

December 2016

Growing cricket in Inverclyde [posted 14/12/16]

Inverclyde CC has published a report on its second year activities in its "Growing cricket in Inverclyde" initiative. We have the club's update [here](#) online which gives a flavour of what has been going on. For more information contact [Jim Murphy](#) or visit the Inverclyde CC [website](#).



Ayrshire primary schools initiative [posted 05/12/16]



Tim Hart writes, "The [Cricket Development Trust Scotland](#) in partnership with The Stanley Morrison Charitable Trust is delighted to have supported the initial phase of Cricket Scotland's new 'striking and fielding' programme being rolled out to primary schools across Ayrshire. The programme which meets the Scottish primary schools Curriculum for Excellence outcomes has been designed to be fun and engaging with great impact for both children and teachers."

"The Stanley Morrison Charitable Trust have generously funded the programme which means that twelve primary schools will each receive a set of the multi-use [Cricket Factory](#) equipment. The flexible equipment which also has great visual impact will assist specially trained teachers and PE staff to deliver the exciting new programme. Tim Morrison, Chairman of The Stanley Morrison Trust said: 'The Stanley Morrison Trust, whose prime objective is the development of youth in sport, is delighted to be involved in an initiative which will introduce more children to cricket in Ayrshire. To succeed with a programme like this needs dedicated and enthusiastic regional development managers, without their support, opportunities like this would struggle to succeed, however the knowledge, skill and determination of the managers that we have met, have convinced the Trust that this is an exciting and purposeful involvement.' Keith Oliver, one of Cricket Development Trust Scotland's Trustees commented: 'It's fantastic when a chance conversation with one of the Trustees of the Stanley Morrison Trust has resulted in children from throughout Ayrshire benefiting from this initiative.'"

Recognition for Ammar Ashraf [posted 01/12/16]

Congratulations to East Renfrewshire CC's Junior Convenior Ammar Ashraf (pictured right) on his "Local Hero" award at this evening's Scottish Sports Awards at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in central Glasgow. Ammar beat off stiff competition for the award from Street Soccer (Scotland)'s David Duke and Scott Glynn of Tranent & District Community Sports Club.



November 2016

Cricket success at Sports Council for Glasgow annual awards, 2016 [posted 29/11/16]

Monday 14 November saw the Sports Council for Glasgow host its annual awards event in the city, in the impressive setting of Glasgow City Chambers. The evening celebrated the sporting efforts and achievements of individuals, and clubs, from Glasgow during the preceding twelve months. Cricket was very well represented at the event – with four different individuals and one club receiving either a 'highly commended' certificate or a victory trophy. Congratulations to the following on their success: Clydesdale Cricket Club, highly commended Club of the Year (Performance); Christopher Horn (Hillhead CC), highly commended Young Persons Coach of the Year; Derek Wright (Weirs CC), highly commended Community Coach of the Year; Con de Lange (Clydesdale CC), winner of Performance Development Coach of the Year; and Jamshid Iqbal (Victoria CC), winner of Outstanding Performance Senior of the Year.



West Development Manager update [posted 24/11/16]

Tim Hart has circulated his November update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

New west region Women's Development Officer [posted 21/11/16]



Cricket Scotland has announced that Rosy Ryan has taken up the role of Women and Girls Development Officer covering the west of Scotland. In making the announcement of the new post - part-funded by the Western District Cricket Union - the national governing body said, "Rosy is heavily involved at Dumfries CC and has an extensive coaching background in both cricket and football. She has been in a role as the Dumfries Sports Club Development Officer and also worked for Active Schools. In her role as Development Officer, Rosy will be working closely with local clubs and schools to develop and deliver projects to engage and inspire more girls to play cricket. Rosy brings great coaching experience, a strong understanding of female participation, and a track record of getting females involved in sport. She is also super enthusiastic and we have every confidence that she will be a fantastic role model and fit in well with the participation team. The Women and Girls Participation Team will have a big part to play in Cricket Scotland's aim of a 20% increase in committed participants by 2019."



West coaching forum [posted 10/11/16]

Tim Hart writes, "Wednesday 2 and 9 November saw the Cricket Scotland Performance coaching team deliver two exciting, and thought-provoking, workshops. National men's Coach Grant Bradburn and Lead Pace Bowling Coach John Blain delivered a session on batting and bowling, with the assistance of Con De Lange – with Lead Fielding Coach Toby Bailey and Lead Strength & Conditioning Coach Simon Smith providing their insight into developing fielding skills and athletic cricketers."

"In total nineteen different coaches (pictured above and below), from ten west clubs, attended at least one evening of the forum – with the vast majority of coaches attending on both evenings. Thanks must go to the Cricket Scotland staff for preparing and delivering the workshops and to the coaches who attended the sessions."



October 2016



West Development Manager update [posted 24/10/16]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his October update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

UKCC Level 2 coaching course [posted 02/10/16]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "Seventeen candidates, from nine different west region clubs, completed modules one to four of the ECB Certificate in Coaching Children's Cricket (UKCC 2) course at the weekend. The course, which took place at Eastwood High School Sports Centre (in East Renfrewshire), saw the candidates get to discuss some theory, have a go at some practical delivery and ask lots of questions. It was an action-packed two days – and the candidates now have a month to reflect, and prepare, for the next part of the course."



September 2016



West Development Manager update [posted 28/09/16]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his September update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

UKCC2 coaching course, 1 and 2 October, 5 November, and 3 December 2016 [posted 18/09/16]

Enrolment for the upcoming ECB Certificate in Coaching Children's Cricket (UKCC2) is now open. The course, being held over four days at Eastwood High School in Newton Mearns, south of Glasgow, costs £350 and is designed for "coaches who are going to coach children from 6 to 13 years of age. They may be new coaches, existing UKCC1/ECB Level 1, or Young Person and Adult Coaches, who wish to access 'child specific' content." Further information is [here](#) online, or can be obtained from [Tim Hart](#) (07825-172346).

August 2016



West Development Manager update [posted 24/08/16]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his August update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Cricket Scotland multicultural cricket development officer consultation evening [posted 12/08/16]

"Cricket Scotland wish to invite representatives from cricket clubs and the local community along to an open consultation evening Poloc Cricket Club ("Shawholm", Pollok Country Park, 2060 Pollokshaws Road, Pollokshaws, Glasgow, G43 1AT) on Monday 15 August, at 7.30pm regarding a proposed multicultural cricket development officer role and remit with Cricket Scotland based in Glasgow. Cricket Scotland has the motivational aim of 'Inspiring Scotland to choose cricket' as it seeks to grow the reach and popularity of the sport to unprecedented levels. Key to 'Inspiring Scotland to choose cricket' is the recognition Scotland is a hugely diverse country with a multicultural mix of people to be proud of. It's also recognised that cricket as a sport has strong representation from BAME communities and Cricket Scotland wants to ensure it is meeting the needs of a large section of our membership and stakeholders, and encouraging as many people from all backgrounds to engage with cricket. It also wants to ensure it provides a voice for these important communities, and hopefully create a real sense of belonging and vested interest in cricket in Scotland. Therefore, at this consultation Cricket Scotland wants to share its proposal with its target audience and get feedback on the direction it is heading in. Joining Cricket Scotland to help facilitate the evening will be Arfan Akram and Dan Feist from Essex Cricket who have engaged in a similar approach over the last three years. They will be able to provide some insights and examples into how this approach could work and benefit those communities and cricket in Scotland. Cricket Scotland strongly believes this can be a hugely positive step forward for cricket in Scotland so hopes it can get as

many people to come on the evening to help shape the future of cricket. This is an open consultation but it is hope that each cricket club would send at least one representative to attend. It would be appreciated if attendees can indicate their attendance by simply emailing [Ian Sandbrook](#) so Cricket Scotland has an idea of numbers on the night. If you have any further questions please contact Cricket Scotland Head of Participation, Ian."

July 2016

"Introduction to Cricket" course cancelled [posted 18/07/16]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "Unfortunately, not enough candidates have booked on to the ICC "Introduction to Cricket" course, which was due to take place tomorrow (Tuesday 19th July). Therefore, the course has been cancelled. The next course is scheduled for late summer/early winter."



West Development Manager update [posted 11/07/16]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his July update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

June 2016

U12 Inter-Area tournament update [posted 30/06/16]

Parvase Majeed reports on Sunday's match between Clyde *Sharks* and Ayrshire: "Ayrshire won the toss and elected to bat. The standout performance was from Joe Morrison (Prestwick CC) who quickly amassed 30, mostly in boundaries, and had to retire. The rest of the Ayrshire batters were a touch aggressive and no-one else passed double figures. The bowling from *Sharks* was erratic, but good balls got wickets. Aditya Mahapatra (Ferguslie CC) and Caelan Lang (Helensburgh CC) were the pick of the bowlers - bowling four overs, each getting a maiden, and having figures of 2 for 11 and 1 for 15 respectively. Tufail (Renfrew CC) also got 2 wickets, 2 for 15, but he was hit for two 4s by Morrison on his return. Morrison was last out, caught behind on 48. Ayrshire 101 all out.

"The *Sharks* started slowly and lost the early wicket of Lucas Fischer-Keogh (Greenock CC) for 4. Both Uzzair Ahmad (Ferguslie CC) and Bryceland (Grenock CC) were batting with sensibility and both were undefeated at the rain break. The score was 44 for 1 from seven overs. Tea was taken and it did not look likely the match would resume. However, the weather abated just enough for a restart. The match turned in Ayrshire's favour with the run out of Bryceland for 15. There were a flurry of wickets and suddenly it went from 51 for 2 to 74 for 7 – including the wicket of Ahmad, who had kept the batting together with 23, and was out to a great catch by Mohammed. Then McCabe was left stranded when Daniel Devlin (Kelburne CC) missed a straight ball and was bowled for 6. Clyde 86 all out, with Mohammed (2-0-2-3) and Walsh (4-0-24-2) doing the main damage with the ball.

"Both teams failed to bat anywhere near 30 overs. However it was a well-contested match and food for thought for both camps going into the next match." The match [scorecard](#) is online.



Renfrew Cricket Club - development manager [posted 30/06/16]

Renfrew Cricket Club is looking to appoint a Development Officer. More information can be found online [here](#).



West Development Manager update [posted 16/06/16]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his June update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

May 2016

Dumfries & Galloway youth cricket update [posted 30/05/16]

Tim Hart writes, "Eager to increase the participation opportunities for young players within Dumfries & Galloway, the Dumfries & Galloway Area Cricket Development Group is running a 'D&G Cup' for its constituent clubs during 2016."



