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Club Focus – Sports Council for Glasgow Annual Awards:

This month's feature focusses on four different Glasgow based clubs – as members from Clydesdale CC, Hillhead CC, Poloc CC and Victoria CC all received commendations or awards at the recent Sports Council for Glasgow Annual Awards! The feature is at the end of the newsletter.



Coaching News:



Sunday 26th November saw two important workshops take place at Titwood (Clydesdale CC) - with a total of 17 attendees (from 7 clubs).

Colin McDougall delivered a Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshop and then Gill McElnea delivered a Basic First Aid for Sport course.

Community Engagement Update:

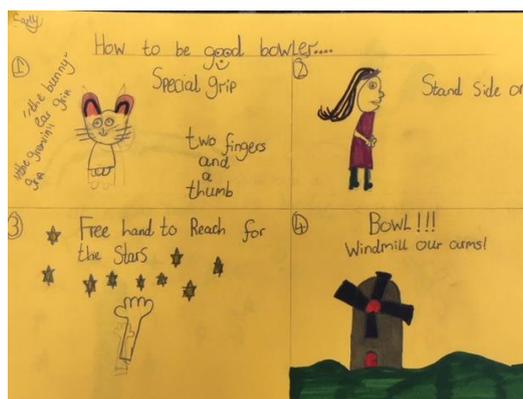
Community Engagement Coordinator Ammar Ashraf (ammarashraf@cricketscotland.com) provides the following update on his busy start to his new role with Cricket Scotland:

“Indoor Tapeball League: The league, starting on Tuesday 4th December at Springburn Leisure Centre, is a short and sweet format - 8 overs per side, 8 a-side, using adapted bats (and balls covered in pvc tape) and condensed into 40 minutes. The response from teams registering was overwhelming, with 25 expressions of interest for only 12 spaces! Over 150 players will be involved. For more details please ‘Like’ our Facebook page “Cricket Scotland Tapeball League”.



GCU Partnership: As you may have heard, we have partnered with Glasgow Caledonian University - with the aim of re-establishing a University team. The GCU Wolves Cricket Club was formally registered with the Students’ Union last week and they are now looking to play friendlies with other Universities and Colleges, and the numbers at the new club continue to grow.

The Lord’s Taverners Project: This is another partnership project, taking cricket to deprived areas in the north of Glasgow - with the aim of establishing a Community Cricket Club and using cricket as a mechanism to bring about social change. I have been leading taster sessions in 4 Primary Schools, covering 7 classes. Each 4-week block has now ended, after school clubs have started – and there will be a finals’ day before the pupils break up for Christmas. The response from children (and their parents) has been fantastic – and the pupils will be signposted to a Community Cricket Hub which I hope to have up and running in the New Year.”



Cricket Scotland News:

The 'Junior Cricket Roadshow' on Sunday 19th November (at Poloc CC) was very well attended – with 32 people, representing 16 different clubs. Ian Sandbrook and Nic Wilson presented on 'All Stars Cricket' and 'Junior Cricket Format' proposals.



For more information about all the recent activities in and around Cricket Scotland please visit the website: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/>.

Cricket Society of Scotland:

The next meeting of the Cricket Society of Scotland (west region) will take place at Titwood (Clydesdale CC), on Monday 11th December, at 7.30pm. The guest speaker is Alex Massie:

Son of the journalist Allan Massie, Alex Massie is himself a freelance journalist. He is Scotland editor of The Spectator, a columnist for the Scottish edition of The Times, and a regular contributor to Border Television and BBC TV and radio. Whilst he is primarily a commentator on contemporary politics, he has also written extensively on cricket matters in the Spectator, The Times, The Nightwatchman, Cricket Monthly, and Wisden Cricketers' Almanack. His courage is undisputed: in 2015 he took part in a cricket tour led by fellow journalist Peter Osborne to the Northwest Frontier Province of Pakistan, just a few miles from the Afghan border, where his team was ritually slaughtered (in a cricketing sense) by every opponent they played against. Nearer home, Alex Massie is a member of and plays for Selkirk Cricket Club.

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).



Indoor Kwik Cricket:

This exciting, new addition for young players within the west of Scotland began during November, at Hillpark Secondary School. The standard format sees three different clubs attend each 2-hour session (10am – 12pm) on a Sunday morning, with each team playing two U10 round-robin matches.



Unfortunately, the early sessions have had a stuttering start – with one team due to participate withdrawing at late notice each week! However, this has enabled the two remaining clubs to modify the format and play longer matches. Hopefully, the three remaining weeks will see all nine scheduled fixtures be fulfilled.

