



West Region Newsletter, 75, February 2018

Inspiring Scotland to Choose Cricket

All Stars Cricket:



Planning is progressing at each of the nineteen West Region clubs who are hoping to run an All Stars Cricket programme in 2018.

As well as each centre registering their programme, a series of pre-requisites have to be met and discussions with local schools have been taking place relating to the delivery of a series of All Stars Cricket Assembly Visits.

All Stars Cricket will continue to feature in the Newsletter each month, in the build up to what should be a very exciting summer at all the West Region delivery centres.

Club Conference #muchmorethancricket:

Saturday 24th March will see Cricket Scotland host its #muchmorethancricket Club Conference.

The conference will focus on how cricket and cricket clubs can grow in Scotland – and how clubs can play a bigger role in people's lives and become 'hubs' for their local communities.

It will focus on best practice, will be thought-provoking and will provide clubs with some tools to utilise, as well as helping to create a small list of 'to-dos'.



More information, including the booking link, is available here: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/cricket-scotland-club-conference-muchmorethancricket/>.

Club Focus – Galloway CC:

The latest club to feature in the 'Club Focus' is Galloway Cricket Club, with the focus being on their newly opened pavilion. Please find an article attached to the end of this Newsletter.



Coaching News:

Cricket Scotland is pleased to announce details of our hugely exciting 'Coaches Forum 2018'.



The forum will take place on Sunday 25th March – and the event is all about how we can continue to develop and experiment with our coaching.

It is not just about the 'technical' skills, but about the whole athlete – and how coaching can help cricket clubs become a 'hub' for their local community.

Workshops are being delivered by experts in their fields who will share their knowledge, ideas and practical examples to help you develop as a coach.

More information, including the booking link, is available here: <http://www.cricketScotland.com/cricket-scotland-coaches-forum/>.

Community Engagement Update:

Community Engagement Coordinator Ammar Ashraf (ammarashraf@cricketScotland.com) has provided the following update, along with an infographic which can be found at the end of this Newsletter:

Tapeball – the league stages of the tournament are coming to an end and it is now becoming clearer which teams will go through to the knock out stage of the tournament. The quarter finals day will take place on Sunday 4th March 2018 at Glasgow Springburn Leisure Centre from 11am to 3pm followed by the finals day 2 weeks later on Sunday 18th March at Glasgow Club Holyrood, Glasgow, G42 from 12 noon to 3pm. We are combining the Inaugural Cricket Scotland Tapeball finals day with a celebration of "International Women's Day & Year of Young People" so lots going on. With plenty of activities it should be a great day for the community, so if you are free please come down, everybody is invited!

Wicketz Hub Springburn – by the end of this month I will have delivered 44 cricket taster session over 4 schools and 7 classes forming phase II of my schools cricket project. Adding this to the 40+ sessions I delivered to a different 4 schools before Christmas we will be launching a new junior cricket club in Springburn on the 1st March. Indoor training will take place every Thursday night for 10 weeks 6pm – 8pm. And once the summer is here we will train at Springburn Park utilising the non-turf pitch. The hope is that we develop a new junior section and have the members playing in the WDJCU ready for season 2019. Wicketz is a community cricket programme targeting young people aged 8-16 living in areas of deprivation and hard-to-reach groups without access to sporting opportunities and the benefits sport can bring.



BME Ladies cricket club – I have had a number of meetings with Active Life Club based in Govanhill, Glasgow, and we have now developed a project plan to build a sustainable BME ladies only cricket club. We will offer taster CricHiit sessions coupled with the new ladies soft ball festivals. Coach education opportunities will be provided so that Active Life Club could deliver the sessions, go ladies!

T10 Asia Blaze tournament – Having built a strong tapeball client base I am busy researching and writing a feasibility study regarding summer tournament along the basic lines of the tapeball league with a few tweaks. I've had lots of feedback and can safely say there will be something over the summer to quench the thirst of those looking for a short game in a structured format. Watch this space...

Junior Street Cricket League – Having researched a number of different models nationally, I am quietly confident that we will be starting a street league in May/June this year. The league will be a collaborative venture with Cricket Scotland, local schools and community groups coming together. So if you come across some traffic jams and see lots kids playing cricket you know what has happened."

Cricket Scotland News:

March will see the Men's National Team compete in the Cricket World Cup Qualifier, in Zimbabwe. The quality of the competition will be better than ever, as the squad aim to become one of the two teams to qualify for the Cricket World Cup. For more information about the competition, and the Scotland squad, please follow this link: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/scotland-squad-announced-for-cwcq/>.



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 March 2018 – and it will be the Annual Dinner, with an iconic after dinner speaker: Derek Randall!

Derek William Randall played at the top level for Nottinghamshire between 1971 and 1993. He was an iconic member of the England Test side in the late 1970s and early 1980s when he played in 47 Tests scoring 2,470 runs including 7 centuries; he also played in 49 ODIs during that time. He reserved his best efforts for matches against Australia, with his highest Test score, 174, being made against them in the Centenary Test in Melbourne in 1977. He was capable of smashing to the boundary balls which other batsmen would play defensively or leave severely alone. He could also grind it out if required – his 150 against the same opponents at Sydney in 1979 was then the slowest century in Ashes Tests but by common consent was the innings that sealed the Ashes for England on that tour. In the field he was a dazzling cover point where, running in as the bowler delivered the ball, he saved countless runs. Any batsman essaying a short single in front of square on the off side was liable to find the stumps shattered before he could make his ground. Derek Randall exuded enthusiasm in all that he did, always played with a smile on his face, and was one of the great entertainers of his time.