West Development Manager update [posted 23/05/16]

Tim Hart has circulated his May update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Ayrshire Under 12s defeat South Glasgow Under 12 [posted 16/05/16]



Roger Cairns writes "The first game of the 2016 Under 12 inter-area competition took place on Sunday the 15th of May at a sunny Titwood (Clydesdale CC), in Glasgow. A combination of the new nine-a-side format, short boundaries and a lightning fast outfield contributed to something of a 'run-fest' for the batters!! In the first innings, South Glasgow players James Cathcart (Poloc CC) and Nikhil Koteeswaran (Clydesdale CC) both retired after reaching 30; the latter returning to the middle towards the end of the innings to increase his individual tally to 44 not out.

"Koteeswaran's return helped the home side post what was thought to be a pretty competitive score of 194 (from 30 overs). The pick of the Ayrshire bowling attack was undoubtedly Nari Bhandari (Ayr CC) and Joshua Porter (Ayr CC) who both bowled eight pretty decent overs of pace. In the reply, Ayrshire recovered from the loss of an early wicket before going on to chase down the target with relative ease (and with almost three overs to spare)! A total of three batters reached the retirement score of 30; Joe Morrison (Prestwick CC), Jack Hurford (Kilmarnock CC) and Bhandari. Like Koteeswaran in the first innings, Morrison returned to the crease late on in the match and managed to go past the 50 mark in a hard-hitting innings that ended with him not out on 61 (from 41 balls). Hassaan Mehmood was the leading wicket taker for South Glasgow, with 3 for 38." The match [scorecard](#) is online.

East Renfrewshire Cricket Club [posted 03/05/16]

Ammar Ashraf writes, "I am delighted to advise that after three years of leading a structured cricket coaching delivery program into East Renfrewshire schools East Renfrewshire CC had finally secured our new home ground at Woodfarm Playing Fields, Berryhill Drive, Giffnock, G46 7AF. We have delivered over 300 hours cricket coaching into seventeen primary schools and six high schools, running curricular time taster sessions followed by after school clubs and then offering a pathway to our club even without a home ground. We were instrumental in holding the first ever *Network Rail* primary regional qualifier which saw ten primary schools participate. Our schools coaching delivery program has also seen a year on year increase in the number of high schools competing in the *Cricket Factory* Secondary Schools cup and we are hoping to have six out of the seven high schools present at this year's tournament. Our indoor facility at The Foundry, Barrhead has also been a great success offering net practice and indoor games as early as October last year right through to last week.



"The installation of the artificial wicket took place late last year and we are very close to finishing Phase 1 of the development. Phase 2 will begin shortly and hopefully by the start of next year we will have a grass wicket, garage, and outdoor nets. Woodfarm pavilion has also been secured as the changing facility for all home

matches, it has a lovely tea/dining area, a large kitchen and four changing rooms with a lovely view of the north-south wicket. With the new facility comes a change of name from "Hamilton CC" to "East Renfrewshire CC" in entirety and all of our teams will now be known as "East Renfrewshire Cricket Club". Our junior section goes from strength to strength and we have entered a record four teams this year as well as having a vibrant Kwik Cricket section that is seen regularly at the Sunday festivals. It is our partnership approach with *East Renfrewshire Council, Active Schools, ERC Sports Services, local schools, Cricket Scotland, sportscotland* and an incredible amount of work that has led us to this success, however, we are well aware that the hard work has just started."

Under 12 inter-area tournament update [posted 01/05/16]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "The 2016 Under 12 inter-area tournament was meant to begin on Sunday the 1st of May. Unfortunately, both scheduled matches (Ayrshire versus Lanarkshire and Dumfries & Galloway versus South Glasgow) were postponed. The next round of matches is scheduled to take place on Sunday the 15th of May."

April 2016

West Development Manager update - addendum [posted 22/04/16]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "I wanted to take the opportunity to highlight a few things just before the season starts! Cricket Factory Schools Cup: the date of the west regional qualifier has had to change and will now take place on Monday 16 May 2016. The competition is an S1 to S3 competition and is based around a modified (softball) version of the game. It is eight-a-side and is perfect for schools with a limited number of players and players who do not have much experience of cricket. If clubs, or any schools they are working with, wish more information about this competition please get in contact with me. WRDC Under 14 Challenge Series 2016: an initial group of players have been contacted and asked to return their availability to me. The last date for replying is today. If clubs wish to know which of their players has been contacted, and whether or not they have replied, please let me know. Girls Regional Development Centre ("RDC") session: the final girls RDC indoor session is on Sunday the 24th of April, from 11.30am to 1pm, at Hutchesons' Grammar School Sports Hall. The session is designed for any girls who are under 16 and have experience of playing or training regularly – and anyone interested is welcome to turn up on the day."



West Development Manager update [posted 22/04/16]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his April update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).



Coaching update [posted 06/04/16]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "Eastwood High School was the venue as eleven candidates (pictured left), from three different clubs, attended an ICC Introduction to Cricket Course on Sunday the 3rd of April. Thanks must go to all the candidates for their efforts on the day and to East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure for their assistance with the course."

March 2016



West Development Manager update [posted 29/03/16]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his March update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Under 12 Inter-Area Tournament, 2016 [posted 24/03/16]

Tournament organiser Tim Hart has released the fixtures for 2016's Under 12 inter-area competition. These can be seen [online](#).



Easter coaching courses [posted 21/03/16]

Glasgow Accies CC Junior Convenor [Colin Dawson](#) (07931-569138) has asked that we advertise the upcoming Easter holiday cricket coaching that's taking place at [The Glasgow Academy](#) this year. [Registration forms](#) for the coaching courses are [online](#) now in this regard, as well as more information on the courses themselves.

February 2016

Under 18 Scottish Cup draw [posted 22/02/16]

Cricket Scotland released the draw for this season's under 18 Scottish Cup this morning. The draw for the first round sees Poloc CC drawn at home against Glasgow Accies CC, with the winner hosting Clydesdale CC in round two. Round two also sees West of Scotland CC entertain Ayr CC at Hamilton Crescent. The full draw is [online](#).



West Development Manager update [posted 19/02/16]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his February update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Scottish Cup draws [posted 18/02/16]



Following release of the draws for the *NatWest* ECB Cups, Cricket Scotland finalised the draws for its Scottish Cups this morning. The Under 13 Scottish Cup has seven west clubs in it, Greenock CC getting a bye in to round two. In round one there are two derbies with Poloc CC hosting Clydesdale CC and Ferguslie CC entertaining Kelburne CC.

The third tie sees West of Scotland CC travel to Ayr CC. The Under 15 competition draw saw Ayr CC drawn at home to Poloc CC, Prestwick CC slated to host West of Scotland CC and Clydesdale CC given a home tie against Greenock CC. The full draws are [online](#).



NatWest ECB Under 13 and Under 15 Cup draws [posted 16/02/16]

The draws for the *NatWest* ECB Under 13 and Under 15 Cups was made this morning, and circulated to clubs by Cricket Scotland. In the Under 15 competition, Poloc CC host Prestwick CC in round one, with the winner entertaining Clydesdale CC (who got a first round bye) in the quarter-final. The Under 13 draw saw Poloc CC drawn at home against Clydesdale CC, and Ayr CC at home to Ferguslie CC. The full draws are [online](#).

Club funding and governance workshop [posted 16/02/16]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "Details of a club funding and governance workshop, taking place on Monday the 29th of February, are [online](#). The workshop is being delivered by Andy Kelly of **sportscotland** and I am sure it will provide some very useful information for clubs. If anyone has any queries please do not hesitate to get in contact with me."

Player development pathway [posted 11/02/16]

The player development pathway document has been updated and can be viewed online, on the website, [here](#).



Club and coach development workshops [posted 04/02/16]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "Sunday the 31st of January and Monday the 1st of February saw two very different workshops take place. Sunday, at Hutchesons' Grammar School, saw the Regional Development Centre (West) deliver a 'Coach support' workshop which focussed on the topic of batting versus spin.

"The venue for Monday was Hillhead Cricket Club, where Svend Elkjaer of *Sports Marketing Network* delivered a really exciting and thought-provoking 'Making it happen at your cricket club' workshop – with the clubs who attended now being eligible to apply to become part of the Cricket Scotland 'Thriving clubs' programme for 2016. Thanks to the fifteen different people, from ten different clubs, who attended the workshops over the two days."

January 2016

"Making it happen at your club" and "Coach support workshop" [posted 26/01/16]



[Tim Hart](#) writes, "Just a quick reminder of a couple of opportunities in the next week. There is a "Coach support workshop" which is running on Sunday the 31st of January at Hutchesons' Grammar School and a "Making it happen at your club workshop" which is running on Monday evening, the 1st of February,) at Hillhead CC's Hughenden clubhouse. If clubs would like to reserve a place on either workshop [please let me know](#)." Information on both events is [online](#).



West Development Manager update [posted 13/01/16]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his January update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

"Making it happen at your club" [posted 13/01/16]



[Tim Hart](#) writes, "I am pleased to be able to announce that the 'Making it happen at your club' workshop has been re-arranged for Monday the 1st of February 2016. I am also delighted that Hillhead CC has kindly agreed to host the workshop. (This information is also included in an attachment to an email sent to club Junior Convenors today, and details of the new date are also in the West Region newsletter published today.) If you wish to attend the workshop on this new date please get in touch."

ECB age-group cup competitions [posted 12/01/16]

Information about, and entry forms for, the ECB age-group cup competitions for season 2016 are [online](#) now.

Cricket Scotland age-group cup competitions [posted 06/01/16]

Information about, and entry forms for, Cricket Scotland's age-group cup competitions for season 2016 are [online](#) now.

December 2015



West Development Manager update [posted 23/12/15]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his December update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).



"Growing cricket in Inverclyde" [posted 01/12/15]

Robbie Cuthbert, the Community Sports Hub Development Officer for Inverclyde Council, has put together a one-page review highlighting the progress that Inverclyde Cricket Club has made during the first year of the club's "Growing cricket In Inverclyde" project.

The report is available online [here](#). For more information about the project please contact Inverclyde CC's Junior Convenor [Jim Murphy](#).

November 2015



West Development Manager update [posted 26/11/15]

Tim Hart has circulated his November update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Upcoming coach education opportunities [posted 17/11/15]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "Sunday saw the completion of a busy few weeks of Coach Education & Development opportunities within the west region. Experienced tutors Colin McDougall and Gill McElnea were able to deliver a 'Safeguarding and Protecting Children' workshop (attended by nine candidates from five different clubs) and a 'Basic First Aid for Sport' course (eight candidates from five clubs) - both of which took place at Titwood (Clydesdale CC) in Glasgow.