WDCU / Senior Cricket News:

The WDCU Annual General Meeting took place at Shawholm (Poloc CC) on Thursday 16th November, with the 2017 annual awards presentation taking place immediately afterwards. This recognised the WDCU league and cup winning teams, the best batters and bowlers in each Saturday League and the 2017 'Club of the Year', which was Prestwick Cricket Club.



WDCU Administrator Iain Murdoch is aiming to contact clubs over the next week or so to ask which competitions they wish to participate in during 2018. For more information about WDCU please contact Iain (admin@wdcu.co.uk) or visit the website (www.wdcu.co.uk).

WDJCU Indoor Super 8s:



The annual WDJCU (Junior) Indoor Super 8s Tournament will be taking place from 27-30 December, as usual. Competitions will be running at U12, U15 and U19 age groups (based on 2018 cricket ages) – and a change will see the U12 competition played with a soft ball. Details about the tournament, which includes an entry form, has been e-mailed to Club Junior Convenors. The deadline for teams to enter is Friday 8th December 2017.

Western District Junior Cricket Union / Junior Cricket News:

Following the recent WDJCU AGM, new Chair Parvase Majeed offers the following thoughts:

“At the WDJCU AGM on Monday 20th November, Dougie Johnstone (Chair) and Keith Young (Secretary) stood down after many years at the helm. A resounding appreciation was given by a packed room of attendees at Titwood to them both for all their efforts in being a voice and direction for junior cricket in the west. There is no doubt their input, guidance and overall presence will be missed.



I write as the new Chair to congratulate Ammar Ashraf (East Renfrewshire CC) on his elevation to Vice-Chair and Ann Hargie (Uddingston CC) on her appointment as Secretary.

At this juncture the west are embarking on a programme of change. The Cricket Scotland Junior Pathway & Formats Model is being introduced to the west age group cricket program. The Committee will look to ensure increased participation, enjoyment and skills development are at the forefront of our deliberations for junior cricket in the west. I hope all junior Convenors and coaches embrace the changes and work with us to make the West junior cricket a benchmark for the rest of Scotland.”

Any enquiries about the WDJCU and its programmes should go to Ann: ann.hargie@btinternet.com.

Women's and Girls' Cricket News:

West Region Women's and Girls' Development Officer, Rosy Ryan, has provided the following update:

“At the David Keswick Centre (in Dumfries) an exciting and hard-fought Wee Bash took place on Sunday 19th November - with Galloway CC winning and lifting the trophy! Stirling County CC were a close second followed by Castle Douglas High School and the ‘home’ side Dumfries CC.



For the next Wee Bash tournament, we are making a day of it at the North Inch Community Campus in Perth. This will be on Sunday 3rd December, from 11am - 4pm. Cricket Scotland hopes to be able to welcome back the team from Glasgow University (and St Andrew's and Edinburgh universities) who were unavailable to join in at the recent tournament due to their own University fixtures.

To stay up to date on Scotland's Wee Bash programme, please ‘Like’ our new Facebook page”.

Alternatively, please contact Rosy directly: rosyryan@cricketscotland.com.

Other News:

The ‘Scottish Cricket – Past, Present and Future Exhibition’ is now open at the Scottish Football Museum (in Hampden Stadium). The exhibition will be in place until March 2018 – and is well worth a look if you have the time. For more information, please contact Colin Neill (niloclien@hotmail.co.uk).

The next newsletter will be published during December 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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Club Focus – Sports Council for Glasgow Annual Awards:

Cricket Success at Glamorous Annual Awards Ceremony

Cricket Scotland Regional Participation Manager Tim Hart reports on a successful evening for cricket:

“Cricket was well-represented, and well-recognised, at the recent Sports Council for Glasgow Annual Awards ceremony – with five people from four different Glasgow cricket clubs receiving a commendation or an award.



The event, which took place in the Banqueting Hall of Glasgow City Chambers, saw sports clubs, coaches, officials and volunteers recognised for their contribution to sport in Glasgow during 2017.

On the evening, there were three commendations for individuals involved in cricket (one coach and two players) and two award winners – both for their ‘Outstanding Individual Achievement’ during the year.

Those recognised on the evening represented Clydesdale CC, Hillhead CC, Poloc CC and Victoria CC – and their nominations featured a mix of on the pitch performances and off the pitch contributions to cricket in Glasgow.

Congratulations to all five on their fantastic achievements during 2017 - and for their success on a very enjoyable evening.

