



West Region Newsletter, 74, January 2018

Inspiring Scotland to Choose Cricket

All Stars Cricket:



Sixteen West Region clubs have indicated that they are planning to become an All Stars Cricket delivery centre in 2018! A few other clubs are still hoping to run the programme too – so it promises to be an exciting summer.

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 – Hillhead CC:

The latest club to feature in the ‘Club Focus’ is Hillhead Cricket Club. Please find an article attached to the end of this Newsletter.



Coaching News:



Dumfries Academy hosted a Coach Support Worker course on Saturday 20th January. Despite some challenging weather, 11 candidates (from three different clubs) were able to make it along on the day – and all contributed well to a course which helped them to learn more knowledge, understanding and skills to help them to support a lead coach when at a session.

Another specialist ‘Safeguarding and Protecting Children’ workshop has been arranged for cricket clubs within the West Region. The workshop will be tutored by Colin McDougall (an expert on the subject topic – but also someone who has a practical background in running youth programmes within cricket). The full details are as follows, with a booking form available at the end of this Newsletter:



Course: Safeguarding and Protecting Children
Date: Tuesday 13th March 2018
Time: 6.30pm – 9.30pm
Venue: Clydesdale Cricket Club, Glasgow, G41 4LA
Cost: £10
Booking Details: Via application form to Tim Hart, West Regional Participation Manager

Overview: This workshop will raise your awareness of the tell-tale signs of abuse, and give you the tools and confidence you need to deal with any issues sensitively, appropriately and effectively should the need ever arise in your coaching career.

Cricket Scotland News:

Thanks to Clydesdale CC, Dumfries CC, East Kilbride CC, Ferguslie CC, Glasgow Accies CC, Hillhead CC, Inverclyde CC, Kilmarnock CC and Poloc CC as these clubs returned the school and community statistics within the requested timeline. This information formed a vital part of Cricket Scotland's annual return to the International Cricket Council (ICC), so the support of all these clubs was, and is, very much appreciated.



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 12th February 2018, at 7.30pm. The guest speaker is Scott Reeves:

Scott Reeves is a freelance writer from Yorkshire. He is also publishing manager of Chequered Flag, a small independent publisher addressing niche markets for sports books ignored by the larger corporate publishers. Scott is the author of "Champion Band: The First English Cricket Tour" which tells the fascinating story of the twelve cricketers who left Liverpool in 1859 to embark on the first overseas tour by a representative England side. Their destination was the place where it was then thought that cricket was most likely to flourish – North America. The tourists were led by George Parr and came up against the best of the cricketers from Canada and the USA. Ironically, as it turned out, some of their opponents went on to pioneer baseball, the sport that virtually killed off cricket in North America.

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).



Last Man Stands – World Championships:

Mike Stanger reports from Fulton's Flyers recent trip to the Last Man Stands World Championships:

"It's not often that a cricket team from Scotland, let alone the West of Scotland, takes part in a World Championship...but that's exactly what took Fulton's Flyers, the Last Man Stands team associated with Clydesdale CC, to Cape Town for 10 days in December 2017. The Flyers were the 2016 Scottish Champions on their debut season in the extra-fast, zany, 8-a-side version of the game. They took their place among the 32 teams in the World Championships at the Western Province CC - led by Paddy Barbour and complete with outrageous tartan-and-saltire playing kit. After losing two of their first three matches, they were consigned to the lower-16 Plate competition, winning two more games before losing in the semi-final. Kasim Farid was the top batter for the Flyers, followed closely by Sheryar Awan and Andrew Scobie, the latter adding to his all-rounder credentials as a (very) slow bowler and a world-class fielder. But, more importantly, they all proved to be first-class ambassadors for Scottish cricket."



Anyone wishing more information about the recent trip to the World Championships should contact Mike Stanger (mike.stanger@btinternet.com). For more information about Last Man Stands in Scotland, and for details about how you can get involved in this exciting, modified version of cricket, please contact Paul Reddish (scotland@lastmanstands.co.uk).