"Thanks must go to Colin and Gill for delivering the workshops and to all the candidates who attended on the day."

World Class basics [posted 11/11/15]



[Tim Hart](#) writes "The second workshop in the new Cricket Scotland "World Class basics" programme took place in the west region, on Tuesday the 10th of November. The focus of this workshop was batting, fielding and performance analysis. "The workshop was attended by fifteen coaches, from ten different clubs (ranging from as far afield as Galloway CC and Stirling County CC) – and coaches from the Regional Development Centre (West).

"Thanks to all the coaches who made themselves available to attend either, or both, of the World Class basics workshops – and to the Cricket Scotland Performance Coaches for providing a really valuable insight into their views on how we can all help our players to develop."

World Class basics [posted 05/11/15]



[Tim Hart](#) writes "The first workshop in the new Cricket Scotland "World Class basics" programme took place in the west region, on Wednesday the 4th of November. The workshop, which took place at Hutchesons' Grammar School, focussed on bowling, and strength and conditioning, and was attended by eight coaches, from six different clubs – and coaches from the Regional Development Centre (West). The next workshop in the series is taking place on Tuesday the 10th of November and will focus on batting and fielding/performance analysis. Any coach wishing further information about the upcoming workshop should contact me."

TOPClub news [posted 05/11/15]



[Tim Hart](#) writes "Congratulations to Hillhead CC who have obtained Cricket Scotland TOPClub accreditation. The North Glasgow club received their "Active" certificate on Wednesday the 4th of November, when two of their coaches attended a coaching workshop."

October 2015

Upcoming coach education opportunities [posted 29/10/15]

There are a number of coaching workshops coming up in November, here in the west:

"World Class Basics, 1" (bowling and, strength and conditioning), Wednesday 4 November;
 "World Class Basics, 2" (batting, fielding, performance analysis), Tuesday 10 November;
 "Basic First Aid for Sport", Sunday 15 November; and
 "Safeguarding and Protecting Children", Sunday 15 November.

More information on all the courses can be provided by [Tim Hart](#) (07825-172346).



West Development Manager update [posted 29/10/15]

Tim Hart has circulated his October update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Cricket Scotland Skills Awards update [posted 20/10/15]

[Tim Hart](#), writes, "The Cricket Scotland Skills Awards were launched in the west region this evening, as representatives from Clydesdale CC, East Renfrewshire CC and Poloc CC attended the launch workshop. The workshop gave the clubs the opportunity to experience some of skills involved in the awards, as well as providing Cricket Scotland with some really valuable feedback.

"These three clubs will now receive a free *Cricket Factory* 'Bowling mat' – and will be the first in the region to be able to introduce this coaching tool to their youth members."

Coaching courses, winter 2015-16 [posted 19/10/15]

[Tim Hart](#), Cricket Scotland's West Community Development Manager writes, "The West Region coach education calendar (and booking forms) has been published. I am continuing to investigate the possibility of running a Certificate in Coaching Children's Cricket (UKCC Level 2) this winter. However, it will depend on sports hall and tutor availability. Please could you forward the calendar on to any coaches who you think might be interested in the opportunities available. (Places are still available for tomorrow evening's Skill Awards Launch.)" The calendar can be found online, [here](#). And information on the Skills Award Launch is below.

Cricket Scotland skills award workshop, 20 October 2015 [posted 12/10/15]

Clubs, and in particular junior coaches and coaching assistants, are reminded about the upcoming skills award workshop being held on Tuesday the 20th of October - a week tomorrow - at Hutchesons' Grammar School

Sports Hall in Glasgow. The workshop runs between 6.30pm and 8pm. Attendance is free of charge, but attendees must pre-register. A booking form with additional information on the workshop can be found online [here](#), and anyone wanting more information should get in touch with [Tim Hart](#) (07825-172346), Cricket Scotland's West Community Development Officer.

September 2015



West Development Manager update [posted 23/09/15]

Tim Hart has circulated his September update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#). In addition, the RDC (West) letter to clubs, parents and players referred to in the update can be found online [here](#).

August 2015



West Development Manager update [posted 27/08/15]

Tim Hart has circulated his August update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

July 2015

Child protection - important club news [posted 31/07/15]

Cricket Scotland has issued an important update about child protection to clubs. The information was sent out to club Junior Convenors by West Regional Participation Manager, Tim Hart. A copy of the update can be found [here](#).



West Development Manager update [posted 29/07/15]

Tim Hart has circulated his July update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).



Inter-area update [posted 15/07/15]

[Tim Hart](#) writes "Rain was, again, the winner in the 2015 Under 12 inter-area development competition. The planned Glasgow derby (North hosting South) was cancelled on Sunday the 12th of July due to the heavy rain on Saturday afternoon. Hopefully this match, along with several others, will be re-arranged for later on in the season."

Girls "Kwik Cricket" event [posted 02/07/15]

Kari Carswell writes, "Cricket Scotland are running and organising a girls "Kwik Cricket" festival in August. If any club is interested in sending along a team or individuals please register with [Natalie Hamblin](#). Closing date for registrations is Friday the 14th of August. The venue is Doo'cot Park, Perth. The date is Sunday, 23 August. The timings are 10am to 2pm. Clubs and schools can enter teams of eight, there is no limit on squad size. Individual players can also register to come along, and they will be placed in a team on the day. International players from the *Wildcats* will be on hand to offer expert advice to all cricketers. Players,

parents, coaches and spectators are then invited to stay on, after the festival finishes, to watch a T20 game between the *Highlanders* and the *Reivers*. That game starts at 2.30pm. I look forward to seeing you in August!"

June 2015



West Development Manager update [posted 28/06/15]

Tim Hart has circulated his June update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Summer camps news [posted 22/06/15]



We had received information about two summer cricket camp programmes taking place this year. West of Scotland CC will be running summer cricket camps at the club's Hamilton Crescent ground from Monday the 29th of June to Friday the 3rd of July, and then again between Monday the 13th and Friday the 17th of July. Information and booking forms can be obtained from [Jim Young](#), or can be downloaded from the West of Scotland CC [website](#).

The other camp we have been informed about is that running at The Glasgow Academy. The course will be organised and delivered, as usual, by Vedam Hariharan who is the school's cricket professional/Coach. Information about the camp is online [here](#).

Inter-area Under 12 tournament opener [posted 21/06/15]

Rodger Cairns reports from "Titwood" (Clydesdale CC), as the Under 12 Inter-Area development tournament gets off to a very exciting start. "South Glasgow and Ayrshire Under 12s managed to beat/brave the weather to put on an entertaining game of competitive cricket that was played in an excellent spirit. South Glasgow won the toss and invited the visitors to bat first. Ayrshire then get off to a flyer with both openers scoring freely in the drizzle. However, neither managed to get to the retirement score with Richie Simpson (Ayr CC) being bowled for 29 and Finn Turner (Prestwick CC) departing for 19, by virtue of a very sharp caught and bowled from Gautam Kakar (Clydesdale CC). However, this wicket brought Joe Morrison (Prestwick CC) to the crease and he batted very effectively - defending the good balls and punishing the bad (including the only 6 of the match - over deep mid-wicket). Following Morrison's retirement the Ayrshire run-rate began to slow as the bowlers took control. Ayrshire were eventually all out in the 29th over having posted a total of 152. The pick of the South Glasgow bowlers was undoubtedly Kakar with fine figures of 5-3-4-4. In the reply, a great early stand between David Sturgess (Clydesdale CC) and Kakar looked to have put South Glasgow well on the way to chasing down the target. However, Kakar was run out for 13, Sturgess retired for 31 and, like the first innings, the bowlers were again soon back on top. South Glasgow hopes were raised late on when Hassaan Mehmood (Poloc CC) and Uzair Khan (Clydesdale CC) both chipped in with useful scores of 19. But, just as it looked like South Glasgow were going to make it over the winning line, Ayrshire strike bowler Sam Jefferson (Ayr CC) was brought back on to clean up the tail (including the returning Sturgess) to finish with superb, and match-winning, figures of 5.4-1-23-5 and secure a 10-run win for the Ayrshire team." The match [scorecard](#) is online.

Inter-area match report [posted 15/06/15]

Kevin Lawler reports on the Ayrshire Under 14 against Forth Valley Under 14 fixture played on Sunday the 14th of June. "Prestwick CC's "Henry Thow Oval" was the venue as Ayrshire hosted Forth Valley in a 35-over-a-side friendly. Batting first, Ayrshire posted 192 for 5 in their 35 overs – with the batting highlights being Callan Turner (Prestwick CC) 40 retired, Ewan McBeth (Prestwick CC) 36, Ellen Watson (Prestwick CC) 25 and Puskar Bhandari (Ayr CC) 18*. For Forth Valley, the best bowler was Jarvis with 1 for 10 off his five overs. In reply, Forth Valley scored 152 for 9 with the highlights being Jarvis's 53 not out. On the bowling side McBeth's 3 for 20 off seven overs, and Fletcher Rao (Prestwick CC) with 3 for 14 off his seven, were the standout performers. A 40-run win for Ayrshire, in the sunshine!"



StK Cricket coaching camps [posted 03/06/15]

[Steven Knox](#) of Stk Cricket says, "STK Cricket are again running two summer camps during the school holidays at "Goldenacre", home of Heriot's Cricket Club, in Edinburgh, and I wanted to inform west junior cricketers about the camps. They're running in the weeks commencing Monday 27 July and Monday 10 August, and both camps are aimed at junior players up to the age of seventeen who have some experience of playing hardball cricket. Each camp is limited to 24 participants. A flyer and application form are available with more information." There's more information about the camps here [online](#), including an application form.

Steven (07847-308497) would be happy to answer any queries anyone has on the coaching camps too.

May 2015

Area development group update [posted 27/05/15]



[Tim Hart](#) writes "The Lanarkshire area development group is delighted to announce the recruitment of two Community Coaches. Anwar Hafeez (pictured left) and Andrew Kampman (pictured right) have been recruited to enable the group to deliver a short-term, school-based cricket project focussed around the delivery of quality school sessions - with the ultimate aim of increasing the transition of players from school to Club. Both coaches will be working throughout the remainder of the school summer term, 2015."



West Development Manager update [posted 26/05/15]

Tim Hart has circulated his May update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Inter-area match cancelled [posted 17/05/15]

Today's scheduled Under 12 inter-area tournament match between Dumfries & Galloway and South Glasgow has been postponed due to heavy rain. The intention is to try and reschedule the fixture for later in the season. The Ayrshire versus North Glasgow match, in the same competition, also scheduled for today, will similarly be rescheduled. .

