



CRICKET SCOTLAND

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Area Group News:

The U12 Inter-Area Development Tournament will be running in 2015. All six Area Cricket Development Groups will be asked whether or not they wish to enter a team in the competition.

The U14 Tournament will not be running in an Inter-Area format in 2015. However, there will be a playing opportunity available for U14 players through the West Regional Development Centre. (Please see further down this newsletter for more details.)

Recent Meetings: Dumfries & Galloway, South Glasgow.

Upcoming Meetings: Dumfries & Galloway.

Club News:

Now is the perfect time for clubs to complete planning for their winter programmes and to begin to put plans in place for the 2015 season. If your Club wishes to arrange a meeting with me (about any aspect of Club Development), could you please ask someone to get in contact and provide me with a couple of dates, times and a venue that would suit your Club.

Recent Meetings: Inverclyde CC, Uddingston CC, Victoria CC.

Upcoming Meetings: East Renfrewshire CC, Uddingston CC.

Coaching News:

Congratulations to all the candidates who have successfully attended courses and workshops or have completed assessments over the past four weeks:

- Basic First Aid for Sport course, 10 candidates.
- ICC Introduction to Cricket course, 12 candidates.
- Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshop, 12 candidates.
- UKCC Level 2 Coaching Course, 3 successful candidates.



The following Coach Education & Development opportunities are available over the next month or so:

- ICC Introduction to Cricket Course, Saturday 22nd November, in Gourrock.
- Talent Max workshop, Thursday 4th December, at Clydesdale CC.
- WRDC Coach Support Workshop, Sunday 7th December, at Hutchesons' Grammar School.
- Certificate in Coaching Children (UKCC Level 2) course, starting on Saturday 13th December.

Cricket Scotland is still able to offer support to individual Clubs by running a Kwik Cricket Game Course – and, if there is sufficient interest, an ICC Introduction to Cricket course can be run on a local basis too.

Talent Max Programme:

Andy Tennant, the Performance Director of Cricket Scotland, has been working on an exciting new programme as follows:

“We are delighted to announce the launch of the ground breaking new Talent Max Programme - Thursday 4th December, 6.30pm to 9.30pm, at Titwood (Clydesdale CC). The programme is a collaboration between Cricket Scotland, WDCU and the SportsScotland Institute of Sport and is designed to help clubs better understand talent and unlock the potential of the young cricketers they work with.



All Area Group and Club coaches, Junior Convenors and interested parties are invited to come along to the introduction evening, with free ongoing coaching support offered to clubs who are interested in delivering the programme.”

If you are unable to make the launch event on Thursday 4th December but you wish more information please contact Andy directly: andytennant@cricketscotland.com.

The Cricket Society of Scotland:



The winter programme of speakers addressing the West of Scotland branch of the Cricket Society of Scotland is now underway. Monday 8th December is the date for the next meeting where the guest speaker will be Iain O'Brien who represented New Zealand in 22 Tests between 2005 and 2009.

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

Umpires (Scottish Cricket Officials Association):

The next meeting of the West of Scotland Association of Cricket Officials will take place at Clydesdale CC on Tuesday 25th November – with the format being a Quiz Night and a cheese & wine evening.

For more information about the Quiz Night or any other aspect of the association please contact the secretary, Jim McClymont (jbmcclymont@gmail.com).

WDCU News:

For the latest information from the Western District Cricket Union please visit www.wdcu.co.uk.

WDJCU News:

The WDJCU AGM took place on Monday 27th October 2014.

The annual WDJCU Indoor Super 8s Tournament will take place from 27 – 30 December. There will be U12, U15 and U19 age group competitions. Entry forms have been issued to Club Junior Convenors.



For more details about the WDJCU please visit www.westjuniorcricket.com or for more detail about the Super 8s please e-mail timhart@cricketscotland.com.

West Regional Development Centre (WRDC):



As mentioned in the Area Groups section above, there will not be an U14 Inter-Area Competition in 2015. However, there will be a WRDC Challenge Series. This will be a series of fixtures which will aim to bring together U14s from across the West Region to compete against each other. The exact details of the Series (including the official competition name and the format of the competition) are still being finalised.

The WRDC is running with four different training squads this winter: a 'WRDC Squad', a 'WRDC Development Group', a 'Western Warriors Squad' and a 'WRDC Spin Group'. The final squadlists and the schedule is now available on the West Junior Cricket website.

The WRDC will be offering Club Junior Convenors and Area Group Coaches the opportunity to come and observe part of the WRDC session on Sunday 7th December and to gain an insight into the running of the WRDC. Full details will be issued to Club Junior Convenors week commencing Monday 17th November.

Women's Cricket News:

Kari Carswell is still looking for additional nominations for the Girls' Development Centre which is running in the west region. The centre is targeted at girls who are U16 and who have played hard ball cricket or have played Kwik Cricket but are looking to play hard ball cricket in 2015.



The west region sessions are taking place at Glasgow Club Holyrood (Aikenhead Road, Glasgow, G42 0PD), from 10am – 12pm on 23rd November, 18th January, 15th March and 26th April.

Anyone wishing further details should contact Kari Carswell (karicarswell@cricketScotland.com) directly.

Other News:

West of Scotland Cricket Club are advertising for a new Head Coach. For full details please visit the West of Scotland CC website: <http://www.westofscotlandcricketclub.co.uk/>.

Congratulations to Ian Holland (Hillhead CC) who won the 'Young Persons Coach of the Year' award for the West Region in 2014, as part of **sportscotland's** Coaching, Officiating and Volunteering Award programme.

The next newsletter will be during December. 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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