



## West Region Newsletter, 38, January 2015

### Area Group News:

Further details about the Talent Max Programme have been passed on to the Area Groups. The Groups have been asked to supply dates, times and a venue should they wish the programme delivered on a more local basis.



The entries for the 2015 U12 Inter-Area Development Tournament have now been confirmed. Fixtures will take place on a home or away basis – with a fixture list being issued by the middle of February.

The Cricket Scotland Community Coaching Programme Application Form has been circulated to all six Area Groups. The deadline for applications is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2015.

Recent Meetings: Dumfries & Galloway.

Upcoming Meetings: Dumfries & Galloway.

### Club News:

All six Clubs that submitted applications for the Primary School to Club Transition Project have been successful. Initially, it was planned that only four projects would run throughout the West Region. However, Cricket Scotland has decided to allocate extra funds to the scheme so that all six projects have the opportunity to progress. Congratulations to Ayr CC, Clydesdale CC, Drumpellier CC, Ferguslie CC, GHK CC and Renfrew CC for their successful applications and thanks to Cricket Factory for helping to make the projects possible.



Ramsay Allan has been in contact with Club Secretaries to pass on details of, and entry forms for, the 2015 ECB NatWest National Club Championships (U13 & U15) and the Cricket Scotland Youth Cups (U13, U15 & U18). Entry forms must be submitted by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Anyone wishing more details should contact Ramsay ([ramsayallan@cricketscotland.com](mailto:ramsayallan@cricketscotland.com)) or myself.

If your Club wishes to arrange a meeting with me (about Club Development), 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: East Kilbride CC, Inverclyde CC, Uddingston CC, West of Scotland CC.

Upcoming Meetings: Clydesdale CC, Irvine CC.

### Coaching News:

Unfortunately, the planned ECB Certificate in Coaching Children (UKCC Level 2) course had to be delayed. However, the course will now be starting on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January – with the dates and venues for the final two sections of the course still to be finalised. The absolute deadline for any interested candidates being fully booked onto the course is Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January.



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.

### Cricket Force:

Cricket Scotland will be launching Cricket Force very soon. This is an exciting club development initiative – and details will be made available on the Cricket Scotland website when the project goes live.

### Tapeball:

Cricket Scotland is running Tapeball in the West Region, starting on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Please find more details at the end of this newsletter.



### The Cricket Society of Scotland:



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The Cricket Society of Scotland winter programme will continue when former Lancashire Country Cricket Club player Mike Smethurst addresses the meeting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February at Titwood (Clydesdale CC).

For information about the West of Scotland branch of the Cricket Society please contact Graham Hollier ([graham\\_hollier@sky.com](mailto:graham_hollier@sky.com)) or Ewen McConville ([ejrmcc@gmail.com](mailto:ejrmcc@gmail.com)).

### WDCU News:

The WDCU has announced the draw for the 2015 Murgitroyd Rowan Cup. The draw was conducted by the Chief Executive of Murgitroyd PLC, Keith Young. The draw can be viewed on-line, on the WDCU web site: <http://www.wdcu.co.uk/2015-murgitroyd-rowan-cup/>.

### WDJCU News:

WDJCU Secretary Keith Young has been in contact with all Club Junior Convenors to request that they confirm the registration of teams for their Club for the WDJCU league and cup competitions in 2015. The Convenors have been asked to complete registration at their earliest convenience to enable the WDJCU to finalise its plans for 2015. The on-line registration form can be found at the bottom of the main menu on the West Junior Cricket website: <http://www.westjuniorcricket.com/>.



Congratulations to Ayr CC (U12), Clydesdale CC (U15) and Ferguslie CC (U19) who won their respective WDJCU Indoor Super 8s Tournament.

Full information about the event, including details of the Player of the Tournament at each age group, can be found on the West Junior Cricket website.