WDCU / Senior Cricket News:

The 2018 Saturday league structure and fixtures are now available – with entries for all other WDCU competitions having closed on 12th January.



Full details are available on the WDCU website (www.wdcu.co.uk) and anyone wishing further details should contact Iain Murdoch, the WDCU Administrator admin@wdcu.co.uk.

Western District Junior Cricket Union / Junior Cricket News:

Congratulations to Zain Muhammad who has been announced as the 2017 recipient of the MB Stanger Trophy – a trophy which has been awarded annually, since 2006, to a young club member of a WDJCU club who has made a significant contribution to their club's advancement or well being, or has otherwise promoted the game of cricket in a meritorious way.

Zain's nomination came as result of some very impressive voluntary work which he has been doing with both Active Life Club and Clydesdale CC. He is a key member of the Active Life Club team where he oversees cricket development (and delivers cricket sessions) and he played a key role in the delivery of 'All Stars Cricket' at Clydesdale CC, as well as assisting with youth coaching and the club's 'Youth Activity Camps'. Furthermore, Zain has also completed the 'Coach Support Worker' course with Cricket Scotland and is due to be assessed for his UKCC Level 2 Coaching award during the next couple of months!



The closing date for clubs to confirm their entries into the 2018 WDJCU leagues is Saturday 27th January. An on-line entry form is available by clicking on the 'Club league and cup registration' link at the very bottom of the main menu on the West Junior Cricket website (www.westjuniorcricket.com).

WDJCU Indoor Super 8s:



The annual WDJCU (Junior) Indoor Super 8s Tournament saw wins for Ferguslie CC (U12s), Clydesdale CC (U15s) and Poloc CC (U19s) – with Uzair Ahmad (Ferguslie CC U12s), David Sturgess (Clydesdale CC U15s) and Amaan Ali (Poloc CC U19s) being the 'Player of the Tournament' in their respective age group competitions. Congratulations to these clubs and these three players.



In total, 155 different players from 12 different clubs (Ayr CC, Clydesdale CC, East Renfrewshire CC, Ferguslie CC, Glasgow Accies CC, Hillhead CC, Kelburne CC, Poloc CC, Renfrew CC, Uddingston CC, Weirs CC and West of Scotland CC) participated during 39 matches, spread over 4 days.

As always, the competitions would not have been possible without the support of parents, coaches, officials and other volunteers and I would like to thank everyone who made the event possible – especially the Sports Council for Glasgow who supported 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 Wee Bash did take place at the David Keswick Centre (Dumfries), on Sunday 21st January – despite some challenging weather! This did affect the players and teams who were able to attend on the day – but 18 players still managed to make it, and the format of matches were adapted accordingly.



It was a busy weekend too – with the Girls' U16 West Regional trials having taken place on the Saturday afternoon at Hutchesons' Grammar School (Glasgow) too. Again, the weather did its best to hamper plans – but 12 girls were still able to make it along for the trials.”

For more information about Women's and Girls' cricket in the west of Scotland, please contact Rosy directly: rosyryan@cricketscotland.com.

Other News:



The Cricket Scotland Coaches Association (CSCA) has opened for 2018. The association continues to offer a range of benefits to members – and, in a new development, registration is now done through Cricket Scotland's new membership system: GoMembership! For more information about the association and for a link to join please follow this link: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/get-involved/get-involved-coaches/coaches-association/>.

The next newsletter will be published during February 2018. 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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West Region Coach Education & Development Calendar October 2017 – April 2018 Booking Form

NB: This form should only be used for booking on to a 'UKCC Level 2 Final Assessment', a 'Safeguarding & Protecting Children' workshop and/or a 'Basic First Aid for Sport' course. Booking on to the other courses / workshops should be done by visiting the link on the Cricket Scotland [website](#).