Dutch visit [posted 15/05/15]

Glasgow Accies CC have passed on news of a recent visit by Dutch school children to Glasgow, part of which saw over 50 youngsters enjoy a evening of cricket facilitated by the New Anniesland club and its coaches. Pictured below are the Dutch children, their teachers and the Glasgow Accies CC coaches.



Durham CCC Academy players and coaches surprise Uddingston CC youngsters [posted 14/05/15]

Uddingston CC was the host club this week for three one-day matches between Scotland Under 19s and Durham CCC's Academy side. Steve Newman, one of Uddingston CC's junior coaches takes up the story. "John Windows of Durham CCC (pictured far right in the group photo' below) took Wednesday's coaching session for Uddingston CC juniors. Durham CCC's Academy side were playing Scotland Under 19s at Uddingston for three one-dayers. John, who is the Academy Coach, and some of his team generously gave their time and expertise to coach the kids. Geoff Cook (pictured centre, back row) was also in attendance and is pictured with the kids, Uddingston's Youth Coaches and the other Durham Academy players who kindly helped out." A big thanks to Steve for sending on the great story, and the photo's, and thanks again to all the Durham CCC players and staff for making this week's junior practice extra special.



April 2015

TOPClub news [posted 29/04/15]



Tim Hart writes "Congratulations to Clydesdale CC, Galloway CC, Glasgow Accies CC, Inverclyde CC, Kilmarnock CC, Poloc CC, Renfrew CC, St Michael's CC and Weirs CC who have become the first nine clubs to receive their updated Cricket Scotland TOPClub status for the 2015 season. Each club's certification will be valid until 30 September 2015.

"Discussions are on-going with many of the other clubs within the rest region and it is hoped that additional updates will be confirmed in the near future."



West Development Manager update [posted 21/04/15]

Tim Hart has circulated his April update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Cricket Scotland IT issues [posted 14/04/15]

Cricket Scotland is currently experiencing some IT problems. If anyone urgently needs to get in contact with me please could they contact Tim Hart by 'phone or text on 07825-172346. Cricket Scotland would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused and hope that the IT problems will be solved shortly.

Talent Max [posted 03/04/15]



[Tim Hart](#) reports "Clyde were the latest Area Cricket Development Group to benefit from a Cricket Scotland *Talent Max* follow-up session. Thirteen young players (pictured below) attended from the session, held at Lomond School Sports Complex, on Friday the 27th of March 2015. Thanks must go to Andy Tennant and Con de Lange for leading the session which challenged the players to think about various aspects of their cricket in a slightly different way."



March 2015

Hutchesons' Primary School celebrates the ICC CWC [posted 23/03/15]

Hutchesons' Primary School, in Glasgow, celebrated Scotland's participation in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 by hosting their own Cricket World Cup skills afternoon - read more about this fund event online [here](#).

Helensburgh CC schools project [posted 16/03/15]

Helensburgh CC have launched a schools project, and news of this is now available to download [here](#).





West Development Manager update [posted 13/03/15]

Tim Hart has circulated his March update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).



Sportsman's dinner [posted 10/03/15]

[Ian Shaw](#), Cricket Scotland's development manager covering the central, Angus, Dundee and Fife area, has asked that we help publicise a sportsman's dinner being organised by the Cricket Forth Valley group. We are please to do so, a flyer for the dinner being able to download [here](#).



Easter coaching courses [posted 10/03/15]

Glasgow Accies CC Junior Convenor Colin Dawson (07931-569138) has asked that we advertise the upcoming Easter holiday cricket coaching that's taking place at [The Glasgow Academy](#) this year. [Registration forms](#) for the two coaching courses - Under 13 and Under 18 - are [online](#) now in this regard, as well as more information on the courses themselves.

Lanarkshire coaching posts [posted 06/03/15]

The Lanarkshire Area Development Group are recruiting two self-employed coaches to deliver a small, introductory cricket programme. If clubs know of someone who they think might be interested in either of the posts, please direct them to the job descriptions that can be found [here](#) online. In addition, if anyone has any queries, please do not hesitate to get in contact with [Tim Hart](#) (07825-172346).

Talent Max [posted 04/03/15]



[Tim Hart](#) reports "South Glasgow were the first Area Development Group to benefit from a visit from the Cricket Scotland *Talent Max* delivery team. Andy Tennant and Con de Lange led the session at Hutchesons' Grammar School, on Tuesday the 3rd of March. The session featured a discussion around mindset, some athletic development movements, some batting, bowling and fielding skills, a short game and discussions about decision-making. Thanks to Andy and Con for delivering the session, to the players for their efforts and to a healthy number of coaches and parents who attended to see this, first delivery session.

"It is hoped that the Clyde Area Development Group will be able to benefit from a visit from the *Talent Max* delivery team later in the month. If anyone wishes further information about the programme they should get in contact with Tim Hart."





StK Cricket spring coaching, Spain [posted 03/03/15]

Steven Knox of Stk Cricket is keen to let clubs and young players in the west know that the cost of going on StK Cricket's **Spanish Spring Coaching Tour** in the second week of the Easter 2015 break, between Sunday the 5th and Saturday the 11th of April, has been reduced.

There's more information about the tour here [online](#), including an application form.

Talking about the course, Steven says, "We have ten places remaining on our Spanish Spring coaching tour which departs from Edinburgh on Sunday the 5th of April, and in an attempt to sell out the tour we have reduced the price to £700. I am determined to give as many people as possible the opportunity to practice and play cricket in a foreign country in an enjoyable environment where the players can be challenged to improve all aspects of their game and have an amazing experience at the same time. The price of £700 is all inclusive and covers return flights from Edinburgh to Alicante, and Malaga to Edinburgh; four-star accommodation in the beautiful [Las Lomas Apartments](#) at the La Manga complex and at the Petit Palace hotel in Malaga; the coaching services of ECB qualified coaches; all food and drink; internal transport in Mercedes MPVs; and group travel insurance. It promises to be a wonderful tour with five days spent training and playing at the magnificent La Manga Sports Complex in Murcia before departing on Friday morning and spending a day relaxing on the beach and travelling to Malaga to stay at the [Petit Palace Hotel](#). Here we will prepare for final day games on the brand new grass square at the beautiful [Cartama Oval](#) just outside Malaga before boarding a Saturday evening return flight home to Edinburgh."

Steven (07847-308497) would be happy to answer any queries anyone has on the coaching tour too.

February 2015



West Development Manager update [posted 14/02/15]

Tim Hart has circulated his February update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Scottish Cup draws [posted 09/02/15]



Following on Friday's release of the draws for the NatWest ECB Qualifying Cups, Cricket Scotland finalised the draws for its Scottish Cups this morning with the circulation of the draw for the Under 18 Scottish Cup. The Under 13 Scottish Cup has nine west clubs in it, Ferguslie CC getting a bye in to round two.

In the Under 15 Scottish Cup there are seven west club, Greenock CC being the fortunate club to receive the bye in to round two this time. And, finally, in the Under 18 Scottish Cup, nine west club names were in the hat, Ferguslie CC, Clydesdale CC, West of Scotland CC and Poloc CC all getting first-round byes. The full draws are [online](#).



NatWest ECB Under 13 and Under 15 Qualifying Cup draws [posted 06/02/15]

The draws for the *NatWest* ECB Under 13 and Under 15 Qualifying Cups was made this morning, and circulated to clubs by Cricket Scotland. The draw for the younger cup competition sees West of Scotland CC host Poloc CC, Ayr CC entertain Greenock CC and Helensburgh CC travel to Callander CC in the preliminary round, with Stirling County CC Ferguslie CC and Clydesdale CC getting byes in to the first round proper. In the Under 15 competition, Greenock CC host Clydesdale CC and Poloc CC are at home against West of Scotland CC in the preliminary round, with - this time - Ayr CC and Helensburgh CC getting byes in to round one. The full draws are [online](#).

January 2015



West Development Manager update [posted 14/01/15]

Tim Hart has circulated his January update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Cricket Scotland coach education pathway update workshop [posted 06/01/15]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "Following the successful launch of *Talent Max*, several enquiries about the upcoming UKCC Level 2 coaching course and some discussions with clubs about the development of projects involving schools, Cricket Scotland has decided to run a very brief workshop to provide an overview of the latest Cricket Scotland coach education pathway. The workshop will take place at Titwood (Clydesdale CC) from 7pm to 8.30pm on Wednesday the 7th of January 2015. We are aware that this is short notice - but the date will allow anyone interested in taking part in the UKCC Level 2 coaching course (now due to start on Saturday the 31st of January 2015) to have time to book onto the course. The workshop will provide details about the "Kwik Cricket Game Course", the "ICC Introduction to Cricket Course", the new UKCC Level 2 coaching structure and the UKCC Level 3 coaching course. The workshop is free to attend and Ian Sandbrook (Acting Head of Community Development) has kindly agreed to come through from Edinburgh to assist on the evening. Could any coaches who are planning to attend get in contact with me."

December 2014



ECB NatWest and Cricket Scotland cups, 2015 [posted 31/12/14]

Cricket Scotland has circulated explanatory letters and entry forms for season 2015's ECB *NatWest* and their own Scottish cups. Clubs should submit entries by the 30th of January 2015 to [Ramsay Allan](#) at Cricket Scotland. Letters and entries forms were emailed to club Secretaries - note, not Junior Convenors - but are available [online here](#) too.

Area development group news [posted 22/12/14]

Tim Hart writes, "Sunday the 21st of December saw South Glasgow complete a series of three Under 12 indoor coaching sessions. The sessions were led by team manager, and coach, Rodger Cairns - and thanks must go to everyone who made the sessions possible. Details of the [South Glasgow Under 12 squad](#) can be found on-line - with confirmation of the players in the other area group squads to follow as soon as that information becomes available."

Western Girls Under 16 programme - change of venue update [posted 17/12/14]

Kari Carswell has asked that intimate a change of venue for some upcoming girls sessions, here in the west. Kari writes, "The sessions that are scheduled for the 18th of January and 15th of March 2015 - 10am to 12 noon - as part of the Western Girls Under 16 programme will now take place at Castlemilk Sports Centre, 137 Castlemilk Drive, Glasgow, Lanarkshire, G45 9UG."