### West Regional Development Centre (WRDC):



Following a brief break, the WRDC winter training programme resumed on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January, with a combined session for the WRDC Squad and the WRDC Development Group. The Spin Group will also have a session in January, with the next Western Warriors U15 session being scheduled for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

The process of trying to confirm the U15 Inter-Regional fixture dates and the dates for fixtures in the new U14 Challenge Series has begun. Confirmed details of all the fixtures will be released as soon as is possible.

The WRDC is looking to recruit three volunteer Team Managers and three volunteer Team Coaches to assist with the running of the new U14 Challenge Series, which will take place for the first time in 2015. A letter with full details was distributed to Club Junior Convenors during December and a copy of this letter is attached to end of this newsletter.

### Women's Cricket News:

There has been a change of venue for the next two sessions for the west region Girls' Development Centre. The sessions on 18<sup>th</sup> January and 15<sup>th</sup> March will now take place from 10:00 – 12:00 at Castlemilk Sports Centre (G45 9UG). Anyone wishing further details about the Development Centre should contact Kari Carswell ([karicarswell@cricketscotland.com](mailto:karicarswell@cricketscotland.com)) directly.



### Other News:

The **sportscotland** website continues to be a good source of information and support for all people involved within sport in Scotland: <http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/>.

The next newsletter will be during February. 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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# CRICKET SCOTLAND

## Tapeball

Cricket Scotland is delighted to be able to announce the launch of a new Tapeball project, in Glasgow. Tapeball is a non-traditional format of the sport, which is played with a tennis ball which has been wrapped in electrical tape.



The series of sessions will allow club cricketers and recreational cricketers to come together to participate in this quick and exciting variation of the sport. The sessions will take place at Hutchesons' Grammar School, in Pollokshields, on Saturday evenings – starting on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2015. The winter programme will culminate with a tournament which will take place towards the end of March.

The project is being supported by the Sports Council for Glasgow, through their Club Grant Scheme – and Cricket Scotland is delighted to be working in partnership with the Sports Council to ensure that the project can go ahead.



Anyone interested in taking part should contact Tim Hart, [timhart@cricketscotland.com](mailto:timhart@cricketscotland.com) or 07825-172-346, for details of the timings and costs.



**WRDC Director:**

Tim Hart



## WRDC U14 Challenge Series 2015

Dear Coach,

The West Regional Development Centre (WRDC) is looking to recruit three Team Managers and three Team Coaches in preparation for the new West Regional Development Centre (WRDC) U14 Challenge Series, which will take place in 2015. The Challenge Series has been introduced into the regional cricket pathway in the west of the Scotland to replace the previous U14 Inter-Area Championships.

The Challenge Series will see three squads compete against each other throughout the 2015 season. There will be a total of six games in the series – with teams playing against each other twice. Ideally, the fixtures will take place on Sundays – however, it may be that fixture scheduling requires some of the games to take place during the day during the school summer holidays.

### Role of Team Manager:

- To liaise with the WRDC Management and the Team Coach on team selection
- To communicate details of selection for fixtures to players
- To attend fixtures on match days (and to provide assistance to the Team Coach, if required)
- To provide feedback to the other WRDC staff via a brief e-mail
- To arrange for a copy of the scorecard and a brief (4-6 line) match report to be submitted to the WRDC Management

### Role of Team Coach:

- To liaise with the WRDC Management about the role of players within each fixture
- To attend fixtures on match days and coach the team
- To provide feedback on the performance of players to the WRDC Management

The WRDC Challenge Series Team Manager and Team Coach roles are voluntary. The successful candidates will work closely with the squad players and the WRDC Management for the duration of the Challenge Series. As a volunteer all reasonable travel expenses will be met by the WRDC.

We believe that these posts provide an exciting opportunity for enthusiastic volunteers to play a key role within the youth cricket pathway in the west of Scotland.

If you wish to apply for either post please e-mail Tim Hart ([timhart@cricketscotland.com](mailto:timhart@cricketscotland.com)) and briefly outline why you consider yourself to be a suitable candidate for the role you are applying for, along with providing details of your current coaching qualifications and your current role within the cricket pathway. The closing date for applications is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

For more information about the posts please make contact via the same e-mail address.

Kind Regards.

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