



West Region Newsletter, 58, September 2016

Inspiring Scotland to Choose Cricket

Area Group News:

Ayrshire were the winners of the U12 Inter-Area Development Tournament. The group won both matches it played – but in quite contrasting styles. Early in the season, the batters led the way in a high-scoring match against South Glasgow – with South Glasgow's 194/5 being chased down for the loss of just four wickets. Then, later in the season, it was very much a case of the bowlers leading the side to victory – with Ayrshire bowling Clyde out for 86, to secure a 15-run victory.

Congratulations to the Ayrshire players, and their coaches, on their victory.



Club News:

With the outdoor playing season finished, now is the perfect time for clubs to review their season, refine their longer term development plans - and to start planning for the new season! If any club is looking for any support or advice from Cricket Scotland please get in contact – and I will be happy to come and meet with you and those from your club who wish to meet.

Coaching News:

The final touches are being put to the West Region Coach Education and Coach Development Calendar for 2016 – 2017. The calendar has again been designed to try and offer a range of options, to try and suit the needs of as many coaches as possible – with there being both formally accredited courses and informal development opportunities. The calendar will be released as soon as is possible.

However, in the meantime, it is still possible for people to book a place on the ECB Certificate in Coaching Children's Cricket (UKCC Level 2) course which will be running in the West Region this winter. The key details are below and anyone who is interested should contact me immediately:

Coaching children, aged 6 – 13, is a challenging and enormously rewarding role within the coaching pathway. Players need expertise, support and passion at every level of their development; this course is designed with your players' needs at its core. In turn, the experiences, tasks, practices and sharing of ideas which you experience during the course are designed to help to equip you with the tools that you need to meet your players' needs. Just as players learn quickly, so do coaches. The challenge for all coaches is to learn as they develop, just as players do.



Course:	ECB Certificate in Coaching Children's Cricket (UKCC Level 2)
Dates:	Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 October, Saturday 5 November and Saturday 3 December
Timings:	10am – 4.30pm, 10am – 4.30pm, 10am – 4.30pm, 1pm – 4.30pm
Venue:	Eastwood High School, East Renfrewshire, G77 6NQ
Cost:	£350
Booking Details:	Contact Tim Hart (timhart@cricketscotland.com) directly

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/>.



Cricket Society of Scotland:

The Cricket Society of Scotland has released details of its winter programme 2016-2017 – a programme which, as always, features a diverse range of guest speakers.

The first meeting of the west branch will take place at Titwood (Clydesdale CC), starting at 7.30pm, on Monday 10th October. The guest speaker is Dean Allen - a senior lecturer in the Department of Sport at Bournemouth University and a Research Associate of Stellenbosch University in South Africa. He has always had a passion for South Africa and did a lot of research there for his PhD on the subject of Matjiesfontein and the history of South African cricket. This work formed the basis for his book “Empire, War and Cricket” which tells the story of James Douglas Logan, a Scot from Reston in Berwickshire, who emigrated to South Africa in 1877 at the age of nineteen. Logan was not only an entrepreneur who developed the town of Matjiesfontein in the Western Cape Province but was also highly influential in the early development of the game of cricket in South Africa.

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) or Ewen McConville (ejrmcc@gmail.com) who are the Joint Secretaries.



Last Man Stands:



Derek Wright has been in contact to provide a final update on an exciting first season of Last Man Stands (LMS) cricket in Glasgow: "The inaugural 2016 LMS season came to an end on Wednesday 31st August, with a comprehensive victory for "Weirdos" over their local rivals (Southside Spartans) which saw them clinch 2nd spot in the league. However, it was 'Fulton's Flyers' who were the stars of the league and clinched the title with an intimidating 100% record. The format of LMS proved to be a massive success this season and those interested in entering a team in 2017 should drop a line to Glasgow@lastmanstands.co.uk for further details."

School Cricket News:

Congratulations to St Ninian's High School of East Renfrewshire as they have won the 2016 Cricket Factory Cup. The softball competition, designed to get more school pupils participating in the sport, came to a conclusion with Finals' Day, in Perth, on Thursday 25th August.

St Ninian's won all four matches they played on the day, although they did have to survive a nervous final over against fellow East Renfrewshire school Woodfarm High School – with Woodfarm actually being ahead with two deliveries to go, before losing a wicket to a run out to see their total drop below that of St Ninian's! The next round of fixtures then saw the effectual tournament final take place – and a great bowling and fielding performance laid the foundations for St Ninian's to win by 50 runs and effectively secure the trophy with a match to spare.



'Thriving Clubs' Programme:



For more information about the 'Thriving Clubs' programme, which Dumfries CC, Galloway CC, Hillhead CC and Poloc CC are now part of, please get in contact with Cricket Scotland's Head of Participation, Ian Sandbrook: iansandbrook@cricketscotland.com.