Coaching course update [posted 10/12/14]

Tim Hart writes, "Regrettably, Cricket Scotland has been left with no option other than to cancel the planned ECB Certificate in Coaching Children's Cricket (UKCC Level 2). The course had been due to start on Saturday the 13th of December. However, when the deadline for booking passed there were only four candidates signed up for the course. The candidates have been contacted with a view to delaying the start of the course until Saturday the 31st of January - rather than cancelling the course outright. Anyone with any queries should contact Tim Hart (07825-172346) directly."

"Talent Max" [posted 08/12/14]



Tim Hart reports, "Thursday the 4th of December saw Cricket Scotland launch their new Talent Max programme. The launch event, held at Clydesdale CC and Hutchesons' Grammar School in Glasgow, was attended by 32 coaches. Fifteen different west region clubs, and some clubs from further afield, were present on the evening - as well as there being some school representation too. Thanks must go to Andy Tennant, John Blain, Con de Lange and Simon Smith for their delivery and to all the coaches who added their input to the evening."

Regional Development Centre (West) coach support [posted 07/12/14]

Tim Hart writes, "For the second year in a row, the Regional Development Centre (West) has delivered a coach support workshop. The workshop allowed the three coaches who attended to gain an insight into the centre and its selection process - as well as focussing on a key technical theme. The coaching theme was backfoot play and the coaches were given the opportunity to watch part of the coaching session taking place in the Hutchesons' Sports Hall in Glasgow."



West Development Manager update [posted 04/12/14]

Tim Hart has circulated his December update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

StK Cricket camps [posted 03/12/14]



Steven Knox of Stk Cricket has let us know about three cricket camps that are being held over the coming months. The three events are: 1. A **World Cup Winter Coaching Camp** in the February 2015 half-term holiday between Monday the 16th and Friday the 20th. 2. A **Scottish Spring Coaching Camp** in the first week of the Easter 2015 break between Monday the 30th of March and Friday the 3rd of April. And, 3. A **Spanish Spring Coaching Tour** in the second week of the Easter 2015 break, between Sunday the 5th and Saturday the 11th of April. We have more information about the events here [online](#), including application forms, and Steven (07847-308497) would be happy to answer any queries anyone has on them too.

November 2014

"Talent Max" [posted 27/11/14]



Cricket Scotland announced the launch, of what it believes is a ground breaking new "Talent Max" Programme, on its [website](#) yesterday. This new initiative is a collaboration between Cricket Scotland, the Western District Cricket Union and sportscotland's Institute of Sport, and is designed "to help clubs understand talent and to unlock the potential of the young cricketers they work with". All Area Squad and club coaches, Junior Conveners and other interested parties are invited to come along to the programme's introduction evening being held at Clydesdale Cricket Club, (Beaton Road, Glasgow, G41 4LB) on Thursday the 4th of December from 6.30pm to 9.30pm. More about the programme can be found on the flyer, [here](#) online.

Coaching news [posted 23/11/14]

Tim Hart writes, "Congratulations to the nine candidates from five different clubs who successfully completed the ICC Introduction to Cricket Course, held at St Columba's High School on Saturday the 22nd of November. Special thanks must go to Inverclyde CC who were the main drivers behind the addition of this course to planned winter programme - and to Inverclyde Council for providing access to the sports hall." A [report](#) on the course is online.



West Development Manager update [posted 14/11/14]

Tim Hart has circulated his November update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Conveners, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Coaching news [posted 10/11/14]

Tim Hart writes, "Sunday the 9th of November saw twelve candidates successfully complete a Safeguarding & Protecting Children workshop and another ten successfully pass a First Aid Course. Congratulations to all the candidates - and special thanks to Colin McDougall and Gill McElnea for tutoring the courses."

October 2014

Coaching news [posted 20/10/14]

Tim Hart writes, "Congratulations to the twelve candidates from four different clubs who successfully completed the ICC Introduction to Cricket Course, held at Hutchesons' Grammar School on Sunday the 19th of October. Sunday was a busy day for coach education and development as three coaches were also able to complete their assessments for the UKCC Level 2 coaching qualification. Good luck to all these coaches as they begin (or continue) their coaching at club level."



West Development Manager update [posted 15/10/14]

Tim Hart has circulated his October update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Conveners, and there's a copy here [online](#).

September 2014



Autumn coaching course [posted 17/09/14]

Steven Knox has been in touch to advertise cricket coaching that [StK Cricket](#) is running this Autumn. Steve writes, "*Stk Cricket's* Autumn Coaching Camp will be taking place between Monday the 20th and Friday the 24th of October 2014 at the National Cricket Academy, MES, Ravelston, Edinburgh between 9am and 5pm." More information about the camp is [here](#) online, but can also be had by contacting Steve himself by [email](#) , or telephone (07847-308497).



West Development Manager update [posted 09/09/14]

Tim Hart has circulated his September update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).



TOPClub update [posted 03/09/14]

Tim Hart writes, "Congratulations to Uddingston CC who have become the latest club to receive Cricket Scotland TOPClub accreditation. The club received their certificate on Wednesday evening, just before their Under 11 team played its final match of the 2014 season. Congratulations to the club on their award."

August 2014

South Glasgow win the intra-city inter-area derby [posted 26/08/14]

Rodger Cairns reports from the Under 12 inter-area Glasgow derby. "On a sunny (and surprisingly warm) late summer afternoon South Glasgow Under 12s hosted North Glasgow Under 12s in a game of high quality cricket that finished with a real cliff-hanger. Having won the toss and elected to bat first, North Glasgow got off to a decent start led by the powerful hitting of Angus Barrett (West of Scotland CC) who ultimately retired on 31 not out. Thereafter, the South Glasgow bowlers and fielders regained an element of control with John Greene (West of Scotland CC) scoring 15 being the only other batter to record double figures. Pick of the South Glasgow bowlers were Clydesdale CC teammates Daniel Cairns (5-3-10-1) and Taha Khan (5-0-14-1), as the eight wickets (including two run outs) were well shared. South Glasgow's target for victory was eventually set at 113 and when batsmen two and three, Khan and Sohaib Shah (Poloc CC), both reached their mandatory retirement score of 30, in the thirteenth over, with the total in the mid-60s, it looked like the game was over as a contest. However, North Glasgow's Ayub Khan (Hillhead CC) had other ideas and ripped through the middle order with a devastating spell of 6-1-16-4 and he was given good support by Barrett (6-2-13-1). Only Ross Heginbottom (Clydesdale CC) and Samee Mehmood (Poloc CC) scored more than 10 and, when batters ten and eleven were both out, South Glasgow were still 7 runs short of the winning total. But, the value of getting to the retirement score was highlighted as back came Khan and Shah to see if they could finish the job. They did just that, with the winning runs being scored by Shah in the 26th over. A well-contested game and tense victory, by 1 wicket, for the South Glasgow side."



West Development Manager update [posted 12/08/14]

Tim Hart has circulated his August update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).



TOPClub update [posted 05/08/14]

Tim Hart writes, "Dumfries CC received their new Cricket Scotland TOPClub accreditation certificate on Monday evening, at the club's weekly youth training session. Congratulations to the club on their achievement."

July 2014



TOPClub update [posted 29/07/14]

Tim Hart writes, "Weirs CC became the latest club to receive their TOPClub award. The presentation was made, on Monday evening, during the club's weekly youth training session. Congratulations to the Glasgow southside club on their award."

Inter-area update [posted 26/07/14]

A depleted Dumfries & Galloway Under 12 squad put up good resistance against a talented Ayrshire unit in an Under 12 inter-area fixture at Kingholm Park. David Fallas reports. "Skipper Adam Malik (St. Michael's CC) led the way and carried his bat for an unbeaten and patient 26, in which he showed the value of waiting for the bad ball before hitting out. There was some good support from Rory Thornley (Dumfries CC), with 12, and Tom Nein (Galloway CC), with 5, to help the wicket column as the home batsman generally showed an improved awareness of defensive techniques, particularly against some good quality Ayrshire spin. Wickets fell to Caolan Grant (Ayr CC), with two, and one each Luca Hall (Ayr CC), Jonny Faulkner (Ayr CC) and Jamie Tennant (Prestwick CC) but Dumfries & Galloway managed to make their way to 96 for 9 after their 30 overs.

"On the restart, a dominant batting performance by wicket-keeper Richie Simpson (Ayr CC), who had already claimed two smart stumpings, put Ayrshire in the driving seat. He sped to a retiral on 30 not out, as he and Fletcher Rao (Prestwick CC) took advantage of some short home bowling and ran sharply between the wickets, causing some unfortunate overthrows in spite of valiant efforts by stand-in wicket home wicket-keeper Nein. Following an interruption for heavy rain after twelve overs, the home bowlers had more success. Jay Gordon (Langholm CC) bowled Rao for 23 and there were two further successes before Faulkner and Finn Turner (Prestwick CC) led Ayrshire to a seven wicket victory."



TOPClub update [posted 14/07/14]

Tim Hart writes, "East Renfrewshire CC became the latest club to receive Cricket Scotland TOPClub accreditation - receiving the award when they attended the WDJCU "Kwik Cricket" festival at Poloc CC's Shawholm ground today. The club, which is in the process of a full relocation from Hamilton, has been working hard to introduce cricket into the schools in Barrhead and has been running weekly training sessions throughout the year. Congratulations to the club on this latest stage of its development."

Community statistics [posted 11/07/14]

Clubs' Junior Convenors are reminded to reply to West Community Development Manager [Tim Hart](#) 's request to provide information on their schools and/or community coaching programmes. Anyone with any questions on his request should get in touch with Tim, directly (07825-172346).



West Development Manager update [posted 09/07/14]

Tim Hart has circulated his July update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Inter-area update [posted 01/07/14]

Clyde Under 12 team manager Parvase Majeed reports "Whitehaugh (Kelburne CC) played host to an Under 12 inter-area fixture between Clyde and North Glasgow. Batting first, North Glasgow's 113 all out was based around 26 for Angus Barrett (West of Scotland CC). North's progress was slowed by good bowling spells from Tom Forrest and Jamie Nowell (both Greenock CC), with both bowlers picking up '2-fors' - and good support bowling from Reiss Wylie (Kelburne CC) and Muhaymen Majeed (Renfrew CC). Unfortunately, for the home side, their reply never got going - as they had no answer to a devastating spell from right arm seam bowler Ayub Khan (Hillhead CC). His excellent control of line and length was rewarded with figures of 3-0-6-6, and ensured that the game came to an early conclusion. Congratulations to Khan, and North Glasgow, on their win."

