



West Region Newsletter, 82, September 2018

Inspiring Scotland to Choose Cricket

Coaching News:

Coach education and coach development opportunities continue to be available for coaches within the West Region. So far, the following courses / workshops have been confirmed for this winter:

- Basic First Aid for Sport course
 - o Sunday 25th November 2018
- ECB Coach Support Worker course
 - o Saturday 13th October 2018
 - o Saturday 3rd November 2018
- Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshop
 - o Sunday 25th November 2018



More information about each course / workshop is available in the Coach Education and Development Calendar which is attached to the end of this newsletter.

Cricket Scotland News:

Cricket Scotland has won the ‘Sporting Moment of the Year’ award at the Team Scotland awards night. The ceremony, held at Edinburgh International Conference Centre, saw recognition of that unforgettable moment on Sunday 10th June 2018 when Scotland defeated England in the ODI at the Grange.



For other updates from Cricket Scotland, please visit: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/>.

Cricket Society of Scotland:



The west region branch of the Cricket Society of Scotland has now confirmed an exciting collection of speakers for the 2018/2019 programme. The programme begins on Monday 8th October, at 7.30pm, at Clydesdale CC, with the guest speaker being Stuart Rayner:

Stuart Rayner was born in Scarborough, beginning his journalistic career as a sports sub-editor on The Liverpool Echo before joining The Journal as a sports writer in 2005. Since 2009 he has also written for sister papers The Newcastle Chronicle and Sunday Sun. “The War of the White Roses” is his first book. It chronicles Yorkshire cricket’s civil war in the period between 1968, when Yorkshire County Cricket Club were at the pinnacle of the County game, and 1986, by which time they had become one of the game’s also-rans. Stuart examines this corrosive period in Yorkshire’s history from a completely neutral standpoint, drawing on interviews with players, committee members, and ordinary members of the club. No-one will be surprised to hear that Geoffrey Boycott is central to the story, but he was also one of those who agreed to be interviewed by Stuart.

For more information about the west region branch, or the programme, please contact either of the Joint Secretaries: Graham Hollier (graham_hollier@sky.com) or Ewen McConville (ejrmcc@gmail.com).

WDCU / Senior Cricket News:

Congratulations to all the clubs, and teams, who have won WDCU leagues and cups during 2018. Special mention must go to Ferguslie CC, as the club has enjoyed great success in Senior competitions, highlighted by winning the WDCU Premier Division. In 2018, the Paisley-based club won:



WDCU Premier Division (1st XI)
PlayerReg McCulloch Cup (1st XI)
Western Cup (2nd XI)

In addition to these successes, the club enjoyed a great run in the Scottish Cup – only losing out to eventual winners Grange CC in a highly competitive semi-final tie.

For more information about everything happening within the WDCU, including the End of Season Forum (Sunday 7th October), please visit the website (www.wdcu.co.uk) or contact Secretary Iain Kennedy: admin@wdcu.co.uk.



Western District Junior Cricket Union / Junior Cricket News:



There is a new venue for an expanded programme of WDJCU Indoor Kwik festivals. A series of festivals will be running at both U10 and U12 age groups during the winter of 2018 – 2019, with the venue being Blantyre Leisure Centre, in South Lanarkshire. Full details of the festivals, including entry details and a booking form, will be e-mailed to club Junior Convenors early in October.

The WDJCU Super 8s will be running from 27 – 30 December, with U11 (softball), U15 and U19 competitions, in the Hutchesons' Grammar School Sports Hall. If any Juniors or Seniors are interested in helping with the running of these competitions, please contact WDJCU Secretary (Ann Hargie: ann.hargie@btinternet.com) or the Competition Manager (Tim Hart: timhart@cricketscotland.com) by the end of October.



Western District Junior Cricket Union / Junior Cricket Winners:

The first 10 days of September saw all WDJCU leagues conclude. Congratulations to the following:

U11 League: Winners: Clydesdale CC
(Grand Final) Runners-Up: East Kilbride/Weirs

U11 League: Winners: Hillhead/Renfrew
(Plate Final) Runners-Up: East Renfrewshire CC

U12 League: Winners: Ferguslie CC
Runners-Up: East Kilbride/Weirs

U14 League: Winners: Clydesdale CC
Runners-Up: Ferguslie CC

U16 League: Winners: Clydesdale CC
Runners-up: Clydesdale CC (Team II)



Special thanks must go to Clydesdale CC (U11s), Ferguslie CC (U12s) and West of Scotland CC (U14s), and especially their groundstaff, for hosting WDJCU Finals' Days. Thanks must also go to WDJCU Secretary Ann Hargie who co-ordinated all the finals – and to all coaches, officials, players, spectators and volunteers who gave up their time to ensure that three very competitive days of cricket were able to happen.



Full details about the cricket played during these events can be found on the West Junior Cricket website (www.westjuniorcricket.com) – and, at the end of another busy season, thanks must go to Keith Young for continuing to keep the website up-to-date and a valuable source of information for the various aspects of youth cricket in the West Region.

Western Warriors Youth Update:

The Western Warriors U14s and U16s enjoyed a busy summer fixture programme.



The U14s played 8 matches, with 24 players from 10 different clubs (Ayr CC, Clydesdale CC, Dumfries CC, Ferguslie CC, Glasgow Accies CC, Greenock CC, Helensburgh CC, Poloc CC, Stirling County CC and Uddingston CC) making appearances.

