



## West Region Newsletter, 73, December 2017

### Inspiring Scotland to Choose Cricket

#### All Stars Cricket:

The early indication is that All Stars Cricket in the West Region, in 2018, is going to be even bigger and even better than in 2017!

More clubs have shown an interest in becoming a 'delivery centre' for the 2018 version of this exciting programme – and Cricket Scotland is confident of having a big increase in the number of 'All Stars' who participate during 2018.



If you wish further information about All Stars Cricket, how it can increase participation at your club(s) or how you can help with this exciting programme during 2018, please contact me directly.

#### Club Focus – Inverclyde CC: Growing Cricket In Inverclyde



Inverclyde Cricket Club has completed Year 3 of its ambitious 'Growing Cricket In Inverclyde' project. The project has seen the club engage with local schools, its Local Authority (Inverclyde Council) and the National Governing Body (Cricket Scotland) to help to create an additional local indoor facility, to provide activity for local school children and to grow and develop the club itself. A small preview of the Year 3 document is available at the end of this Newsletter.

#### Coaching News:

The six candidates on the West Region ECB Certificate in Coaching Children's Cricket (UKCC Level 2) coaching course have now completed the first seven modules of their course. Once the candidates have completed some home learning, and once they have delivered some supported coaching sessions within their normal coaching environment (club or school), they will be able to book in their final assessment. Hopefully, the region will have another six fully qualified coaches by the end of the summer.



#### Community Engagement Update:



Community Engagement Coordinator Ammar Ashraf continues to make great progress in his role. The highlight of December has been the commencement of the new indoor Tapeball League.

For more information about the partnership with Glasgow Caledonian University, the indoor Tapeball League and the Lord's Taverners Project please contact Ammar ([ammarashraf@cricketscotland.com](mailto:ammarashraf@cricketscotland.com)) directly.

## Cricket Scotland News:

The early part of December saw the Men's National team defeat Kenya twice in three days to secure a place at the ICC Cricket World Cup Qualifier which will take place in Zimbabwe during 2018.



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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018, at 7.30pm. The guest speaker is Mark Rowe:

Mark Rowe graduated from the University of Bristol in 1989 with a first in History. Since then he has worked as a journalist on a number of regional newspapers, as a sub-editor and as a magazine editor. He is the author of a number of books about Britain and the two World Wars and he has also written three cricket books. The first of these examines the now largely forgotten Victory Tests of 1945 between England and a team of Australian servicemen - whilst the second book is a history of English cricket since 1840, in a social context. His latest book is entitled "Brian Sellers: Yorkshire Tyrant". Sellers was at the heart of Yorkshire cricket from the early 1930s until his death in 1981. He was a controversial figure who not only captained Yorkshire to seven Championships but after his playing retirement was a prominent member of the Yorkshire Committee and largely responsible for the sackings of both Johnny Wardle and Brian Close and the appointment of Geoffrey Boycott as captain.

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



## Indoor Kwik Cricket:

The 6-week pilot programme, which took place at Hillpark Secondary School (Glasgow), has now been completed. The planned format would have seen three different clubs attend each 2-hour session (10am – 12pm), with each team playing two U10 'Kwik Cricket' round-robin matches.



The programme was heavily hit by clubs calling off – with a full festival only taking place on one occasion! However, five different clubs did still take part over the 6 weeks – with over 40 different players participating in the festivals.

## WDJCU Indoor Super 8s:



Today is the first day of the annual WDJCU (Junior) Indoor Super 8s Tournament – with the U19 Group Stage taking place. Seven teams (three from Clydesdale CC, one each from Glasgow Accies CC and Poloc CC and two combined teams: an East Renfrewshire/Renfrew VIII and a Ferguslie/Hillhead VIII) are taking part in two round-robin groups.

Tomorrow will see the eight team U15 Group Stage take place (the teams being two from Clydesdale CC, one each from East Renfrewshire CC, Glasgow Accies CC, Poloc CC and Renfrew CC - and a combined Ferguslie/Kelburne VIII), followed by the eight team U12 Group Stage on Friday (the teams here being: Ayr CC, Clydesdale CC, Clydesdale CC II, East Renfrewshire CC, Ferguslie CC, Glasgow Accies CC, Uddingston CC and Weirs CC) – with the Finals' Day to follow on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December.

Details about the three competitions (and the winners) will appear in January's Newsletter. However, now is the perfect time to highlight the support of the Sports Council for Glasgow for the tournament. Thanks must go to the Sports Council for their support of the event through their 'Sports Promotion' grant funding stream.



## Women's and Girls' Cricket News:



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

“The next Women's Wee Bash tournament will take place at the David Keswick Centre (in Dumfries), from 11am – 2pm, on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018.”

Anyone wishing to enter a team should contact Rosy directly: [rosyryan@cricketscotland.com](mailto:rosyryan@cricketscotland.com).

## Other News:

Research Scotland are supporting **sportscotland** to run a major national survey of sports club members, which will inform sportscotland's future work with clubs and communities.

A small survey has been designed for club members to complete. The survey can be accessed online, using the following link: [www.researchscotland.org/sportclubs](http://www.researchscotland.org/sportclubs).

The survey is open until **9 February 2018**. There will also be a prize draw of all responses (run by Research Scotland) and **one club will win £1,000 of sports equipment!**

Please forward this information on to anyone within your club network who would be willing to take the time to complete the survey.

The next newsletter will be published during January 2018. If you think that you may have something of interest that could be included in this newsletter, please get in contact with me.

Finally, I hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable time over the festive period, I hope that you have had an enjoyable 2017 and that you are looking forward to a 2018 season where we all hope to see the sport we enjoy so much continue to develop and grow.

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## Club Focus – Inverclyde CC: Growing Cricket In Inverclyde

*Inverclyde Cricket Club Secretary, Iain Gibson, provides an insight into the club's progress as it has now completed year 3 of its ambitious project:*

“Three years ago Inverclyde Cricket Club launched a three-year initiative under the banner of Growing Cricket in Inverclyde. (A copy of the initiative document setting out its aims and objectives is available on the club's website, [www.inverclydecricquet.co.uk](http://www.inverclydecricquet.co.uk), together with the progress reports for the first two years of the programme.)



Having recently completed the third year of the initiative, the club has prepared an update report - the purpose of which is to keep our partners and supporters up to date on the progress made against each of the initiative's objectives to date.

Thank you again for your continuing support.  
Iain Gibson, Secretary, Inverclyde Cricket Club.”



For a copy of the Year 3 report, or for more information about the progress of the project, please contact Iain Gibson by e-mail: [gibson.iain@btinternet.com](mailto:gibson.iain@btinternet.com).