



West Region Newsletter, 71, October 2017

Inspiring Scotland to Choose Cricket

Club Focus – West of Scotland CC:

The first story in this new addition to the regular newsletter features the excellent example of partnership work between McCrea West of Scotland Cricket Club and Glasgow University. David Hinchliffe, the Head Coach of the Hamilton Crescent club, provides more details at the end of this newsletter.



Coaching News:



Six coaches, from five West Region clubs, are now half way through the 2017 ECB Certificate in Coaching Children's Cricket (UKCC Level 2) course. In addition to this, October saw two coaches successfully pass their final assessment from the 2016 course. If there are any coaches from either the 2015 or 2016 courses who feel they are ready for their final assessment, please contact me directly: timhart@cricketscotland.com.

Ten coaches, from seven different clubs, attended the latest in the series of Cricket Scotland led 'Coaching Forums'. Toby Bailey, Grant Bradburn and Simon Smith, who are all part of the Cricket Scotland High Performance Coaching Team, came through and delivered two fantastic workshops. The workshops stimulated a lot of conversations, challenged those present to think a little differently – and a couple of 'golden nuggets' of coaching advice were shared. It was great day – and special thanks must go to all the coaches who attended.

There are still spaces available on the following, and hugely important, workshops:

- Basic First Aid for Sport, Sunday 26th November 2017
 - o Book by e-mailing timhart@cricketscotland.com
- Safeguarding and Protecting Children, Sunday 26th November 2017
 - o Book by e-mailing timhart@cricketscotland.com

Cricket Scotland News:

Cricket Scotland will be hosting a 'Junior Cricket Roadshow' on Sunday 19th November. Poloc CC have kindly agreed to host this event, which will take place from 3pm – 4.30pm. The topics being presented on are 'All Stars Cricket' (a review of 2017 and the enhancements for 2018) and 'Junior Cricket Format' proposals (more action, better skills, less time).



Ammar Ashraf is now a couple of months into his post as Community Engagement Coordinator for Glasgow – and there are some very exciting plans in place!

If you wish to contact Ammar directly, please do so by phone 07841-455850 or by e-mail: ammarashraf@cricketscotland.com.

For more information about all the recent activities in and around Cricket Scotland please visit the website: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/>.

Cricket Society of Scotland:

The first meeting in the winter programme of the Cricket Society of Scotland (west region) took place during October. The guest speaker was Geoff Cope and he entertained a healthy crowd of attendees.



The next meeting will take place at Titwood (Clydesdale CC), on Monday 13th November, at 7.30pm. The guest speaker is David Ripley.

Although David Ripley was born in Yorkshire, he has been associated with Northamptonshire County Cricket Club as player and coach since 1982 when he made his debut, aged just 16, for the County's Second XI. A one club man, he made his first-class debut for Northants in May 1984 and only retired at the end of the 2001 season in which he had captained the team. In 307 first-class matches Ripley claimed 678 catches and 85 stumpings to add to his 227 catches and 36 stumpings in List A games. He was proficient in front of the stumps as well as behind them, scoring more than 10,500 runs in all matches, including 9 first-class hundreds - with a highest score of 209 made in the company of Mal Loye in the record Northants 5th wicket partnership of 401 against Glamorgan in 1998. Following retirement, Ripley took charge of second team and youth cricket at Northants, taking over as first team coach in mid-2012. He had immediate success in his first full season in charge, leading Northants to promotion to the First Division of the County Championship and winning the T20 competition in 2013; T20 success was then repeated in 2016.



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).

Indoor Kwik Cricket:

There will be an exciting new addition to the playing opportunities for young players within the west of Scotland – with a series of indoor Kwik Cricket festivals being scheduled to run throughout November and December.

The festivals will be for players who are aged U10 (based on 2018 season age groups) and will be taking place at Hillpark Secondary School, Glasgow.



Further details, including an entry form, have been sent to Junior Convenors – with the closing date for entries being Monday 6th November.