Dumfries & Galloway schools coaching [posted 01/07/14]



Derek Heron writes, "St. Michael's Cricket Club held their latest schools cricket festival last Monday, with pupils from Brownhall, Collin, Lincluden, and St. Michael's primary schools all taking part on a beautiful afternoon at Kingholm Park. Over 30 boys and girls from these schools from classes P3 to P5 took part in a round-robin eight-a-side competition, with equipment and coaching support provided by the club on the day. Whilst there was no official winner, everyone taking part thoroughly enjoyed themselves, including the mums and dads watching from the comfort and shade of the pavilion!"

"This is the second primary school festival hosted by *Saints* this summer, following an extensive free coaching programme in school curriculum time, completed by qualified overseas coaches Ricky Thapar and Dario Cummins. In total, over 650 boys and girls in and around Dumfries have benefited from these sessions that have introduced them to the basic skills of cricket, have been designed to make sure that all participants have fun, and at the same time contributed to everyone's health and wellbeing. St. Michael's would like to thank each participating school for their hospitality, John Allison and *Active Schools* for their kind support, and also thank Ricky and Dario for their great work this summer which has seen twenty new potential members come to club junior sessions (6pm to 8pm every Monday at Kingholm Park). Any new schools interested in benefiting from being part of next year's programme, or youngsters wanting to play the great game of cricket can also contact me on 07894-193412."

June 2014

Summer camps news [posted 16/06/14]



We had received information about two summer cricket camp programmes taking place this year. West of Scotland CC's Level 4 Coach, John Blain, will be running summer cricket camps at the club's Hamilton Crescent ground from Monday the 30th of June to Friday the 4th of July, and then again between Monday the 14th and Friday the 18th of July. Information and booking forms can be obtained from [Jim Young](#), or can be downloaded from [Documents](#) section of the West of Scotland CC website.

The other camps we have been informed about are those running at The Glasgow Academy. The courses will be organised and delivered, as usual, by Vedam Hariharan who is the school's cricket professional/Coach. Information about both junior and senior camps is online [here](#).

Inter-area tournaments update [posted 13/06/14]

Tim Hart writes, "With the weather currently looking good for the weekend, I am hugely disappointed to have to report that four of the six inter-area tournament matches scheduled for Sunday have been conceded or provisionally conceded. The Under 12 fixture between Ayrshire and Clyde is taking place at Prestwick CC and the Under 12 fixture between Dumfries & Galloway and North Glasgow is taking place at Langholm CC. Additionally, there is now a very hastily arranged fixture between South Glasgow Under 14 and the *Western Warriors* Under 15s. This will take place at Poloc CC. Good luck to all players involved in three fixtures on Sunday."



West Development Manager update [posted 09/06/14]

Tim Hart has circulated his June update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

May 2014



TOPClub update [posted 30/05/14]

Tim Hart writes, "Langholm CC became the latest club in Cricket Scotland's west region to gain TOPClub accreditation. The club was presented with their *Active* award when I visited the club's Friday evening coaching session. Congratulations to the Dumfries & Galloway club on their award."

East Renfrewshire CC plays first game [posted 22/05/14]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "Monday this week saw East Renfrewshire CC take the next big step in its fast-paced development as the club, which is in the final processes of relocating from Hamilton to Barrhead, played its first hardball fixture in the WDJCU league structure. The match in question was an 8-a-side Under 13B League fixture against south Glasgow club, Clydesdale CC. It was great to see this fixture completed, as East Renfrewshire CC continues to develop - and at great speed. The enthusiasm, and commitment, of the East Renfrewshire CC coaches, players and parents has been second to none. This first outdoor fixture follows on quickly from the club competing in Indoor Super 8s competition at the end of 2013 - and has only been made possible by attracting players through a comprehensive school delivery programme in Barrhead and the surrounding areas within East Renfrewshire. Congratulations to the club on this, latest stage of its development. Reflecting on this first outdoor youth match, the ever-effervescent East Renfrewshire CC Head Coach, Ammar Ashraf said 'Credit goes to the players for taking to hardball with such ease and providing a good contest in their first league match. One of our players took two wickets in two balls and another hit three consecutive boundaries; there was a lot of good cricket played. The position we are in now as a club wouldn't have been possible without support and assistance from East Renfrewshire Council's Active Schools and Sports Development teams, the East Renfrewshire cricket working group, Cricket Scotland and **sportscotland**. I would also like to thank our volunteers, parents and coaches for making this cricket club a reality!' More information about East Renfrewshire CC can be gained by contacting [Ammar](#) directly."

Inter-area update, matchday one [posted 19/05/14]

Matchday one of the 2014 Inter-Area tournaments saw all three fixtures played produce some really competitive cricket - and some very tight finishes. The Under 12 tournament saw Ayrshire beat North Glasgow by just 10 runs, at Hughenden (Hillhead CC). Ayrshire batted first and scored 164 for 7, with North Glasgow finishing on 154 all out (in the final over) in reply. Across the river on Glasgow's south side, at Titwood (Clydesdale CC), there was another Under 12 encounter, with Clyde prevailing by the narrowest of margins. South Glasgow's 115 all out was just chased down by Clyde, 117 for 9 with one delivery to spare. (Full report below.) In Ayrshire, North Glasgow Under 14s were the visitors to New Cambusdoon (Ayr CC). Batting first North Glasgow were 133 all out, with the Ayrshire reply finishing on 124 all out. Unfortunately, the heavy rain on Saturday meant that the Under 14 tournament game between Clyde and South Glasgow was postponed. This fixture will be re-arranged later on in the season. So too, hopefully, will both the Under 12 and Under 14 matches between Dumfries &

Galloway and Lanarkshire - with both games currently being awarded to Dumfries & Galloway, as provisional concessions by their Lanarkshire counterparts. The [scorecards](#) from allreported match results are online.

South Glasgow Under 12 Manager, Rodger Cairns reports from the Under 12 inter-area tournament fixture between South Glasgow and Clyde, "Although the match between South Glasgow and Clyde was a relatively low scoring affair, the lack of runs was more than made up for with an exciting finish in which Clyde secured the victory, with one ball and one wicket to spare. South Glasgow batted first and got off to a decent start before Clyde's Ahmed Shazad (Ferguslie CC) struck with the first of his two run outs. Daniel Cairns (Clydesdale CC) then came in and upped the run-rate, top scoring for his side with 19 - before playing an uppish drive which was smartly caught by Rafay Khan (Renfrew CC). The loss of this wicket begun a period of sustained pressure by the Clyde bowlers whose consistent line and length made scoring a real challenge. Both Jamie Nowell (Greenock CC) and Khan picked up a couple of wickets in their overs. South Glasgow finished on 115 - having just failed to bat out their allotted 30 overs. Clyde's reply got off to the worst possible start with opener Nowell having to leave the field injured after the second ball - however, he was to return at the death with an invaluable contribution!!! As in the South Glasgow innings, the Clyde batters initially found scoring difficult and, as the match went on, it looked like the South's total might be out of reach. However, Kelburne CC teammates Reiss Wylie and Cameron McLean (the latter producing the highest score for his side of 20 not out) lifted the pressure with some hard hit boundaries and moved Clyde within reach of the win - reducing the equation to 12 from twelve, with three wickets in hand. Then, in the nineteenth over, South Glasgow struck with a wicket and conceded only 3 runs. When another wicket fell in the last over, with 7 runs needed off three balls, it looked like a South victory was the more likely - and that Cairns' "3-for" and a "2-for" and two smart slip catches from Sohaib Shah (Poloc CC) would make the difference. However, the returning Nowell showed that he had shaken off his earlier injury by smacking the next two balls for four and securing the win for the visitors!!!"

Jameel Gardee reports on the North Glasgow versus Ayrshire Under 12 match, "At an overcast Hughenden, North Glasgow Under 12s just failed in chasing down an imposing Ayrshire total of 164 for 7. The visitors got off to a flying start through Fletcher Rao (Prestwick CC) and Richie Simpson (Ayr CC), and the subsequent batters all performed well to reach their deserved total. North Glasgow then proceeded to make easy work of the chase, initially through a fine innings by Angus Barrett (West of Scotland CC). However, a mid-innings collapse led to a target of 15 for victory off the final two overs which was too tough an ask for the tail, in the end. Thanks to Hillhead CC for hosting the fixture and to everyone who helped out with preparing an excellent spread for tea."



Coaching and TOPClub update [posted 14/05/14]

Tim Hart writes, "Two clubs received their new Cricket Scotland TOPClub accreditation on today. Both Hillhead CC (left) and Kelburne CC (right) received their certificates during club youth training sessions at their home venues. Congratulations to both clubs on their awards."



Under 12 and Under 14 inter-area competitions update [posted 10/05/14]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "Sunday the 18th of May will see the start of the 2014 inter-area competitions. The main focus of both competitions remains on providing additional opportunities for young players to participate in fixtures, against their peers, on a regional basis. Additionally, the Regional Development Centre (West) coaches will be keeping a close eye on how players perform - in terms of possible future selection for *Western Warriors* Under 14s and Under 15s fixtures. All six area development groups have confirmed that they will be running teams at both age groups this summer. The 2014 competitions begin with Ayrshire playing North Glasgow (at New Cambusdoon and Hughenden), Clyde taking on South Glasgow (one venue confirmed as being Titwood) and Dumfries & Galloway versus Lanarkshire (one venue confirmed as being Kingholm). Fixtures in the Under 12 development tournament will be 30 overs per side, with batters retiring once they have scored 30 runs. In the Under 14 tournament, matches will be 40 overs per side - with batters having the opportunity to bat on and gain the experience of batting for longer periods of time. Good luck to all twelve teams in the two competitions."

April 2014



West Development Manager update [posted 09/04/14]

Tim Hart has circulated his April update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).



TOPClub award [posted 04/04/14]

Tim Hart writes, "East Kilbride CC are the latest west club to receive Cricket Scotland TOPClub accreditation. The Torrance House club received their certificate as part of the their weekly Thursday evening indoor training session at the John Wright Sports Centre. Congratulations to the South Lanarkshire club on their award."

March 2014



Coaching and TOPClub update [posted 31/03/14]

Tim Hart writes, "Congratulations to the five candidates who successfully completed the Glasgow-based ICC Introduction to Cricket course, during March. This takes the number of candidates who have successfully completed the course throughout the west region this year to 23. Congratulations to all these people and to their clubs who have encouraged them to attend and have supported them through the course."

"Inverclyde CC are the latest Club to receive their Cricket Scotland TOPClub accreditation. The certificate was presented when I visited an after-school session the club was delivering to one of its local primary schools. Congratulations to the Gourrock club on their award."



