

West Region Newsletter, 65, April 2017

Inspiring Scotland to Choose Cricket

All Stars Cricket:

The All Stars Cricket Activator training took place during late April – with over 30 people attending a session at Hutchesons’ Grammar School.

The next couple of weeks will see each ‘centre’ complete its final preparations for the official start of the programme which will be in late May / early June.



Coaching News:



An ‘ECB Coach Support Worker’ course ran at Eastwood High School on Sunday 9th April.

13 coaches from a mix of West Region clubs and a local charity attended the course – with all picking up some useful ideas to help them with the coaching they are assisting with.

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:



■ Helpers were out in force last weekend to help the Vale of Leven Cricket Club



■ Getting the field ready for the upcoming season

Vale of Leven Cricket Club were one of two the **CricketForce** focus clubs for 2017 – with their focus day taking place on a gloriously sunny day, in late March.

The day's activities focussed on helping to prepare the club for the start of the 2017 season.

This included preparing the wickets, renovating the nets, building the sightscreens, fixing the covers and upgrading the car park.

Thanks to all the helpers who turned up on the day and to Vale of Leven CC for their superb hospitality.

School Cricket News:



There will be three regional qualifying events ('Ayrshire', 'East Renfrewshire' and 'Glasgow') in the ScotRail Primary Schools' Cup and one regional qualifying event in the Cricket Factory BIG Blast! – with all events taking place during May.

As well as these events, the National Secondary Schools' Cup will be taking place, on a knock-out basis – in what will hopefully be a very busy month for school 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 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 updates to some of the leagues and Kwik Cricket.

West Regional Development Centre:

The West Regional Development Centre U14 Challenge Series began on Sunday 30th April, at Whitehaugh (Kelburne CC). The Eagles hosted the Sharks – and it was the hosts who soared to victory. Led by 74 from skipper Sohaib Shah (Poloc CC) and 55 from Humza Zulfiqar (Clydesdale CC), the Eagles scored 212/9 from their 40 overs – despite Anne Sturgess (Clydesdale CC) taking 3/3! In reply, the Sharks were dismissed for just 87.



The next newsletter will be published during May 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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