



## West Region Newsletter, 83, October 2018

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### Coaching News:

The last two months has seen 8 candidates, from 3 different clubs, successfully pass their final assessment on a UKCC Level 2 coaching course. Congratulations to those people – and just a quick reminder to all those who have previously attended a Level 2 coaching course that there is a very strict 2-year time limit to fully complete the course.

There are still places available on the following coach education and coach development opportunities within the West Region this winter:

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



If you need further information about these opportunities, please contact me directly: [timhart@cricketscotland.com](mailto:timhart@cricketscotland.com).

### Cricket Scotland News:

Cricket Scotland has created a new Child Wellbeing & Protection Policy which all clubs in Scotland have been asked to adopt. (Iain Murdoch, Cricket Scotland's Participation Administrator, e-mailed all club Child Protection Officers and Secretaries to provide an update on this a few weeks ago.) Cricket Scotland will also be organising regional based training for club Child Wellbeing & Protection Officers through a series of 'In Safe Hands 1' workshops. For more information please contact Cricket Scotland's Head of Participation Rob Wakelin ([robwakelin@cricketscotland.com](mailto:robwakelin@cricketscotland.com)).



For the latest information about Cricket Scotland, and its programmes, please visit: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/>.

### Cricket Society of Scotland:

The next meeting of the west branch of the Cricket Society of Scotland will be on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November, at 7.30pm, at Clydesdale CC, with the guest speaker being Harry Pearson:



Harry Pearson was born in 1961 in a village near Middlesbrough. He is a former sports journalist for The Guardian, a former travel feature writer for Condé Nast Traveller, contributing editor of GQ and a contributor to When Saturday Comes (a monthly football magazine). He has written at least a dozen books, mainly about sport and travel. He is a member of a small but distinguished group of authors to have won The Cricket Society / MCC Book of the Year award on more than one occasion. "Slipless in Settle - A Slow Turn Around Northern Cricket" was the 2011 winner and was also named Best Cricket Book at the 2011 British Sports Book Awards. Harry's latest book is "Connie: The Marvellous Life of Learie Constantine", which won the 2018 Cricket Society / MCC Book of the Year award.

For more information about the west region branch, or the programme, 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)).

## WDCU / Senior Cricket News:

WDCU Administrator Iain Kennedy hosted a highly interactive WDCU Forum on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October, at Shawholm (Poloc CC) – with there being 24 attendees, representing sixteen clubs and other cricket related organisations. The forum enabled those present to reflect on the successes of 2018 and to analyse where improvements could be made. The WDCU is currently collating this information and it will be shared with all clubs shortly.



For further details about the forum, or the WDCU, please visit the website ([www.wdcu.co.uk](http://www.wdcu.co.uk)) or contact the administrator: [admin@wdcu.co.uk](mailto:admin@wdcu.co.uk).



## Western District Junior Cricket Union / Junior Cricket News:



The 2018-2019 series of Cricket Scotland indoor Kwik Cricket festivals began on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October, at Uddingston Grammar School – with an U12 festival. 20 players from Clydesdale CC, East Kilbride CC and Kilmarnock CC participated in this festival – supported by their club coaches. November sees the U12 programme continue, with the series of U10 festivals also commencing.

Entry forms for the upcoming WDJCU Super 8s, which will be running from 27 – 30 December at Hutchesons' Grammar School, will be distributed to Club Junior Convenors during November. As with last year, the tournament will feature U12 (softball), U15 and U19 competitions – based on 2019 season 'cricket' ages. For more information, please contact the WDJCU Tournament Director Tim Hart: [timhart@cricketscotland.com](mailto:timhart@cricketscotland.com).

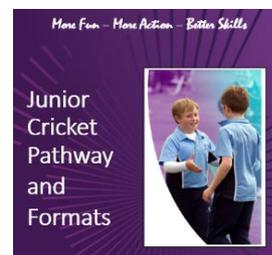


## West Region Participation Forum:



Cricket Scotland is hosting a participation forum to review All Stars Cricket 2018, to discuss the Junior Formats which were introduced for the first time in 2018 and to provide updates on other participation activities, and support networks, on offer throughout the west region. The key details about the forum are as follows:

Date: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018  
Time: 3pm – 5pm  
Venue: Clydesdale CC, Beaton Road, G41 4LA  
Cost: Free



To confirm your place at this free forum please e-mail either of the forum hosts, including your name and the club which you are representing, by 5pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018:

- Tim Hart, West Regional Participation Manager, [timhart@cricketscotland.com](mailto:timhart@cricketscotland.com)
- Rosy Ryan, West Women's and Girls' Development Officer, [rosyryan@cricketscotland.com](mailto:rosyryan@cricketscotland.com)

## Women's and Girls' Cricket News:

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October saw Cricket Scotland celebrate sportscotland's Active Girls Day – an initiative based on encouraging more girls to participate in sport. On the day, the focus of cricket activities in the west region was at Calderside Academy. The sessions run by Ann Hargie (Uddingston CC) and Rosy Ryan (Cricket Scotland) featured a mix of skill development and CricHIIT and highlighted the excellent partnership working between the local club (Uddingston CC), the Local Authority (South Lanarkshire Council), a local school (Calderside Academy) and the National Governing Body (Cricket Scotland).



The first tournament in this winter's Wee Bash took place at Hutchesons' Grammar School, on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October. There were 10 teams which took part in the tournament, with 6 teams coming from the west. These were: Clydesdale CC, East Renfrewshire CC, 2 teams (Black and Gold) from Galloway CC, Glasgow University CC and West of Scotland CC. Special congratulations to Glasgow University CC who won the tournament.



For more information about these activities, or Women's and Girls' cricket in general in the west of Scotland, please contact Rosy Ryan by e-mail: [rosyryan@cricketscotland.com](mailto:rosyryan@cricketscotland.com).

## Other News:

The family of Scotland all-rounder Con De Lange have launched a campaign to raise money for Brain Tumour Charity (The) after the news of Con's condition became public during October. Con is very well-known and well-respected in the west region, throughout Scotland and much further afield too.

For more information about how you can donate to the charity please visit this webpage: <http://www.cricketscotland.com/con-de-lange-justgiving-page/>.



The next newsletter will be published during November 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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