

West Region Newsletter, 61, December 2016

Inspiring Scotland to Choose Cricket

Club News:

Thanks to the twelve clubs (Clydesdale CC, Dumfries CC, Ferguslie CC, Galloway CC, Glasgow Accies CC, Greenock CC, Hillhead CC, Langholm CC, Poloc CC, Prestwick CC, St Michael's CC and West of Scotland CC) who returned the '2016 End of Season Baseline Data' spreadsheet which was requested.

December saw two volunteers receive awards as acknowledgment of the contribution they have made to their clubs during the previous twelve months.

Ammar Ashraf (East Renfrewshire CC) was the 'Local Hero' award winner at the Scottish Sports Awards, with his award being presented at a national awards ceremony in Glasgow. Gregor Chambers (Helensburgh CC) was the winner of the MB Stanger Trophy, which was presented to him during a West Regional Academy session.

Congratulations to both on their achievements – and to all clubs, coaches, officials and volunteers who have received awards to recognise their contribution to cricket during 2016.



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), at 7.30pm, on Monday 9th January. The guest speaker will be Roy Cavanagh MBE.

Roy Cavanagh hails from Salford and has spent almost 50 years working for the Seddon Group, latterly as Training and Education Executive. He has also been heavily involved with promoting apprenticeships and training in the construction industry. Despite leading a busy professional life, he managed to find time to write 20 books on cricket and football and, as a much in demand after dinner speaker, he has shared a platform with Matt Busby, Jimmy Greaves and Peter Shilton - as well as Dennis Lillee, Sir Richard Hadlee, Michael Holding and many stars of Lancashire County Cricket Club. He has even appeared twice alongside Madam Cyn (Cynthia Payne – who was famously prosecuted for running a house of ill repute!). An interesting and entertaining evening is definitely in prospect.

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).

'Curriculum For Excellence':



December saw the official launch of a new striking and fielding project, in Ayrshire. The project, which has been made possible thanks to a partnership between the Cricket Development Trust Scotland and the Stanley Morrison Charitable Trust, will see twelve primary schools from throughout Ayrshire receive equipment to allow them to deliver exciting striking and fielding sessions based on the Curriculum for Excellence resource.

'Thriving Clubs' Programme:

The 'Thriving Clubs' programme will have a new look for 2017. The programme will operate based on 'tiers'. 'Tier 1' will feature six clubs from throughout the country, with these clubs working directly with Sports Marketing Network. There will be twenty 'Tier 2' clubs, with these clubs receiving support from Cricket Scotland staff. There will also be a 'Tier 3', which will feature bi-monthly guides and webinars which will be available to all clubs. More information will be made available early into the new year.



WDCU / Senior Cricket News:



For the latest information about the WDCU, and Senior cricket within the west of Scotland, please visit www.wdcu.co.uk or contact Mark Colman, the Executive Secretary: markmcolman@aol.com.

Umpire News:

The West of Scotland Association of Cricket Officials (WoSACO) will be offering candidates the opportunity to complete the Level One Qualification of ECBACO (ECB Association of Cricket Officials). As usual, there will be a series of umpiring classes which will culminate in a final exam. More information, including a contact e-mail address, is available by following this link: <http://www.wdcu.co.uk/umpiring-classes-2017/>.



WDJCU / Junior Cricket News:

The draws have been released for the WDJCU Indoor Super 8s Tournament which will be running between Christmas and New Year, in the Hutchesons' Grammar School Sports Hall.



The U19 Group Stage on Tuesday 27th December sees six teams, from seven clubs, competing. The U15 Group Stage, on Wednesday 28th December, has six teams from seven different clubs. The U12 Group Stage, featuring nine clubs, will take place on Thursday 29th December. The tournament will conclude with Finals' Day (all three age groups) on Friday 30th December.

Spectators are more than welcome to come and watch this very different, fast-paced format of the game. Regular updates on the progress of the tournament will be available on the West Junior Cricket Twitter feed (@westjuniorcrick) and on the West Junior Cricket website: <http://www.westjuniorcricket.com/>.



West Regional Development Centre:

The first part of the West Regional Development Centre Winter Training Programme has now been completed. There have been six 'WRDC Squad' training sessions, two 'WRDC Development Squad' sessions, two 'Strathclyde Girls' sessions and there was a special visit from the Scotland U15 Management Team to a session during December. Thanks must go to Paul Davies, David Hinchliffe, Rosy Ryan and Mitchell Rao for their help with delivering this part of the programme.



There will be a special, one-off U12 Talent Day on Saturday 21st January. Further details will be issued to Club Junior Convenors during early January.

Women's Cricket News:



The part-time West Girls' and Women's Development Officer, Rosy Ryan, has been meeting clubs during December – as well as co-ordinating the delivery of U16 sessions in both Glasgow and Dumfries & Galloway.

The next 'Strathclyde Girls' U16 skill development session will take place at Hutchesons' Grammar School, from 11:30 – 13:00, on Sunday 8th January 2017.

If any club wishes to meet up with Rosy to discuss the development of the girls' and women's game, please get in contact with her directly by e-mail: rosyryan@cricketscotland.com.

Other News:

Cricket Scotland will be hosting a #morethancricket Club Conference during March 2017. More information, including registration details, will be made available to clubs during the early part of 2017.



Final Thoughts:

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved with helping to develop cricket in the west of Scotland during 2016.

The sport can only continue to develop and grow, and our clubs, hubs, Area Groups, training centres and other key partners, can only continue to provide a great range of experiences and opportunities throughout the region thanks to efforts of every coach, official and volunteer who has been involved during the year.



The next newsletter will be published during January 2017. 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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