



West Region Newsletter, 78, May 2018

Inspiring Scotland to Choose Cricket

All Stars Cricket:



A fantastic effort from all 17 West Region centres (Ayr CC, Clydesdale CC, Drumpellier CC, Dumfries CC, East Kilbride CC, East Renfrewshire CC, Ferguslie CC, Galloway CC, GHK CC, Greenock CC, Hillhead CC, Kelburne CC, Kilmarnock CC, Renfrew CC, St Michael's CC, Uddingston CC and West of Scotland CC) has resulted in 365 young people participating in 'All Stars Cricket' throughout the West Region so far this summer.

Club Focus – Greenock CC:

This month's focus club story is Greenock CC – and the special Junior season launch event they ran at Glenpark on Friday 20th April. More information about this event is available at the end of this newsletter.



Coaching News:

With the season now underway, and most coaches delivering regular sessions, now could be the perfect time for coaches to sit their final assessment for their UKCC Level 2 coaching course. If you still need to complete a final assessment please get in contact with me directly – and we can arrange a date, time and venue which suits you.

Community Engagement Update:



For more information about the progress Ammar Ashraf has been making in his Community Engagement Coordinator role, please contact Ammar directly: ammarashraf@cricketscotland.com.

Cricket Scotland News:

Tickets are still available for the two Scotland v Pakistan T20s, which take place at The Grange during June. For more information about tickets for the matches v Pakistan, and for details about all the recent activities in and around Cricket Scotland, please visit the website: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/>.



Junior Pathway & Formats Workshop:



The new Junior season is now well underway – with players, coaches and parents getting their first practical experience of the new Junior Formats. For more information about the new formats please click here: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/junior-formats/>.

Last Man Stands:

Paul Reddish (paul.reddish@projectscotland.co.uk) is looking for some help to make this year's Last Man Stands 'Glasgow' league even bigger and bigger than last year. Paul is looking for umpires to assist with the smooth running of matches. Anyone interested in helping should contact Paul directly. Please note that there is reimbursement (£20 per match) available.



School Cricket News:

It has been a very busy month of cricket, in the various Cricket Scotland school cup competitions – and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have participated, all the school staff who have supported their pupils to enter the various competitions and to all those clubs and groundstaff who have helped to facilitate such a high volume of activity.



Eight schools entered the West Regional Qualifying tournament in the CityLets National Secondary Schools' Cup (S1-3). There have been 5 matches completed so far, with Hutchesons' Grammar School having reached the West Regional Final, where they await the winners of the High of Glasgow v Eastwood High School semi-final.

There have been four different regional / sub-regional qualifying events in the ScotRail National Primary Schools' Cup. Congratulations to Giffnock Primary School (East Renfrewshire event), High School of Glasgow Junior School (West Region event) and St John the Baptist Primary School (Lanarkshire event) as all three schools have qualified for the national finals.



Belmont Academy (South Ayrshire) and Holyrood Secondary School (Glasgow) will be the two West Region representatives at Finals' Day in the Cricket Factory BIG Blast! Both schools qualified through the West Regional Qualifying Tournament – this after Belmont had prevailed in the inaugural Ayrshire Qualifying Event (which saw 11 teams come together to participate in an additional day of cricket!).

Schools are still able to enter the range of girls' school competitions which are running nationally, on Monday 18th June, by contacting Nic Wilson (nicolawilson@cricketscotland.com) directly:

- National Primary Schools Girls' Tournament
 - Softball, Kwik Cricket format
- CityLets National Secondary School Girls' Cup (S1-3)
 - Softball, modified format
- CityLets National Secondary School Girls' Cup (S4-6)
 - Softball, modified format



WDCU / Senior Cricket News:



We are now five rounds of fixtures into the WDCU (Saturday) league season and the Murgitroyd Rowan Cup has progressed to the quarter-final stage. For more information about these competitions, and anything else related to senior cricket in the west of Scotland, please visit the WDCU website (www.wdcu.co.uk).

Western District Junior Cricket Union / Junior Cricket News:

The recent dry spell of weather has enabled all of the WDJCU youth leagues to enjoy a productive first month of the season. As well as the alterations to the playing formats, there is a new match youth reporting system for 2018. (This is the same system as is used for WDCU competitions – and any club struggling to submit Junior results should contact WDJCU Secretary Ann Hargie: ann.hargie@btinternet.com.)



June will see the first in the series of 2018 'Kwik Cricket' festivals take place – with the first festival being scheduled for Sunday 17th June at Hamilton Crescent (West of Scotland CC). Full information about these festivals is available on the West Junior Cricket website (www.westjuniorcricket.com).

Women's and Girls' Cricket News:



Congratulations to Clydesdale CC, Dumfries CC, Galloway CC and Uddingston CC as all four clubs were successful with their respective bids for a Women's Soft Ball Cricket Gearbag from Cricket Scotland.

May also saw CricHIIT activator training take place in the West Region – on Saturday 19th May, at Uddingston CC. We look forward to seeing this innovative programme being fully rolled out over the next few months.

For more information about Women's and Girls' cricket in the west of Scotland, please contact Rosy Ryan directly – by e-mail: rosyryan@cricketScotland.com.

Other News:

The school summer term usually provides a great opportunity for cricket clubs to run taster sessions in their local schools – to boost participation, and interest, in the sport. One recent example of this was the work carried out by Prestwick CC, where a couple of volunteer coaches delivered in-school sessions which culminated in a festival at the club, attended by over 100 school pupils.



If any club needs help with establishing links with local schools, please get in contact with me directly.

The next newsletter will be published during June 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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T20 Aye



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Club Focus – Greenock CC:

This month's focus club story is Greenock CC – and the special Junior season launch event they ran at Glenpark on Friday 20th April. The event was planned and presented by Colin McDougall, who is also the club's Child Wellbeing Officer. Colin reports on the evening, here:



“Greenock Cricket Club have made sure that all their youth coaches are prepared for the season ahead by holding a training evening where presentations were provided in a dynamic inter-active fashion. Guest speakers provided information on new coaching methods, game formats, head injuries in sport and community engagement.

The Club are recognised throughout Scotland as leaders in child protection in sport and emphasis was placed on their anti-bullying policy and the requirements of coaches to adhere to a Code of Conduct. The evening also provided an opportunity to parents to sign up to the various provisions that contribute to the Club ethos of providing cricket in a safe, child centred environment.

Guests from Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club and Sport Inverclyde also attended with much of the information transferable across all sports.”

Further information on the content of the evening can be obtained from Greenock Cricket Club Child Wellbeing Officer, Colin McDougall (c.mcdougall17@ntlworld.com) or Tim Hart, West of Scotland Regional Participation Manager (timhart@cricketscotland.com).