WDCU / Senior Cricket News:

The WDCU AGM will take place at Shawholm (Poloc CC) on Thursday 16th November, starting at 7pm. Information has been e-mailed out to clubs. For more information please contact Iain Murdoch, the WDCU Administrator, by e-mail admin@wdcu.co.uk.



As always, the WDCU website (www.wdcu.co.uk) continues to be a great source of information about all senior cricket activity within the west of Scotland.

Western District Junior Cricket Union / Junior Cricket News:



The WDJCU AGM will take place at Titwood (Clydesdale CC) on Monday 20th November, starting at 7.30pm. All clubs are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting.

Further details about this and all junior activity within the west of Scotland can be found on the West Junior Cricket website (www.westjuniorcricket.com).

Women's and Girls' Cricket News:

The West Region Women's and Girls' Development Officer, Rosy Ryan, provides the following update on a busy month:

“The first Cricket Scotland ‘Wee Bash’ (the new name for a series of 10 social tournaments) took place at Hutchesons’ Grammar School on Saturday 28th October.

The highlight from a west of Scotland perspective was two clubs launching their new teams! Congratulations to Clydesdale CC and Glasgow University CC on fielding a team for the first time. Hopefully both clubs will be able to make the next ‘Wee Bash’, which will take place in Dumfries on Sunday 19th November.



A programme of introductory, softball sessions specifically for girls (aged 8 and up) will be taking place on Saturdays throughout the winter too. The sessions will be taking place at Craigholme School, from 4pm – 5.30pm, in two blocks – with the first session on Saturday 11th November.”

For more details about the introductory sessions, please find a flyer attached to the end of this newsletter – and for any other information about the Women's and Girls' game please contact Rosy directly: rosyryan@cricketscotland.com.

Other News:

A ‘Scottish Cricket – Past, Present and Future Exhibition’ will be taking place at the Scottish Football Museum, at Hampden Stadium, from November 2017 until March 2018. If you wish more details about the exhibition, please contact Colin Neill (niloclien@hotmail.co.uk).

The next newsletter will be published during November 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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Club Focus – West of Scotland CC:

Glasgow University Team Up with McCrea West of Scotland

McCrea West of Scotland Head Coach, David Hinchliffe, talks about the partnership between Glasgow University and West.

“The future of grass-roots cricket is through great working partnerships. One example of such a relationship is the link between two institutions of cricket in Glasgow: Glasgow University Cricket Club (GUCC) and McCrea West of Scotland.



The story began when GUCC were looking for a new place to train and play a few years ago. West, with our indoor school and picturesque ground, were happy to help out. The students made Hamilton Crescent their home ground and used the nets to train through the winter. Not only did this solve a thorny issue for GUCC, but it also led to several students becoming full West members.

This year, the relationship has strengthened further. GUCC has seen unprecedented interest in cricket with their students. Over 200 signed up during Freshers Week! As a result, GUCC have appointed me as their coach to handle the range of players from total beginners to Scottish Students XI hopefuls. I have been working closely with Club Captain Lucas Farndale to grow the game within the student body.

This began with two taster sessions at West in September, well attended by both male and female students of all abilities and experience. To further boost this momentum, GUCC organised a soft ball kwik cricket tournament at the end of September. Despite the rain, the tournament was completed in great spirits and many new people got to have a go at the greatest game on earth!

From here until summer, GUCC and West will continue to work together. There are three sessions a week for the students at the indoor nets: Beginners, women, and club. The beginners sessions are particularly fun for your correspondent; everyone is super keen to both learn and have fun along the way. Meanwhile the experienced players are working with focus and are giving themselves a great chance of success this summer.

West are delighted to be a crucial part of GUCC’s drive to both grow the game and perform in competitive University cricket. The club love nothing more than seeing cricket played at Hamilton Crescent (even if it’s in September or indoors). The benefits of extra players and extra bar takings from the famously thirsty student body are just the icing on the cake. Every club can build relationships like this, it’s highly recommended by all of us at West!”



EVERYONE WELCOME!

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2 DEC

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17 FEB
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