



West Region Newsletter, 64, March 2017

Inspiring Scotland to Choose Cricket

All Stars Cricket:

All Stars Cricket has now been launched in both Scotland and in the UK. Cricket Scotland is delighted to be involved in this exciting new programme – and the West Region All Stars Champions (Tim Hart and Rosy Ryan) look forward helping all those clubs who have signed up to be a programme centre to complete the necessary preparations to make their centre viable.



For more details please visit: www.cricketscotland.com/news/article/all-star-cricket-arrives-scotland/.

Coaching News:

An 'ECB Coach Support Worker' course will be running in the West Region on Sunday 9th April.



The course is designed to help to develop your confidence, and to equip you with the knowledge, understanding and applied skills to assist a qualified coach, in a coaching session and create a safe, enjoyable and welcoming player-centred environment. The course is made up of two separate modules, there is no assessment and you must be at least 16 years of age to attend the course.

The course will be taking place at Eastwood High School, from 10am – 4pm and you can book onto the course here: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/participation-news/coach-education/>.

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 signed up already.

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:

Vale of Leven Cricket Club, who are based at Lesser Millburn Park, Leven Street, in Alexandria (G83 0SH), are one of two the **CricketForce** focus clubs for 2017.

The scheme, which 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, will see Vale of Leven aim to complete a number of small, but vital, pre-season projects at their ground.



If you are free on Saturday 25th March, between 10.30am and 2.30pm please feel free to come along and get stuck in!

Groundsman Workshop

Cricket Scotland is pleased to reveal details of a pre-season 'Groundsman Workshop' – available to any cricket club in Scotland, in the lead up to the 2017 season.

The workshop will be run by Aberdeenshire CC Head Groundsman Ken McCurdie and will concentrate on practical advice and demonstrations for club groundsman. Cricket Scotland also hopes this will be the start of creating a 'Community of Groundsman' in Scotland that are able to share advice and best practice throughout the year. The workshop details as follows:

What Date? Sunday 9th April

What Time? 10am - 3.30pm

What Venue? Aberdeenshire CC, AB10 7FB

To register for the workshop, please visit this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/x1urh3Lhn9l202212>.

#MoreThanCricket Club Conference:



The #MoreThanCricket Club Conference took place on Saturday 11th March. The Conference was focussed on how cricket, and cricket clubs, can grow in Scotland - and featured a diverse range of guest presenters.

The conference was not about policies and strategies. It provided clubs with some very useful information and tips about the continued development of their individual club – as well as providing a great opportunity for people to network and share ideas.

Thanks to all of the West Region clubs who were able to make it along on the day and thanks, too, for the feedback which has been provided to Cricket Scotland. If you have any feedback you wish to provide, please contact Head of Participation Ian Sandbrook: iansandbrook@cricketscotland.com.



School Cricket News:

Entries are now being accepted for a range of Cricket Scotland school cup competitions which will take place during the summer term.

As well as running competitions which are now a regular part of the Schools' Week of Cricket, we are delighted to be able to announce that a girls' only primary school tournament has been added to the programme. The full programme is as follows:



ScotRail Primary Schools' Cup (P6 and below)
Girls' Only Primary Schools' Tournament
Secondary School Girls' Cup (S1-3)
Cricket Factory BIG Blast! (S1-3)
National Secondary Schools' Cup - T20 (S1-3)
Secondary School Girls' Cup (S4-6)

Entry forms should have been sent to all schools who have previously entered Cricket Scotland cup competitions, as well as to club Junior Convenors. However, if you think that there might be a school which could be interested in entering please ask them to get in contact with me directly.

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 or contact the WDCU Administrator Iain Murdoch by e-mail: admin@wdcu.co.uk.



Western District Junior Cricket Union / Junior Cricket News:



The West Junior Cricket website (www.westjuniorcricket.com) provides details about all aspects of youth cricket within the West District - including the latest update to the WDJCU League fixtures which has seen an extra club enter the U14 league.

West Regional Development Centre:

With the season rapidly approaching, the West Regional Development Centre (WRDC) has announced its 'U15 Western Warriors' training squad. The squad, of 20 players from 11 different West Region clubs also includes seven players who were invited to attend Scotland U15 winter training sessions, in Edinburgh, during the early part of 2017.

Congratulations to all who have been selected.



The WRDC is continuing to work on finalising its 2017 fixture programme. This will see the U15 Western Warriors scheduled to play at least seven fixtures and the U14 Western Warriors two fixtures – and there will be a WRDC U14 Challenge Series too.

Western Warriors U15 Training Squad, 2017	
Shahzad Ahmad	Ferguslie CC
Daniel Cairns	Clydesdale CC
Tom Forrest	Greenock CC
John Greene	West of Scotland CC
Angus Guy	Clydesdale CC
Ross Heginbottom	Clydesdale CC
Asad Khan	Clydesdale CC
Rafay Khan	Renfrew CC
Taha Khan	Clydesdale CC
Tarun Koteeswaran	Clydesdale CC
Adam Malik	Dumfries CC
Cameron MacLean	Kelburne CC
Jamie Nowell	Greenock CC
Fletcher Rao	Prestwick CC
Andrew Robinson	Glasgow Accies CC
Sohaib Shah	Poloc CC
Richie Simpson	Ayr CC
David Sturgess	Clydesdale CC
Zakki Tariq	Clydesdale CC
Humza Zulfiqar	Clydesdale CC

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 Saturday 25th March, in Bell's Sports Centre (Perth), a team selected team from players at the West Regional U17 sessions, and a team from Galloway CC, competed in 'Cricket's Big Weekend'. Both teams made it a great fun and friendly competition for the girls – with the players learning a lot in their matches and gaining in confidence from the experience.

The final West Regional U17 indoor session will take place on the Saturday 25th March, at Hutchesons' Grammar School, from 3-5pm.

A West Region indoor tournament was held at the David Keswick Centre (Dumfries), on Sunday 12th March. Stirling CC, Dumfries CC and Galloway CC ('Guns' and 'Grenades') completed against each other in a battle for the win. The tournament saw Galloway Grenades reach the final, along with Stirling. A fitting finale saw Stirling take the victory, despite a determined performance from all. The 'Lady of the Match' award went to Ginger Ramsey (Galloway CC) for her fiery display of cricket. Congratulations, and thanks, to all who took part!



East Renfrewshire CC and Inverclyde CC have both been involved in exciting projects during the last month.

East Renfrewshire CC have been hosting a girls' only after school club. (Please see a copy of their flyer on the left).

Inverclyde CC launched a new girls' cricket initiative in Gourock which made the local press:

<https://www.inverclydenow.com/sport/other/girls-cricket-initiative-launched>.

For more details about each project, or the development of girls' cricket at each club, please contact the respective Junior Convenor:

Ammar Ashraf (East Renfrewshire CC) ammar40ashraf@hotmail.com
Jim Murphy (Inverclyde CC) jm_murphy@hotmail.com.”

If you wish any further information about the Women's and Girls' game, or if you have a project that you think Rosy could provide you with support to run, please contact with Rosy directly by e-mail: rosyryan@cricketscotland.com.

Other News:

Last Man Stands (LMS) have been advertising for new teams and players for their midweek league. They currently have several players looking for a team - and all the existing teams have full squads. If anyone is interested in running an LMS team, with several new players all ready to join, please get in touch with Paul Reddish directly: scotland@lastmanstands.co.uk.



The next newsletter will be published during April 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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