WDCU / Senior Cricket News:

Congratulations to the following clubs / teams who have won WDCU competitions during 2016:

Competition	Winner
Premier Division	Clydesdale CC
First Division	Greenock CC
Second Division	GHK CC
Third Division	Cavaliers XI (Clydesdale CC 3 rd XI)
Murgitroyd Rowan Cup	East Kilbride CC
PlayerReg West League Cup	Drumpellier CC
Western Union Cup	Ferguslie CC
Glasgow Cup	GHK CC
Greenock Trophy	Kelburne CC
Western Cup	Titwood XI (Clydesdale CC 2 nd XI)
Premier Reserve Division	Titwood XI (Clydesdale CC 2 nd XI)
First Reserve Division	Partick XI (West of Scotland CC 2 nd XI)
Sunday League	St Ninian's Development XI (Prestwick CC)
Evening League	GHK CC

For the latest information about the WDCU please visit: www.wdcu.co.uk.



WDJCU / Junior Cricket News:

Congratulations to the following clubs / teams who have won WDJCU competitions during 2016:

Competition	Winners
U11 League	Clydesdale CC
U13 League	Clydesdale CC
U14 League	East Renfrewshire/Renfrew combined team
U15 League	Clydesdale CC
U16 League	Prestwick CC
U18 League	Poloc CC
U13 League Cup	Final carried over to 2017 (Clydesdale CC v Ayr CC)
U18 Frank Smith Trophy (2015)	Clydesdale CC
U18 Frank Smith Trophy (2016)	Final carried over to 2017 (Poloc CC v Clydesdale CC)

An article providing more details about the youth season is available on the Cricket Scotland website: www.cricketscotland.com/news/article/wdjcu-2016-season-review/. Amongst other things, the article makes mention of U10 Kwik Cricket and the split into 'north' and 'south' areas – which saw an increase in festivals taking place (up from 8 to 13) and a slight increase in participants (up from 322 to 349).

For the latest information about what is happening within youth cricket please visit the virtual home of junior cricket in the west of Scotland: <http://www.westjuniorcricket.com/>.



U15 Youth Representative Playing Programme:



The Western Warriors U15s have been confirmed as the winners of the 2016 Cricket Scotland U15 Inter-Regional Championship. Overall, the Warriors U14s and U15s teams played 9 matches, 7 in the Championships. Congratulations to all 25 players who were involved in the success, and to those who were selected for the U14 Triangular Series fixtures against Belfast and Edinburgh – and thanks to all the clubs, coaches, groundsmen, scorers, umpires and parents who contributed to another successful season.

Daniel Cairns (Clydesdale CC) finished as the top run scorer with 183 runs at an average of 26.14 and Ross Heginbottom (Clydesdale CC) recorded the highest individual score with 80 against the Caledonian Highlanders. In total there were ten individual scores of fifty or more – with Cairns and Sohaib Shah (Poloc CC) both reaching the milestone twice and Heginbottom being joined by Angus Guy (Clydesdale CC), Asad Khan (Clydesdale CC), Jawad Khan (Clydesdale CC), Amaan Ramzan (Poloc CC) and Uzzair Shah (Poloc CC) in getting to a half-century once.

With the ball, Euan McBeth (Prestwick CC) was the leading wicket-taker, with 8 wickets at an average of 17.50 – although it was Puskar Bhandari (Ayr CC) who returned the best figures in a match, with 6-0-20-3 against the Caledonian Highlanders. Kess Sajjad (Clydesdale CC) finished with 6 wickets and Bhandari, Jawad Khan (Clydesdale CC) and Sohaib Shah (Poloc CC) all finished with 5 wickets – with McBeth (twice) and Bhandari and Sajjad (once each) all taking a ‘3-for’ in an innings.



There was no opportunity to replay the previously cancelled Eagles v Foxes match. Therefore, the Sharks have won the 2016 WRDCU U14 Challenge Series. Congratulations to the players, and coaching staff, on winning the series.

Women’s Cricket News:

Kari Carswell has now left Cricket Scotland to embark on a new adventure in New Zealand. There can be no doubt about the massive impact Kari has had on the development and growth of the girls’ and women’s game, over a number of years – and she will be missed.



However, a new Women’s Cricket Manager has been appointed – and we all look forward to welcoming this person, and their ideas, as we seek to continue to develop the girls’ and women’s game.

Other News:

Not only did ‘Fulton’s Flyers’ win the Last Man Stands Glasgow League – but the squad also went on to win the ‘LMS Scotland Championships’. The finals’ weekend saw the fifteen best teams from the country come together to compete for the title. ‘Fulton’s Flyers’ won a very competitive final against Carlton CC to win the Championship – and secure their qualification for the LMS World Championships, in Cape Town, in December 2017!



The next newsletter will be published during October. 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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