Coaching course update [posted 27/03/14]

Tim Hart writes, "Congratulations to the eighteen candidates who successfully completed the ICC Introduction to Cricket course, which was delivered at the David Keswick Centre, in Dumfries, during March. Dumfries CC, Galloway CC and St. Michaels CC all had representatives who completed the course - representatives who will hopefully go on to provide support to the existing coaches working at each club."

ICC Introduction to cricket course [posted 20/03/14]

[Tim Hart](#) wants to remind people that the ICC Introduction to Cricket Course, planned for Monday the 24th and Monday the 31st of March, is definitely taking place. The course, which will be held at All Saints Secondary School in Glasgow, costs £35 and anyone wishing to book on to the course should contact Tim directly.



Inter-area tournaments, 2014 [posted 18/03/14]

Tim Hart has circulated information, including tournament playing conditions and the schedules of matches for 2014's inter-area matches. Again being played at Under 12 and Under 14 age-groups, these tournaments are the first steps in players' journeys along the player development pathway and are a crucial stepping stone as a result.

You can find the rules and playing conditions [online](#), as well as the [playing schedule](#).



West Development Manager update [posted 10/03/14]

Tim Hart has circulated his March update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Cricket Scotland workshop - cancellation [posted 10/03/14]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "The planned Cricket Scotland Running Effective Club Nights workshop has been cancelled due to an insufficient number of candidates. I have been in direct contact with the three coaches who had shown an interest in attending."

Coach development news [posted 04/03/14]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "Congratulations to the eleven coaches (from six different clubs) who successfully completed a First Aid course on Sunday the 2nd of March. Congratulations must also go to the six coaches (from four different clubs) who completed a Safeguarding and Protecting Children workshop - also held on Sunday. These courses were only made possible by Gill McElnea and Colin McDougall, so thanks to them for delivering the courses."

Cricket Scotland workshop [posted 04/03/14]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "There are currently only two candidates booked onto the Cricket Scotland "Running Effective Club Nights" workshop due to take place on Monday the 10th of March. At the moment, this workshop is in danger of having to be cancelled due to a lack of candidates. Could anyone interested in attending the workshop please contact me as soon as possible."

Cricket training camp - La Manga [posted 03/03/14]



Steven Knox has been in touch to advertise a cricket training camp that [StK Cricket](#) is running this Spring. Being held at the La Manga Club in Spain's Murcia district, the camp runs between the 5th and 11th of April. More information about the camp is [here](#) online, but can also be had by contacting Steve himself by email, or telephone (07847-308497). Steve says "The whole week costs just £725 and that includes everything (flights, accommodation, internal transport, insurance and food and drink)."

2014 Under 13 Scottish Cup draw [posted 03/03/14]

The draw for the Under 13 Scottish Cup was made today and saw nine west district clubs pulled out of the hat. Clydesdale CC secured a first round bye and await the winners of Ayr CC's home tie against Stirling County CC, whilst the other first round matches drawn were: Ferguslie CC versus Greenock CC, Prestwick CC versus West of Scotland CC, and East Kilbride CC v Poloc CC.

2014 Under 15 Scottish Cup draw [posted 03/03/14]

Cricket Scotland made and released the draw for this season's Under 15 Scottish Cup this morning. The draw features ten west district clubs, two - West of Scotland CC and Prestwick CC - getting first round byes. The four first round matches that do feature west clubs see Ayr CC host Poloc CC, Greenock CC entertain Ferguslie CC, East Kilbride CC welcome Clydesdale CC to Torrance House, and Stirling County CC travel to Hughenden to play Hillhead CC. The second round then sees West of Scotland CC host the winner of the Ayr CC versus Poloc CC match, Prestwick CC entertain the winner of Greenock CC against Ferguslie CC, and East Kilbride CC or Clydesdale CC travelling to play either Hillhead CC or Stirling County CC.

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2014 Under 18 Scottish Cup draw [posted 27/02/14]

Cricket Scotland made and released the draw for this season's Under 18 Scottish Cup this morning. The draw features eight west district clubs, four - Clydesdale CC, Ferguslie CC, Glasgow Accies CC and Prestwick CC - getting first round byes. The two first round matches that do feature west clubs see Ayr CC host West of Scotland CC, and Poloc CC entertain Drumpellier CC. The second round then sees Ferguslie CC host Clydesdale CC, whilst Glasgow Accies CC will go to the winner of the Ayr CC versus West of Scotland CC match, and Prestwick CC will travel to either Shawholm or Langloan.

First aid and safeguarding and protecting children workshops [posted 26/02/14]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "There are currently a limited number of places available on two workshops - this coming Sunday. As a quick reminder, any coach awaiting assessment for a previous UKCC Level 2 course must have successfully completed these workshops in order to be able to go on and fully complete that course. If anyone does wish to book on to these courses please ask them to email me or to contact me by 'phone (07825-172346) as soon as possible."

Dumfries & Galloway development group news [posted 26/02/14]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "The David Keswick Centre in Dumfries was the venue for a special, one-off coaching session on Tuesday the 25th of February. The Dumfries & Galloway cricket clubs were invited to send along any Under 12 and Under 14 players who they felt would be likely to represent the Area Development Squad in 2014. Additionally, clubs were also invited to send along any coaches who wished to see the session and pick up the key messages to take back to their clubs. Thanks to the fourteen players who attended and received a recap of some of the key principles of a warm-up, of batting off the front foot and of bowling. The session ended with a game which continued the theme of playing straight while batting."

ECB age-group championship draws [posted 26/02/14]



The draws for this season's Under 13 and Under 15 ECB club championship tournaments are [online](#) now. The first round draws, made on a regional basis, see - in the Under 13 competition - West of Scotland CC host Poloc CC, Stirling County CC host Clydesdale CC and Ayr CC entertain the winner of the East Kilbride CC versus Greenock CC preliminary round match.

In the Under 15 age-group, the draw saw four west district clubs in the preliminary round: Ayr CC hosting East Kilbride CC and Greenock CC welcoming West of Scotland CC to Glenpark. The winner of this first preliminary round match will then play Clydesdale CC at home in round one, as the winner of the second preliminary round match will host Stirling County CC. The third first round match up is Poloc CC at home to Hillhead CC.

Kwik Cricket game course and TOPClub presentation [posted 23/02/14]



[Tim Hart](#) writes, "Greenock CC held a Cricket Scotland Kwik Cricket game course at St. Columba's School, in Kilmacolm, on Sunday the 23rd of February. A total of seven Greenock CC coaches (five male and two female) successfully completed the course. Congratulations to them, and thanks too to the four junior members who helped out (by joining in!) during the game that the coaches were required to run. Further congratulations are also due to Greenock CC as the club became the latest west region club to receive their TOPClub accreditation certificate - receiving their 'Approved' status certificate during the club youth's training session, at the same venue and immediately following the coaching course."

Area Development Group news [posted 18/02/14]

North Glasgow got their winter training programme underway with an Under 12 session at St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School today, Tuesday the 18th of February. Three coaches led a session for the fourteen players who were able to attend. The session was based around some of the fundamentals of batting and fielding - and saw plenty of energy and enthusiasm from the players.



ECB age-group championships [posted 10/02/14]

The entry forms and details for this season's Under 13 and Under 15 ECB club championship tournaments are [online](#) now. You can download them, and - after completing - should return them to Cricket Scotland.



West Development Manager update [posted 05/02/14]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his February update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

January 2014



TOPClub award [23/01/14]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "Kilmarnock CC became the latest club to receive Cricket Scotland TOPClub accreditation, receiving the 'Active' Award during the club's weekly training session for youngsters at the Ayrshire Athletics Arena. Congratulations to the club on their award."

Level II coaching course cancelled [posted 22/01/14]

Unfortunately Cricket Scotland has announced today that the upcoming scheduled UKCC Level 2 coaching course in Glasgow has been cancelled due to too few people registering to attend.

Ayrshire Area Development Group news [posted 20/01/14]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "Friday the 17th of January saw the Ayrshire Area Development Group begin their Under 12 and Under 14 winter training programmes. Fifteen players attended the Under 12 session and eleven players attended the Under 14 session - with both sessions being held in the Ayrshire Athletics Arena, in Kilmarnock. The next session for each age group takes place during February." The two current Ayrshire squad lists are [online](#).



TOPClub award [19/01/14]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "Ferguslie CC became the latest club to receive their new TOPClub award, with some of their coaches and young players receiving their certificate from me during their weekly training session at Hutchesons' Grammar School Sports Hall in Glasgow. Congratulations to the Paisley club on their award."

Level II coaching course details [posted 14/01/14]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "It is now possible to book onto the upcoming UKCC Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Children Course by visiting the Cricket Scotland [website](#), clicking on 'Get Involved' link on the top menu bar, then 'Coach Education' from the left menu and by clicking on the 'LiveSport.co.uk shop' link at the top of the article. Alternatively you can go straight to the [booking page](#). (Could any candidates who sign up please let me know and I can confirm that they are booked onto the course.) A requirement of the course is to have completed

a First Aid course and a safeguarding and protecting children workshop. If you have not already completed these, we are planning to run both courses on Sunday the 2nd of March at Clydesdale CC's Titwood ground. Last summer's Cricket Scotland 'Coaching Matters' [publication](#) provides some additional information about the course and the current coaching pathway. If anyone has any questions about the upcoming course please [contact me](#) directly."

More TOPClub awards presented [posted 10/01/14]

Renfrew CC and Ayr CC have both now received their new TOPClub awards. Congratulations to both clubs. Renfrew CC (pictured below, left) received their certificate, from Tim Hart this evening during their weekly youth training session at the High School of Glasgow. Youngsters from Ayr CC (also pictured below, right) have also received their new certificate.



West Development Manager update [posted 09/01/14]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his January update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

TOPClub awards [02/01/14]



[Tim Hart](#) writes, "Congratulations to the following clubs that received their TOPClub certificates from me during the Finals Day of the indoor Super 8s tournament: Ayr CC, Clydesdale CC (pictured below), Glasgow Accies CC (pictured below), Poloc CC (pictured left), West of Scotland CC (pictured below). These four clubs have all attained the "Approved Award". Additionally, congratulations must go to Renfrew CC and St. Michael's CC for their "Active Award", and Ferguslie CC and Greenock CC for their "Approved Award", as these clubs have had their new accreditation confirmed too and will be presented with their certificates at some point early in 2014.

"These Clubs are the first in the west region to receive accreditation since the TOPClub accreditation scheme was updated in March 2013. For more information about Cricket Scotland's TOPClub accreditation scheme, please contact me."



