

West Community Development Manager's Update #8, June 2012

Area Group News:

Through the Cricket Scotland Summer Squad Project Andi McElnea (Ayrshire) and Robbie Stewart (Glasgow – South) have now delivered more than 100 cricket sessions to primary schools.

Fixtures in the first two rounds in the 2012 Inter-Area Competitions have been played. The next round of games will take place on Sunday 1st June. All relevant information is available by contacting your local Area Cricket Development Group and can also be found on the West Junior Cricket website.

Recent Meetings: Dumfries & Galloway
Upcoming Meetings: Dumfries & Galloway.

Club News:

Recent Meetings: East Kilbride CC, Inverclyde CC.

If your Club wishes to arrange a meeting with me, could you please ask someone to get in contact and provide me with a couple of dates, times and a venue that would suit your Club. (In general, a Thursday night looks like being the evening that I will be most regularly free during the season.)

If your Club is planning to host a WDJCU Kwik Cricket festival during 2012, Cricket Scotland has a Cricket Factory Banner Zone which we would be willing to bring to one of the festivals. The Banner Zone equipment is designed to help players to develop the fundamental skills of cricket in a fun, and creative, environment. Please let me know if you are interested in having the Banner Zone at your Club's Kwik Cricket festival. (The kit would require the host Club to supply an extra few coaches to help everything to run safely and efficiently.)

Congratulations to Ferguslie CC U18s who won the 2011 Frank Smith Trophy on Sunday 20th May - by defeating Prestwick CC at Shawholm (Poloc CC).

Coaching News:

There were 6 candidates (from 4 different Clubs) that successfully completed the Cricket Scotland Working With Children Workshop on Wednesday 16th May.

Cricket Scotland is able to offer further support to coaches through Club Coach Observations. This is focussed on meeting with a coach, watching them deliver a coaching session and then providing some feedback around the "How to" and "What to" coaching skills. If you, or any other Club coaches, are interested in making use of this opportunity please contact me.

And, if any Club is interested in running a Kwik Cricket Game Course please get in contact with me and we can arrange a suitable date.

West Regional Development Centre:

Congratulations to Ross Armour (of the WRDC and Poloc CC) who scored 73 off 85 balls as Scotland U15s began their season with a win over Derbyshire U15s at Titwood (Clydesdale CC).

The West Regional Development Centre will be playing fixtures in the summer under the name of Western Warriors Under 15s. The first fixture will see the Eastern Knights travel through to the west on Sunday 17th June. The game, starting at 12 noon, will take place at Glenpark (Greenock CC) and all spectators are welcome.

Women's Cricket News:

There are two events running in west of Scotland focussing on the further development of Women's Cricket.

On Sunday 10th June, from 10:00 – 12:00 there will be a Cricket Scotland Wildcats Come and Try Morning. This will be a morning of Kwik Cricket (a mixture of games and skills) which will be led by Women's Cricket Manager Kari Carswell and a couple of the other Senior Wildcat Players. The event is being held at Clydesdale CC and is an excellent opportunity for all young female players in the west of Scotland to get together for a morning of cricket. No previous experience of cricket is necessary, so any girls who are interested in cricket can come and try.

A Cricket Scotland Women's Corporate Evening will also be running on Thursday 21st June – in Glasgow, from 7pm – 9pm, in the Hutchesons' Grammar School Sports Hall. Cricket Scotland will provide any kit required for the evening of soft ball skills and games and there will be experienced coaches on hand to ensure the evening runs smoothly. No previous experience of cricket is required. For more details about the event please access the following link for information about the very successful event that took place in Edinburgh <http://www.cricketscotland.com/cricket-scotland-women%E2%80%99s-corporate-evening> or please contact Kari Carswell (by e-mail karicarwell@cricketscotland.com or by phone on 0131-313-7420).

Other News:

7 west-based schools have entered the National Secondary Schools' Cup Competition and 7 schools have entered the National Emerging Schools' Cup.

Congratulations to Alloway Primary School (Ayrshire) and Springholm Primary School (Dumfries & Galloway) who won their Regional Qualifying Tournaments in the ASDA National Primary Schools' Cup Competition. The remaining Qualifying Tournament (Glasgow) is taking place on Wednesday 6th June.

The next update will be early in July. If you think that you may have something of interest that could be included in this update please get in contact with me.

Kind Regards.

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