Bahadar Esakhiel (Ferguslie CC) finished as the highest scorer (145 runs @ 36.25), a total which included 101* against the Caledonian Highlanders – with skipper Nikhil Koteeswaran (Clydesdale CC) topping the averages (137 runs @ 45.67). With the ball, Saifullah Ahmadzai (Clydesdale CC) was the leading wicket-taker (9 wickets @ 14.22), with Uzair Ahmad (Ferguslie CC) finishing with the best average (7 wickets @ 7.14).

The U16s played 12 matches and featured 28 players from 11 clubs (Ayr CC, Clydesdale CC, Dumfries CC, Ferguslie CC, Glasgow Accies CC, Greenock CC, Kelburne CC, Prestwick CC, Renfrew CC, Stirling County CC and Uddingston CC).

Collectively, the squad finished as runners-up in the 50 over competition and they finished the season on a high, by winning the T20 competition – a competition in which Daniel Cairns (Clydesdale CC) won the MVP (Most Valuable Player) award.



With the bat, skipper David Sturgess (Clydesdale CC) had an outstanding season – finishing as the leading run scorer and with the best average (369 runs @ 61.50), including 100* v the Eastern Knights and two fifties in other matches. With the ball, Faizan Rauf (Clydesdale CC) was the leading wicket-taker (16 wickets @ 14.63), a total which included a '6-for' (6/35 v the Eastern Knights) – although this effort was bettered by his older brother Junaid Rauf (Clydesdale CC) who took 6/32 v C.S.E. Dubai!

For more details about the Warriors Youth programme please contact either of the Head Coaches: Tim Hart (timhart@cricketscotland.com) or David Hinchliffe (davidtwentyfive@gmail.com).

Women's and Girls' Cricket News:



The Wee Bash will be returning to the West Region this winter – with an enhanced programme of events. Nicola Wilson (Girls' and Women's Participation Manager) and Rosy Ryan (West Region Women's and Girls' Development Officer) are currently finalising the dates, times and venues for these action-packed, indoor festivals – and more details will be made available to clubs as soon as is possible.

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

Other News:

Through a partnership with Glasgow Kelvin College, Cricket Scotland is able to offer support to any candidates interested in completing a Community Achievement Award. Successful completion of any of the four levels of award results in a candidate receiving credit points within the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework (SCQF).



at SCQF Levels 4, 5, 6 and 7

The awards involve mentoring from Cricket Scotland as a candidate completes a three-stage process (planning, implementing and evaluating an activity) within their community setting – with candidates having the opportunity to design their own learning, regarding personal milestones and achievements.

Any person, or club, wishing further information about this opportunity should contact me directly: timhart@cricketscotland.com.

The next newsletter will be published during October 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 2018 – April 2019

Cricket Scotland is pleased to announce details of the coach education and coach development opportunities which will be on offer in the west region this winter. The aim has been to put together a range of different opportunities to try to provide something of interest to as many coaches, officials and volunteers as possible.



Course: **Coach Support Worker**
Date: Saturday 13th October 2018
Time: 10am – 4.30pm
Venue: Renfrew High School, PA4 0AN
Cost: £20
Booking Details: Via the Cricket Scotland [website](#).

Overview: This course will provide candidates with information and training to enable them to support qualified cricket coaches in running sessions and games. The course will focus on helping to prepare participants for their cricket session, on helping candidates to feel confident in leading activities within a cricket session and on providing helpful feedback to the lead coach.

Course: **Coach Support Worker**
Date: Saturday 3rd November 2018
Time: 10am – 4.30pm
Venue: Eastwood High School, G77 6NQ
Cost: £20
Booking Details: Via the Cricket Scotland [website](#).

Overview: This course will provide candidates with information and training to enable them to support qualified cricket coaches in running sessions and games. The course will focus on helping to prepare participants for their cricket session, on helping candidates to feel confident in leading activities within a cricket session and on providing helpful feedback to the lead coach.

Course: **Safeguarding and Protecting Children**
Date: Sunday 25th November 2018
Time: 10am – 1pm
Venue: Clydesdale Cricket Club, Glasgow, G41 4LA
Cost: £12.50
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.

Course: **Basic First Aid for Sport (delivered by C.H.S. Training)**
Date: Sunday 25th November 2018
Time: 2pm – 5pm
Venue: Clydesdale Cricket Club, Glasgow, G41 4LA
Cost: £30
Booking Details: Via application form to Tim Hart, West Regional Participation Manager.

Overview: This course provides successful candidates with a 3-year basic first aid qualification. The course is delivered by a tutor who has specific experience of working within environments experienced by cricket coaches.

Course: **UKCC Level 2 Final Assessment**
Date: To be arranged directly, on a 1-2-1 basis in your club/coaching environment
Time: To be arranged directly, on a 1-2-1 basis in your club/coaching environment
Venue: To be arranged directly, on a 1-2-1 basis in your club/coaching environment
Cost: Free
Booking Details: Via e-mail to Tim Hart, West Regional Participation Manager.

Overview: This provides an opportunity for any coaches looking to complete their final assessment for a UKCC Level 2 Qualification to complete the practical assessment. Candidates are required to meet all the appropriate assessment pre-requisites prior to arranging this assessment opportunity.



West Region Coach Education & Development Calendar

October 2018 – April 2019

Booking Form

NB: This form should only be used for booking on to the 'Safeguarding & Protecting Children' workshop and/or the 'Basic First Aid for Sport' course. Booking on to the other courses 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.