



West Region Newsletter, 52, March 2016

Area Group News:

The U12 Inter-Area Development Tournament will be running this season. The tournament will see five Area Groups play matches against each other on a home or away basis. Full details about the tournament can be found on the West Junior Cricket website: www.westjuniorcricket.com.

Club News:

Congratulations to Dumfries CC, Ferguslie CC and Glasgow Accies CC as these clubs have now joined the list of West Region clubs which have Cricket Scotland Club Accreditation status for 2016. The accreditation will be valid until 30 September 2016.



Thanks to all those clubs who have been in contact to arrange a meeting about club development. 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: Ayr CC, Drumpellier CC, Ferguslie CC, Galloway CC, Glasgow Accies CC, Kelburne CC, St Michael's CC, Uddingston CC, Weirs CC
Upcoming Meetings: Inverclyde CC

Coaching News:



An ICC Introduction to Cricket course is taking place at Eastwood High School (East Renfrewshire), from 10am – 4pm, on Sunday 3rd April. Candidates are still able to book on to this course. A booking form is attached to the end of this Newsletter.

School Cricket News:

The draw for the West Region section in the National Secondary Schools' Cup has now taken place. Ten schools have entered the S1-3, hardball, T20 competition. Fixtures will take place on a knock-out basis during the early part of the summer term, with the section winner going on to participate in the National Finals' Day, at Perth, on Tuesday 14th June. The draw is available on the West Junior Cricket website.

There are still opportunities for schools to enter the West Region Qualifying events in two other Cricket Scotland school cup competitions:

- National Primary Schools' Cup: Kwik Cricket competition for pupils in P6 and below
- Cricket Factory Cup: S1-3 softball competition

Anyone wishing further information about these two competitions should contact me.

Kari Carswell is also running two National Secondary School Girls Competitions. These competitions (S1-3 and S4-6) are running on a one-day national festival format, on Monday 13th June. Anyone wishing further details about these competitions should contact Kari directly on: karicarswell@cricketscotland.com.

WDCU / Senior Cricket News:



The WDCU is continuing to prepare for the new cricket season. All Saturday League, all Evening League and most cup fixtures are now available on the WDCU website – with the Sunday League fixtures and the draw for the Murgitroyd Rowan Cup to follow shortly. For more information please visit: www.wdcu.co.uk.

WDJCU / Junior Cricket News:

Eleven clubs have confirmed that they will be hosting a WDJCU U10 Kwik Cricket Festival during 2016. In an attempt to increase the number of opportunities for younger players, and to try and reduce the travel involved, the Sunday morning festivals have been split into a 'north' and 'south' area. The full list of planned festivals is available on the West Junior Cricket website (www.westjuniorcricket.com), in the 'WDJCU' section.



West Regional Development Centre (WRDC):



The eight fixtures in the Cricket Scotland U15 Inter-Regional Championships have now been confirmed. Additionally, the Western Warriors U15s will be having one outdoor training session and will be playing one other friendly.

At U14 level, Prestwick CC has agreed to host this year's Triangular Festival. Belfast and Edinburgh will join the Western Warriors in competing for the trophy, on 8th and 9th August.

The WRDC U14 Challenge Series will be running again this summer too. Players will be placed in one of three teams (Eagles, Foxes and Sharks), with each team playing a total of four matches in the tournament. The WRDC is advertising for Team Coaches and Team Managers to assist with the running of the Challenge Series - and details are attached to the end of this Newsletter.



Women's Cricket News:



The final of the three Girls' West Regional Development Centre (RDC) winter sessions will take place on Sunday 24th April, from 11.30am – 1pm, in the Hutchesons' Grammar School Sports Hall. Attendance is free and any girls aged under 16 are welcome to attend these softball, skill development sessions. Anyone wishing to book into the sessions can still do so – by contacting Kari Carswell directly: karicarswell@cricketScotland.com.

Other News:

Further to my e-mail to Club Junior Convenors on 10th March, I am trying to compile an up-to-date list of all the girls we have playing / training within the west region. The information I am requesting is very basic: name, age and cricket played (softball/hardball, playing/training). The information will then be used to try and ensure future girls' events are targeted at age groups that are likely to have the best impact. If your club has not returned the information, could you please ask someone to contact me – as your club's help is vital.

The next newsletter will be published during April. 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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ICC Introduction to Cricket Course



Course Application Form

NAME	
ADDRESS	
TOWN / CITY	
LOCAL AUTHORITY	
POSTCODE	
E-MAIL ADDRESS	
CONTACT NUMBER	
CRICKET CLUB	

COURSE VENUE	Eastwood High School, G77 6NQ
DATE OF COURSE	Sunday 3 April 2016
TIME OF COURSE	10am – 4pm
COST	£35

Candidates should: wear clothes suitable for running about in,
wear trainers suitable for indoor use,
bring a packed lunch with them.

Payment can be made on the day of the course. To book on to the course please return this application form by e-mail to timhart@cricketscotland.com or by post to:

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WRDC Director:

Tim Hart




WRDC U14 Challenge Series 2016

Dear Coach,

Following on from the trial of 2015, the West Regional Development Centre (WRDC) will be running a WRDC U14 Challenge Series in 2016. The series will see three squads compete against each other throughout the season. There will be a total of six matches – with teams playing each other twice. The WRDC is hoping to recruit three Team Managers and three Team Coaches to assist with the running of the competition.

Where possible the fixtures have been scheduled to take place on Sundays. The draft schedule is as follows:

Sunday 22nd May	 2016 Challenge Series
Sunday 29th May	
Sunday 19th June	
Wednesday 6th July	
Sunday 24th July	
Sunday 31st July	
Sunday 28 th August (reserve date)	

Role of Team Manager:

- To liaise with the WRDC and the Team Coach on team selection
- To communicate the 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 WRDC via a brief e-mail
- To arrange for a copy of the scorecard and a brief (4-6 line) match report to be sent to the WRDC

Role of Team Coach:

- To liaise with the WRDC 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

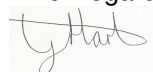
The Team Manager and Team Coach roles are voluntary. The successful candidates will work closely with the squads and the WRDC for the duration of the series. As a volunteer, all reasonable travel expenses will be met by the WRDC.

The WRDC believes 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) and briefly outline (3-4 lines maximum) 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 8th April 2016.

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

Kind Regards.



Tim Hart
West Regional Development Centre Director
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