

West Region Newsletter, 53, April 2016

Area Group News:

The U12 Inter-Area Development Tournament has an exciting new format for 2016. All matches will be 30 overs per side and will be based around being 8 a-side (although a team may use 9 players in each match). Ayrshire, Clyde, Dumfries & Galloway, Lanarkshire and South Glasgow have entered a team into the tournament which sees matches played on a home or away basis. Good luck to all five Area Groups and all the players who participate in the tournament.



Club News:

Cricket Scotland is making some changes to the process for handling applications to join the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme (PVG). A presentation will be held to update clubs and provide support and assistance with the changing procedures. The presentation is designed for club Child Protection Officers – and it is vitally important that all clubs who run a youth section, or have youth players, attend. Cricket Scotland, in conjunction with Volunteer Scotland, will be holding the event in the West Region as follows:

* Thursday 28th April 2016, at Shawholm (Poloc CC), starting at 7pm

A total of twelve West Region clubs have either obtained or retained Cricket Scotland Club Accreditation ('TOPClub') status for 2016. The accreditation is valid until 30 September 2016 and congratulations must go to the following clubs:



Clydesdale CC, Dumfries CC, Ferguslie CC, Glasgow Accies CC, Greenock CC, Hillhead CC, Inverclyde CC, Kilmarnock CC, Poloc CC, Renfrew CC, Vale of Leven CC and Weirs CC.

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.

Coaching News:



Sunday 3rd April saw eleven candidates from three different clubs (East Renfrewshire CC, Glasgow Accies CC and Uddingston CC) attend, and successfully complete, the ICC Introduction to Cricket Course. Thanks must go to Julia Walker and East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure for their help with sourcing Eastwood High School which was an excellent venue for the course.

All active coaches holding an ICC Introduction to Cricket course certificate (or higher coaching qualification) are strongly encouraged to join the Cricket Scotland Coaches Association. Launched last year, the Association provides some great benefits for coaches. An application form, and further information, is available on the Cricket Scotland website: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/participation-news/cricket-scotland-coaches-association/>.

School Cricket News:

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

- National Primary Schools' Cup: Kwik Cricket competition for pupils in P6 and below
 - o The deadline for entering is Friday 6th May 2016
- Cricket Factory Cup: S1-3 softball competition
 - o Due to a clash a major event in the schools' calendar, the West Regional Qualifier has been re-arranged. The qualifying event will now take place on Monday 16th May 2016. As a result, the deadline for entering the competition has been moved back to Friday 6th May 2016.

'Thriving Clubs' Programme:

Congratulations to Dumfries CC and Poloc CC, as both clubs have been invited to become part of Sports Marketing Network's 'Thriving Clubs' programme for 2016. These two clubs will join another two West Region clubs (Galloway CC and Hillhead CC) on the programme.



As part of their efforts to engage with different club members, Hillhead CC are beginning their season with a special Quiz Night on Saturday 30th April, which will be hosted by STV's Raman Bhardwaj.

WDCU / Senior Cricket News:

The pre-season Western District Cricket Union (WDCU) EGM will take place at Shawholm (Poloc CC), starting at 7.30pm, on Thursday 21st April. WDCU Executive Secretary, Mark Colman, has e-mailed notice of the meeting to all clubs.



Anyone wishing more information about the EGM should contact Mark directly at: markmcolman@aol.com. For the latest information about the WDCU please visit: www.wdcu.co.uk.

WDJCU / Junior Cricket News:



The 2016 programme of West District Junior Cricket Union (WDJCU) festivals and fixtures gets underway in less than one week! The West Junior Cricket website (www.westjuniorcricket.com) continues to be the place to find details of all the youth activities within the West Region - by using the main menu, on the left side of the homepage. The website also continues to provide an on-line form for club coaches to submit returns for all WDJCU matches and for WDJCU Kwik Cricket Festivals.

U15 Youth Representative Playing Programme:



The Western Warriors U15s will begin the defence of their Cricket Scotland U15 Inter-Regional Championship title on Sunday 8th May, with a trip to play the Eastern Knights. This will be the first of eight Inter-Regional fixtures.

A Western Warriors U14 team will be participating in the annual Triangular Festival (with Belfast and Edinburgh), which will take place at Prestwick CC, early in August.

The West Regional Development Centre (WRDC) U14 Challenge Series will be running during the 2016 season. The three, centrally-selected squads (Eagles, Foxes and Sharks) will be announced at the beginning of May, along with details of the fixtures and the Team Coaches and Managers.



Women's Cricket News:

The final Girls' Regional Development Centre (RDC) indoor session takes place at Hutchesons' Grammar School, on Sunday 24th April 2016. Any girls aged under 16 (there is no lower age limit – but players should have some experience of playing and / or training regularly) are welcome to attend the session.

Many thanks to Ayr CC, Clydesdale CC, Drumpellier CC, Ferguslie CC, Galloway CC, Glasgow Accies CC, Helensburgh CC, Hillhead CC, Langholm CC, Weirs CC and West of Scotland CC for supplying details about girls who participate within their club programmes. The information has been very helpful – and will help with the planning of future girls' events within the West Region.



For any further information about Women's and Girls' cricket, or to book into the remaining Girls' RDC session, please contact Kari Carswell directly at: karicarswell@cricketscotland.com.

Other News:

Cricket Scotland's partnership with E.ON is continuing during 2016. E.ON are one of the UK's leading energy providers with over 5 million customers throughout the UK. In extending the partnership, E.ON and Cricket Scotland are looking to reduce energy costs for cricket clubs of all sizes across Scotland, whilst making their energy supply more sustainable. For more details about the partnership please visit: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/news/article/eon-cricket-scotland-partner/>.



The next newsletter will be published during May. 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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