Your Details:		
Title:	First Name:	Surname:
E-mail Address:		
Your Cricket Club / Organisation:		

Course Details:	
Name of Course:	
Date:	
Venue:	
Course Fee:	
Fee Enclosed:	Yes / No

Where do you currently coach / assist with coaching?
Primary School / Secondary School / Junior Club / Senior Club / Area Group / Regional / National

Please return this form (along with a cheque, made payable to 'Cricket Scotland LTD', if appropriate) to Tim Hart, Cricket Scotland, c/o: **sportscotland**, Doges, 62 Templeton Street, Glasgow, G40 1DA.

If you have any queries please contact: Tim Hart, West of Scotland Regional Participation Manager, on 07825-172-346 or by e-mail at: timhart@cricketscotland.com.

Club Focus – Hillhead CC



John Ferguson, Club Chairperson, provides an update on a busy few months for the club:

“Despite a wet summer, the 1st XI finished 3rd in Division Two of the WDCU, the 2nd XI finished 6th in Division Three – and the evening league XI won the Division 3 title! Planning is already underway for the 2018 – and part of my remit is to ensure everyone with an interest in Hillhead Cricket Club is updated on plans and achievements.

AGM & Committee

The club AGM (in September) saw Alistair Fergus appointed as 1st XI Captain, Andrew Tervet as 2nd XI Captain and Barri Gilani as Junior Convenor. Ramzan Mohammed and Ian Holland stood down from longstanding Committee positions – with many thanks for their hard work over the years. Fortunately, both are still involved with the club – and continue to pass on their experience and knowledge to all.

Juniors

2017 saw 35 Juniors (boys and girls) participate in cricket. The U18s had a combined team with Ferguslie CC and finished runners up in the WDJCU U18 league, the U11s had a combined team with Renfrew CC, we averaged 14 players at U10 Kwik Cricket sessions and Jack Holland was selected to represent the Western Warriors U18s.

Sponsorship



Burns Joinery & Roofing Contractors will continue as the principal sponsor of Hillhead Cricket Club for the 2018 season. In addition to the shirt logo, other advertising will be displayed around the grounds and clubhouse.

Dinner

The 71st Craik Cup dinner was held at Hughenden on the 28 October 2017. Over 90 people were entertained by the 3 guest speakers: Geoff Cope, John Rowbotham and Gary Little. The speakers were excellent, the food was good - and thanks must go to Richard Bond for organising & compering the event.

Partnerships

The club enjoys a great working relationship with Glasgow Sport and Sports Development Officer Vicki Holmes has been of valuable assistance to the club, helping with a number of projects.



The club ran ‘All Stars Cricket’ during 2017. It ran for 8 weeks, in 1-hour sessions, was aimed at 5-8 year olds and provided children with a great first experience of cricket - with a focus on movement skills & fun. It was a great success and Hillhead Cricket Club will run the programme again in 2018.

Taster sessions were delivered to the following schools in 2017: Broomhill, Corpus Christi, Hyndland and Kelvindale primaries and Hyndland secondary – in addition to a 6-week programme at St Thomas Aquinas secondary school.

Facilities

During September the cricket square at Hughenden underwent extensive repairs by an external grounds company. Hopefully, with the winter and spring maintenance programme, it will be in good shape for the beginning of the 2018 season.



Over the past few years, the club has been raising funds to install a two-lane non-turf practice facility at Hughenden. Various options are under consideration and there is a dedicated [page](#) on our website which charts the progress of the project and details how any donations to this invaluable facility can be made.

Winter Nets

Indoor practice sessions will start on Tuesday 20 February 2018 and run for 7 weeks. They will be held at [Glasgow Academy](#), Colebrooke Street, Glasgow between 6.30pm – 8.00pm each Tuesday.

Cricket Scotland Exhibition

Hillhead CC is delighted to have contributed to the exhibition being held at the Scottish Football Museum, Hampden Park, Glasgow. It is well worth a visit - and look out for the Hillhead items including the Craik Cups and clothing!”



For more information about anything included here, please contact John Ferguson (john.fergie63@hotmail.co.uk).