports Council for Glasgow for their support of the day and to the two coaches and the three ‘WRDC Ambassadors’ (players in the current U15 programme) for delivering the event.

Congratulations to the seven West Region players who were invited to attend the Scotland U15 Trial session, in Edinburgh, on Sunday 29th January. Although challenging, the session was a great opportunity for the players to train in a different environment and to continue to develop and learn new skills. Hopefully some of the players will be invited to attend follow-up sessions later in the winter.

Women’s Cricket News:

Rosy Ryan, the West Region Women’s and Girls’ Development Officer, has provided the following update on the latest developments within the women’s and girls’ game:

“On the 15th of January at Dumfries Academy four women’s teams competed in a regional competition which found success for a strong Galloway team. Every team fought extremely hard with strong performances from Stirling, Galloway Eagles & Galloway Kites. It was a great competition which showed real sportsmanship by all members, resulting in a final between Dumfries and Galloway Kites. Galloway Kites secured the win with 48 runs to Dumfries’ 43 - in the five over game.



If you know someone that may be interested in women & girls’ cricket, then please don’t hesitate to ask them to get in contact with me by email at rosyryan@cricketscotland.com.”

Other News:

An earlier section of the newsletter highlighted the **sportscotland** ‘Direct Club Investment’ programme – and how it has been able to assist clubs. Although not part of this programme, Inverclyde CC have now completed the second year of their ‘Growing Cricket In Inverclyde’ project. For more details about their project, and some other exciting developments at the club, please visit their website: <http://www.inverclydecricket.co.uk/>.



The next newsletter will be published during February 2017. If you think that you may have something of interest that could be included in this newsletter, please get in contact with me.

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