

## West Region Newsletter, 63, February 2017

Inspiring Scotland to Choose Cricket

### All Stars Cricket:

The west region 'All Stars Cricket' roadshow, will take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February, from 2pm – 5pm, at Hutchesons' Grammar School. The roadshow will be held in the main school building (Beaton Road, Pollokshields, G41 4NW), with car parking available in the main car park.

'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.

If your club has not signed up for the roadshow but still wishes to attend, please get in contact with me immediately.



### Club News:

East Kilbride CC have announced Derek Wright as their Cricket Community Development Officer. In his role, Derek will work in schools and the community to aid the recruitment of new players and he will work within the club's existing junior section to aid the upskilling and retention of current members. For more details about the appointment please click here:

<http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/eastkilbridecc/news/east-kilbride-appoint-cricket-development-officer--1752765.html>



### Coaching News:

An encouraging number of coaches from the West Region have already joined the 2017 Cricket Scotland Coaches Association. Thank you to those of you who have joined up so quickly.

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/>.

## CricketForce:

Cricket Scotland is excited to announce the *CricketForce* scheme for 2017. The scheme is a club-based initiative aimed at rejuvenating Scotland's cricketing facilities by encouraging cricket supporters, local communities, and their friends and families to volunteer to undertake renovations at their local cricket club in the lead up to the season.

The events can take place at any time – but the official *CricketForce* weekend in Scotland will be the 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> of March. The hope is that many clubs will sign up and use the event as an opportunity to prepare their facilities for the start of the season – and to bring their membership and community together.

There will also be some 'Focus Projects' selected from the registered clubs that will receive 'free labour' through help from men's and women's national team players for the day and some specific media attention.



For further information, or to register your club, please follow this link to the Cricket Scotland website: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/news/article/cricketforce-2017-registrations-now-open/>.

## 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), on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March. The evening will take the format of the annual dinner and the guest speaker will be David Steele. Please find further details at the end of this newsletter.



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

## #MoreThanCricket Club Conference:



The #MoreThanCricket Club Conference will be taking place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March. The Conference is focussed on how cricket and cricket clubs can grow in Scotland.

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



## WDCU / Senior Cricket News:



For the latest information about the WDCU and all things to do with Senior cricket within the west of Scotland please visit [www.wdcu.co.uk](http://www.wdcu.co.uk) or contact the WDCU Administrator Iain Murdoch by e-mail: [admin@wdcu.co.uk](mailto:admin@wdcu.co.uk).

## Umpire News:

The West of Scotland Association of Cricket Officials (WoSACO) will be holding their annual dinner at Ralston Golf Club, Strathmore Avenue, Ralston, Paisley (PA1 3DT) on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The guest speakers will be Malcolm Cannon, the Chief Executive Officer of Cricket Scotland and Jack McGurk, the ex-Chairman of Durham CCC and their Umpires Association. The dinner will start at 7.30pm and the price is £25.00 per person.



Anyone who is still interested in attending the event, but who has not booked a ticket, should contact Secretary Jim McClymont immediately: ([jmbmcclymont@gmail.com](mailto:jmbmcclymont@gmail.com) / 0141-587 4820 / 07504 702697).

## Western District Junior Cricket Union / Junior Cricket News:

The update of the West Junior Cricket website ([www.westjuniorcricket.com](http://www.westjuniorcricket.com)) has now been fully completed – and the site is now on-line again.

The website allows people to find out everything they need to know about junior cricket in the west district - including the latest news from the WDJCU, Cricket Scotland's Regional Academy and Regional Development Centre and the *Western Warriors* representative sides, as well as news about schools cricket and development group activities.



## West Regional Development Centre:



The seven West Region players who were invited to attend the Scotland U15 Trial session, in Edinburgh, on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January have all now been invited to attend two further winter training sessions. Congratulations to these seven players and to all the coaches who have been working with them at Regional, and Club, level.

## 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:

“Big congratulations, and good luck, to the girls who have been selected to represent the west during ‘Cricket’s Big Weekend’ in Perth on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Following this, the next Women's indoor tournament will be held in Dumfries (David Keswick Centre) from 11am - 2pm on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March.”

If you wish any further information about the Women's and Girls' game, or if you wish to enter a team into the Dumfries tournament, please contact Rosy directly by e-mail: [rosyryan@cricketScotland.com](mailto:rosyryan@cricketScotland.com).

## Other News:



A **sportscotland** app which offers support to coaches is available for download. The free Coach Development app provides a range of videos, podcasts, links and resources which are useful for coaches of any level and in any sport.

The next newsletter will be published during March 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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**The CRICKET SOCIETY  
of SCOTLAND**

The West of Scotland branch of the Cricket Society of Scotland is holding its annual dinner at Titwood, home of Clydesdale Cricket Club, on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March**. The Society is extending an invitation to all cricket-lovers, whether or not they are members of the Society.



The guest speaker is David Steele who became an iconic figure when Tony Greig (in his first Test as captain) plucked him from the relative obscurity of the Northants middle order to face Lillee and Thomson at Lord's. In twelve seasons, David, by now 33 years of age, had previously scored only 16 hundreds and averaged only 31. His first Test was at Lord's where the grey-haired batsman with the steel-rimmed spectacles famously lost his way between the dressing room and the field when first called upon to bat. Nevertheless, in that summer of 1975 he played 3 Tests against the Australians, scoring 365 runs at an average of 60.8. Such was the impact he made that he was voted BBC Sports Personality of the Year in 1975 and was named as one of

Wisden's Five Cricketers of the Year in 1976. He played in all five Tests in 1976 against the West Indies whose attack included Roberts, Holding, Daniel and Holder. Although not quite as successful against them as against Australia, he still managed to score 106 in the first innings at Trent Bridge. David Steele's brief eight Test career ended with the 5<sup>th</sup> Test against West Indies at The Oval; he was overlooked for that winter's tour to India on the somewhat dubious grounds that he couldn't play spin. In total he scored 673 runs in Tests at an average of 42, some 10 runs per innings better than his overall first-class average.



David Steele's first-class career spanned the years from 1963 to 1984 and in that time he not only scored more than 22,000 runs (and snared more than 600 wickets with his slow left-arm spin) but he also garnered a host of stories which he has honed over the years as an after dinner speaker and will be sharing with those present at Titwood on the evening of March 13<sup>th</sup>.

We'd love to have you join us for an evening of dinner (three courses and coffee), good company and an entertaining after dinner speaker. Reserve your place (no later than Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March), at a cost of £32 per head, by contacting Ewen McConville, Secretary, The Cricket Society of Scotland:

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