



## West Region Newsletter, 49, December 2015

### Club News:

Congratulations to Clydesdale CC, Greenock CC, Hillhead CC and Poloc CC as each club has obtained a TOPClub certificate of accreditation, which will be valid until 30 September 2016.



Every west region club registered on the TOPClub accreditation scheme during 2015 has received an e-mail providing an update on their current TOPClub status – and requesting a meeting to discuss general club development, including TOPClub.

As always, if your club wishes to arrange a meeting with me (about club development or any other club matters), 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: Clydesdale CC, Uddingston CC

Upcoming Meetings: Dumfries CC, East Kilbride CC, Inverclyde CC, Renfrew CC, Weirs CC

### Coaching News:



During 2015 there were 11 Coach Education & Development opportunities within the west region. These ranged from the 'Kwik Cricket Game Course' up to the 'ECB Certificate in Coaching Children's Cricket (UKCC Level 2)'. In total there were 240 participants and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of them, and all the tutors, who have made the courses possible.

The next Coach Education & Development opportunity is a 'Coach Support Workshop'. This workshop, which will take place during January, is being delivered in partnership with the West Regional Development Centre and will provide club coaches with the opportunity to come and observe part of a training session as well as discussing a key coaching theme. Full details will be made available early in January 2016.



### Cricket Society of Scotland:

The next meeting of the west branch of the Cricket Society of Scotland will take place at Titwood (Clydesdale CC), starting at 7.30pm, on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

The guest speaker is Harry Pearson - a former sports journalist for the Guardian and a former travel feature writer for Conde Naste Traveller. He has written at least ten books, mainly about sport and travel, including a Cricket Society / MCC Book of the Year winning volume: "Slipless in Settle – A Slow Turn Around Northern Cricket".

For further information about the West of Scotland branch of the Cricket Society of Scotland and their winter programme, please contact Graham Hollier ([graham\\_hollier@sky.com](mailto:graham_hollier@sky.com)) or Ewen McConville ([ejrmcc@gmail.com](mailto:ejrmcc@gmail.com)) who are the Joint Secretaries.



## **‘Making It Happen At Your Cricket Club’:**

Unfortunately, as a result of a lack of confirmed attendees in both the west region and throughout the country, the planned ‘Making It Happen At Your Cricket Club’ workshop due to be delivered by Svend Elkjaer of Sports Marketing Network had to be postponed.



It is hoped that the workshop will be re-arranged for the early part of 2016.

## **Umpire News:**



The West of Scotland Association of Cricket Officials is running the Level 1 Umpires’ Course during January, February and March 2016. The course takes place on Thursday evenings, from 7.30pm – 9.30pm, beginning on 14<sup>th</sup> January, at Titwood (Clydesdale CC).

Attendance is encouraged - whether you are an experienced umpire or a player wanting to keep in touch, or a new recruit to the umpiring ranks!

For more information please click on the link on the right side of the WDCU website: ([www.wdcu.co.uk](http://www.wdcu.co.uk)).

## **WDCU / Senior Cricket News:**

For the latest information about the WDCU please visit: [www.wdcu.co.uk](http://www.wdcu.co.uk).



## **WDJCU / Junior Cricket News:**



The WDJCU Indoor Super 8s Tournament will be running between Christmas and the New Year. As with recent years, there will be three different age group competitions – U12, U15 and U19.

The draw, and full details of the timings of matches, is available on the West Junior Cricket website ([www.westjuniorcricket.com](http://www.westjuniorcricket.com)) - and spectators are welcome to come and watch this very different, and fast, format of the game.

## **West Regional Development Centre (WRDC):**

The WRDC programme is now shut down for the festive period – with the players enjoying a few weeks off, before resuming their programmes in January.

Following the ‘Talent Trawls’ and two ‘Provisional Squad’ sessions, the WRDC Squad has received 4 sessions and the WRDC Development Squad has received 2 sessions. These sessions have focussed on the basics of athletic development, batting set-ups, bowling and decision-making.



Thanks must go to the 24 players (and their families for their support) and the coaches for their efforts in the programme so far.

## **Women’s Cricket News:**

For the latest information about Women’s and Girls’ cricket, including information about the next in the series of Women’s indoor Sixes events (which will take place during January), please contact Kari Carswell: [karicarswell@cricketscotland.com](mailto:karicarswell@cricketscotland.com).



### **Other News:**

Cricket Scotland is once again offering financial support to Area Cricket Development Groups through the 'Community Coaching Programme 2016'. Any Area Group wishing further information about this opportunity should contact me directly.

The next newsletter will be published during January. 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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