

West Region Newsletter, 59, October 2016

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Club News:

Congratulations to Vale of Leven CC as the club won the 'Club of the Year' Award at the recent West Dunbartonshire Community Sports Awards 2016. The event, which was held in Clydebank Town Hall on Thursday 13th October, recognised the efforts of local people within the heart of the West Dunbartonshire sporting community. For more information about Vale of Leven CC, or their 2016 schools' project which was a key factor in the club winning the award, please contact Hugh Hutchinson: hugh_hutchinson@yahoo.co.uk.



Coaching News:



The 2016 – 2017 West Region Coach Education and Coach Development programme got off to a great start with seventeen candidates, from nine different clubs, attending modules 1-4 of the ECB Certificate in Coaching Children's Cricket (UKCC 2) course. The course, which is taking place at Eastwood High School (in East Renfrewshire), will continue on Saturday 5th November.

Cricket Scotland is once again delivering an exciting series of 'Coaching Forums', giving coaches from throughout the country the opportunity to learn from our elite performance coaches. The courses are open to both Cricket Scotland Coaches Association (CSCA) Members and non-members. More information is available here: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/news/article/cricket-scotland-coaching-forums-2016/> and the 'West Forum' workshops are taking place as follows:

Course: *Developing Pace Bowlers and Athletic Cricketers & Developing Batters and Fielders*
Dates: Wednesday 2nd November 2016 & Wednesday 9th November 2016
Time: 6.30pm – 9.00pm
Venue: Hutchesons' Grammar School, Glasgow, G41 4NW
Cost: Free for CSCA Members. £20 for non-members – fee covers both workshops.

Booking Details:

For CSCA (Cricket Scotland Coaches Association) Members:
Please email coacheducation@cricketscotland.com with your full name, your CSCA membership number and quote 'West Forum'.

For non-CSCA (Cricket Scotland Coaches Association) Members:
Please email coacheducation@cricketscotland.com with your full name, your highest coaching qualification (if applicable), the school/club you currently coach at and quote 'West Forum'. NB: Your £20 fee will be collected on arrival at the forum.

Overview: This exciting update, delivered by the Cricket Scotland Performance Staff, will focus on developing pace bowlers and athletic cricketers & on developing batters and fielders – and will discuss 'game-based learning'.

The workshops above are available to Cricket Scotland Coaches Association (CSCA) Members for free – one of the range of benefits for members. All active coaches holding an ICC Introduction to Cricket / Coach Support Worker course certificate (or higher coaching qualification) are strongly encouraged to join the association. An application form, and further information, is available on the Cricket Scotland website, by following this link: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/participation-news/cricket-scotland-coaches-association/>.



Cricket Society of Scotland:

The next meeting of the west regional branch of the Cricket Society of Scotland will take place at Titwood (Clydesdale CC), starting at 7.30pm, on Monday 14th November. The guest speaker will be Glen Chapple.

Although born in Skipton, in Yorkshire, the name 'Glen Chapple' will forever be synonymous with that of Lancashire County Cricket Club. He made his first-class debut for them in 1992 and his last appearance in September 2015. He captained the club from 2009-2014, a period which included Lancashire's first outright Championship win since 1934. For this effort he was named as one of Wisden's Five Cricketers of the Year in 2012. He has taken 985 first-class wickets and another 388 wickets in List A and T20 games. He has scored 8,725 first-class runs with 6 centuries. He shares with Mark Pettini of Essex the record for the fastest ever first-class century (27 balls!) – although, since both knocks were against 'declaration bowling', neither of them feature in official records. Glen is currently Ashley Giles' right-hand man on the Lancashire coaching staff, but claims not to have officially retired from playing as he has not entirely given up hope of taking another 15 first-class wickets to reach the magical 1,000!

For further information about the west branch, please contact either of the Joint Secretaries Graham Hollier (graham_hollier@sky.com) or Ewen McConville (ejrmcc@gmail.com).



School Cricket News:

Congratulations to Lomond School who have been voted as the Forty Club (Scotland District) Team of the Year for 2016. The school will be officially presented with their award at the Forty Club Annual Dinner which takes place on Friday 28th October, at the Oval. School cricket captain James Guy, Coach Paul Davies and Master-In-Charge of Cricket Alister Minnis will receive the award on behalf of the school.

'Thriving Clubs' Programme:



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

WDCU / Senior Cricket News:

All WDCU clubs have been emailed with a summary of the key matters discussed at the End of Season Club Forum, which took place last month. Clubs have also have received a reminder to submit a response to a questionnaire issued immediately after the Forum - and the WDCU would appreciate it if this could be completed, and returned, by the end of October.

A number of follow-up e-mails have been sent to clubs. One of these highlighted an initiative arising from the Strategic Review - a new development officer/coach post, part-funded by the WDCU, in conjunction with Cricket Scotland and **sportscotland**. All clubs have been advised that the WDCU is now initiating this pilot project - and that the WDCU is seeking applications from Area Groups to partner in implementing it.

For the latest information about the WDCU please visit www.wdcu.co.uk - and if anyone has any queries they should contact Mark Colman, the Executive Secretary: markcolman@aol.com.



Umpire News:



The October meeting of the West of Scotland Association of Cricket Officials (WoSACO) will take place on Tuesday 25th October, at Clydesdale CC, at 7.30pm. For further information about WoSACO please contact the secretary, Jim McClymont: jbmcclymont@gmail.com.

WDJCU / Junior Cricket News:

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/>.



West Regional Development Centre:

The West Regional Development Centre (WRDC) held an U15 'Talent Trawl' at Hutchesons' Grammar School on Sunday 9th October. Rather than the WRDC selecting players for the Talent Trawl, all interested players were invited to submit an 'Application of Interest'. Every player who submitted a return was then invited to the trawl, which saw 26 young players from 12 different clubs attend the session.

The WRDC will be running three different squads this winter: a 'WRDC Winter Training Squad', a 'WRDC Development Squad' and a 'Western Warriors U15s Squad'. A full list of players in the 'WRDC' and 'WRDC Development' squads will be announced early in November - with the 'Warriors' squad being announced towards the end of the winter programme, likely during March 2017.



Anyone with any queries about the WRDC should contact WRDC Director Tim Hart on 07825-172-346 or by e-mail at: timhart@cricketscotland.com.

Women's Cricket News:

Nicola Wilson has been appointed as the new Cricket Scotland Girls' and Women's Participation Manager. Nicola (nicolawilson@cricketscotland.com) has an impressive cricket background: 20+ years of international cricket for the Netherlands and New Zealand, including winning the Women's World Cup in 2000. She has coached and been involved in sports development programmes across multiple countries with a proven track record of success.



In another exciting development, the announcement of the new west-based Girls' and Women's Development Officer, on a part-time basis, is also expected imminently.

Other News:

Cricket Scotland are pleased to announce an exciting partnership with ScotRail and Glasgow Kelvin College. The partnership aims to encourage more young people to get into volunteering at their cricket clubs and to make a difference in their local community. 16 young people, selected from cricket clubs around Scotland, will be put through Glasgow Kelvin College's 'Community Achievement Award': an award which is a Scottish Community Qualification Framework accredited course and which is designed to support, recognise and accredit learning and achievement in a community setting.



For more information about the project visit the Cricket Scotland website:

<http://www.cricketscotland.com/news/article/partnership-announced-scotrail-and-glasgow-kelvin/>

The next newsletter will be published during November. 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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