Places at the dinner are still available. To join the society for this special event, or 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:



Another block of indoor Kwik Cricket will be running during February and March, at Hillpark Secondary School. Four clubs (Clydesdale CC, East Kilbride CC, Irvine CC and Uddingston CC) have entered, with three teams participating each Sunday.

Safeguarding and Child Protection Workshops:

There are two specialist safeguarding and child protection workshops on offer to clubs from the West Region, over the next few weeks.

For club Child Protection Officers, an 'In Safe Hands' workshop is running as follows:

Course: In-Safe Hands
Date: Sunday 11th March
Time: 11am – 3pm
Venue: Stirling County Cricket Club
Registration Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/YRz0hXOFjX4SVIXH3>



For club coaches, a 'Safeguarding and Protecting Children' workshop is running as follows:

Course: Safeguarding and Protecting Children
Date: Tuesday 13th March 2018
Time: 6.30pm – 9pm
Venue: Clydesdale Cricket Club, Glasgow, G41 4LA
Cost: £10
Booking Details: Via application form to Tim Hart, West Regional Participation Manager
Other: An application form is available at the end of this Newsletter



WDCU / Senior Cricket News:



All WDCU fixtures (and supporting competition Playing Conditions) are now available on the WDCU website. Closely related to this, the closing date for clubs to submit their '2018 Ball Orders' is Wednesday 28th February.

Anyone wishing further information about anything related to the WDCU should contact Iain Murdoch, the WDCU Administrator, by e-mail: admin@wdu.co.uk.

Western District Junior Cricket Union / Junior Cricket News:



With the closing date for clubs to confirm their entries into the 2018 WDJCU leagues now having passed, the WDJCU Committee is in the advanced stages of preparing the 2018 League Fixtures.

The West Junior Cricket website continues to be the best place for you to stay updated with all development relating to Junior cricket: (www.westjuniorcricket.com).

Women's and Girls' Cricket News:

The latest Wee Bash took place at Bell's Sports Centre (Perth), on Sunday 11th February, with the West Region being represented by Clydesdale CC and the University of Glasgow Women's CC. The next Wee Bash will be on Sunday 4th March – and will be hosted in the West Region!



This will be a busy weekend for Women's and Girls' cricket, with a West Region Women's and Girls' Club Forum taking place at Uddingston CC, from 11am – 1pm on the Saturday (3rd March) too.

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

Other News:



Kelburne CC player Elliott Rousen is heading out to Zambia at the start of June, as part of a group of five students from Stirling University, taking part in a sports development programme. Elliott will be delivering sports to children from mainly impoverished backgrounds – in environments where sports can make a big difference to their lives. If anyone is willing to help Elliott with his fundraising campaign, the link is here: <https://www.gofundme.com/93bkq-zambia-2018>.

The next newsletter will be published during March 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 – Galloway CC



2017 saw Galloway CC unveil their brand new (and very impressive) pavilion. Jerry Teale, Club Chairperson, provides an update on some of the background to the construction and how the club hopes the pavilion will help the club to develop and grow:

“The new pavilion was the brainchild of local businessman Graham Carson. He had plans drawn up and provided a generous bequest. He was supported by another local cricket-lover George Creyke. Unfortunately, neither would live to see the project completed – and to see the impact their vision is now having on the club and the local community.

Grants were obtained from various bodies including **sportscotland** and the Robertson Trust - with the Hollywood Trust providing the main support. The remaining funds were raised from local donations and by the club itself through fundraising activities – with the driving force behind the project being Club President Dennis Coombs, who worked tirelessly for over 6 years to secure the necessary funding.

In February 2017 the old pavilion was demolished. It had served as the club pavilion since 1953 and had been used by some famous cricketers over the years – including Fred Trueman, Kim Hughes, Collis King and Trevor Chappell! Although much loved by local cricketers, the building had basic sanitation, had no electricity and an upgrade was required to meet the needs of the club.



The fantastic new pavilion is proudly the home of Galloway Cricket Club which has two teams in the Western District Cricket Union (WDCU) Saturday leagues, a Ladies team and junior sides. The club also has two sides in a local mid-week league.



The pavilion has four changing areas, a fully equipped kitchen and a large social area – with its large windows and veranda looking out on to the picturesque Galloway Hills. Furthermore, the ground itself is set in ‘Cally Woods’ which has nature trails, bridle paths and a visitor centre run by the Forestry Commission – and the neighbouring ‘Cally Palace’ is a 4-star hotel with its own 18-hole golf course!”

For more information about anything included here, please contact Jerry Teale (tealejerry@gmail.com).

Tapeball League facts



25 teams register interest



2 leagues
Midweek, Evening & Sunday

170+ players registered

12 teams & **1000** players playing every week



Average player age

70% of participants are **not** members of a cricket club

69 matches over **10** weeks

Diversity



representation across communities Pakistani, Indian, Sri Lankan & Bengali



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Hiring a facility in an area of multiple deprivation, participants contributing to the local shops

Employment



6 paid officiating roles created

Healthy Lifestyle choices



560+ free bottles of water handed out to tapeball participants to date