Regional Development Centre (West) hosts Under 12 and 3 "talent trawls" [posted 24/12/13]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "The WRDC held an Under 12 and 13 "talent trawl" on Sunday the 22nd of December, at Hutchesons' Grammar School. In total 52 players, from sixteen different clubs, attended the sessions. Both featured some fielding and movement stations, a re-cap of the basics of batting and bowling, and five different batting challenges in the nets. Additionally, wicket-keepers were given the opportunity to keep in one of the live nets and everyone was challenged to think about the reasons why they started playing cricket - and why they still enjoy playing the game today. The "talent trawls" concluded with a brief overview of the current playing pathway in the west of Scotland - highlighting that the next step for the players should hopefully be for them to be offered the opportunity to be part of their local Area Development Group's winter training programme. Thanks go to the *Sports Council for Glasgow* for offering some support funding to help make the event possible and to all eight of the coaches who helped out on the day"

Supporting Coaches workshop [posted 15/12/13]

Congratulations are due to the seven candidates, from six different west district clubs (Clydesdale CC, East Renfrewshire CC, Greenock CC, Helensburgh CC, Renfrew CC and Victoria CC) who successfully completed the "Supporting Coaches" workshop held today. The workshop provided advice to attendees about recruiting, developing and retaining coaches and volunteers. Thanks, too, to **sportscotland** for funding the workshop.



West Development Manager update [posted 06/12/13]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his December update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Under 12 and 13 "trawl" [posted 06/12/13]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated a letter about an opportunity that the Regional Development Centre (West) is able to offer to under 12 and under 13 players in west district. In his email, Tim notes, " am aware that timings are quite tight and that we are close to the holiday period. However, due to hall availability and because I only received confirmation of the funding this week, the date for the 'trawl' is really the only date that it is possible to run the event. I think this is an exciting opportunity and I hope that there is some interest in the event. The aim is to complement the existing Area Development Group programme. As always, if clubs have any queries please do not hesitate to get in contact." A [letter](#) detailing more about this opportunity is online.

Area development groups winter training [posted 02/12/13]



The Ayrshire and South Glasgow area development groups have announced winter training dates, for their Under 12 and Under 14 squads, for 2014. The Ayrshire sessions will take place at the Ayrshire Athletics Arena on the following Fridays: 17 January, 14 February and 14 March. The South Glasgow sessions will take place at Hutchesons' Grammar School on the following Sundays: 5 January, 16 February and 23 March. For more details about area development groups contact [Tim Hart](#).

November 2013

Coaching course - successful candidates [posted 24/11/13]

Congratulations to the twelve coaches from five different west district clubs (Clydesdale CC, East Kilbride CC, East Renfrewshire CC, Greenock CC and Prestwick CC) who successfully completed the ICC Introduction to Cricket Course today at Hutchesons' Grammar School Sports Hall.

Coaching workshop [posted 19/11/13]

[Tim Hart](#) has passed on details about a new Sports Coach UK workshop. Commenting on the course, Tim says, "Through partnership work with **sportscotland** this workshop will be free and, therefore, I hope that as many clubs as possible will be willing to send a representative on December the 15th." There is an enrolment form [online](#).

ICC Introduction to Cricket course [posted 18/11/13]

Tim Hart notes that there are still a handful of places remaining on the upcoming ICC Introduction to Cricket (coaching) course. The course will take place at Hutchesons' Grammar School, from 3pm to 9pm, on Sunday the 24th of November. Anyone wishing more details about the course should contact [Tim](#).

Strathclyde University Cricket - coaching opportunity [posted 11/11/13]

The Strathclyde University Cricket Club is looking for a coach, preferably with at least a UKCC Level 2 qualification. The university club's practice session is once a week, on a Thursday, from 8pm to 9.30pm, at the Centre for Sport and Recreation. The starting date for the successful candidate would be the 21st of November, and the final training session is scheduled for the 2nd of May, with gaps for Christmas and Easter. Payment for the role is negotiable. Applicants should [email](#) the university's Club Captain, Alan Laycock, for more information.



West Development Manager update [posted 01/11/13]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his November update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

October 2013

Coaching workshop [posted 28/10/13]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "A total of nine coaches, representing five different clubs (Ayr CC, Clydesdale CC, East Kilbride CC, East Renfrewshire CC and Poloc CC) and one Area Development Group (South Glasgow), took the opportunity to attend the RDC (West) Coach Support Workshop on Sunday the 27th of October. The workshop, which was free to attend, took place at Hutchesons' Grammar School and focussed on warm-ups (including the delivery of a warm-up to the RDC (West) winter training squad) before enabling the attendees to watch the early part of the RDC (West) training session. The workshop then moved on to discuss the attributes that would ideally be seen in a 'good' Under 11 player, before finishing with an insight into the recent RDC (West) talent 'trawl' and trial process - and the qualities that the RDC looks for in players. Thanks go to those coaches who gave up their time to attend the workshop and to the RDC (West) players and coaches for their support of the workshop."

Coaches workshop [posted 15/10/13]

We have information - [online here](#) - about a coach support workshop being held later this month. As part of the RDC (West) winter programme, its coaches would like to offer others the opportunity to watch part of a RDC session and to have a discussion thereafter focusing on the qualities that RDC coaches are looking for in players. The RDC will be running a workshop in and around its training session on Sunday the 27th of October, at Hutchesons' Grammar School Sports Hall. The session, which is free to attend, will run from 1.30pm to 4.30pm and is open to all Area Group Coaches, all Junior Convenors and any other interested UKCC Level 2 (or equivalent/higher qualification) coaches. The workshop will cover the following areas:

- warm-ups;
- delivery of a warm-up;
- viewing of part of a RDC session;
- discussion on qualities looked for in a RDC player; and
- insight into qualities from an RDC perspective.

West Development Manager update [posted 11/10/13]



[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his October update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

September 2013

Regional Development Centre (West) "Talent Trawl" [posted 25/09/13]

The Regional Development Centre (West) ("RDCW") will be hosting an Under 15 "Talent Trawl" early in October. Each Area Development Group has been asked to suggest players that they think should be considered for the trawl. The session will be used as part of a talent identification process – but performances in 2013 (in junior cricket, senior cricket and representative cricket) are also important elements, along with a player's commitment to training sessions and general level of behaviour at any area group sessions and/or fixtures. If any club has a player who was not available for the 2013 Inter-Area tournament programme but that they think should be considered for the trawl they should, in the first instance, contact their local Area Development Group. In exceptional circumstances, clubs may get in contact with [Tim Hart](#) directly.



West Development Manager update [posted 05/09/13]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his September update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

August 2013

Inter-area competition news [posted 18/08/13]

Both inter-area games scheduled for today were off. North Glasgow Under 12s were due to host South Glasgow Under 12s at Hamilton Crescent (West of Scotland CC) but overnight, and early morning, rain left the ground unplayable. Meanwhile, Torrance House (East Kilbride CC) was scheduled to be hosting Lanarkshire Under 14s against Dumfries & Galloway Under 14s. Unfortunately, this game also did not take place - with Dumfries & Galloway being unable to field a side.



West Development Manager update [posted 14/08/13]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his August update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Clyde Sharks versus North Glasgow Under 14s [posted 12/08/13]

[Ian Holland](#) reports "Despite the morning rain and almost constant threatening clouds blowing over the ground Clyde Sharks and North Glasgow managed to play a T20 version of their inter-area match at Glenpark yesterday. Winning the toss, Sharks opted to bat and after three balls from James Guy (West of Scotland CC) were 0 for 2 with both players caught in the ring to balls which stopped on the slow wicket. Ruairidh Russell (Glasgow Accies CC) then joined in with another wicket in the fourth over leaving the Sharks on a precarious 4 for 3. Some loose balls were despatched by Louis Ware (Greenock CC) to get the score moving and two Helensburgh CC players Calum Caskie and Gregor Chambers steadied things with watchfull defence allied to good running and putting the odd bad ball away. Gradually the score inched upwards on a wicket hard to time the ball on but Glasgow North kept taking wickets to halt progress. Their fielders backed the bowlers up well especially Thomas Aston (Glasgow Accies CC) who saved numerous runs at the crucial deep extra cover position on the short boundary. Some typically one day running saw Sharks up to 77 for 9 with five North Glasgow bowlers taking wickets Guy's 3 for 8 being the outstanding contribution followed by Russell's 1 for 9 off 4. Top score was Caskie with 17 followed by Ware with 15.

"The North Glasgow reply couldn't have been more different with 29 up off the first six overs but then three overs passed for only 1 run as Ferguslie CC's Haroon Tahir and Shoaib Khan found the perfect length backed up by tigerish fielding. Jack Holland (Hillhead CC) perished first, for 13, as the Sharks turned the screw and when Tahir took his second wicket West of Scotland CC's Robbie McCallum entered to his captain's call of, "Don't get out." He played himself in by despatching his first ball over the wall at mid-wicket followed by the sound of breaking glass as he took out a car windscreen. Seconds later an irate face appeared above the wall refusing to return the ball until someone from Greenock CC came over to confirm the club had insurance cover for such eventualities. After a ten-minute delay, made all the more tense by the thick black clouds hovering overhead, our ball was returned with one of the North Glasgow boys being heard to ask, "Is the guy annoyed?" McCallum, concentration unaffected, proceeded to thump the next ball to the boundary. He then followed up with three more for 22 not out off seven deliveries and victory in 16.4 overs John Oliver (Glasgow Accies CC) carrying his bat for

a valuable 17*, slow but on that wicket priceless. Pick of the *Sharks'* bowlers were Tahir with 2 for 16 off his four and Khan with three overs for only 7 runs.

"Thanks are due to the umpires Ronnie Gilliland and Naveed Hussain for sticking it out from noon till play could get underway at 3.40pm and particularly to the Greenock CC Ground Convenor who worked tirelessly with his super soaker removing the puddles caused by the frequent showers during the three-hour wait."

Clyde beat Ayrshire in Under 14 Inter-area competition [posted 05/08/13]

[Tim Hart](#) reports "Clyde *Sharks* Under 14s were the visitors to Ayrshire, and Ayr CC, on Sunday the 4th of August. Ayrshire won the toss and elected to field first. They were rewarded with an early wicket before the *Sharks* top order took control of the game. Their 240 for 7 centred largely around two fine individual performances, from Taimoor Ahmad (Ferguslie CC) and Gregor Chambers (Helensburgh CC). Ahmad hit eight boundaries in his 56 and Chambers twelve boundaries in his 80 - with both batters displaying extremely impressive shot selection as they compiled their runs. There were also cameo 20-somethings from Helensburgh CC's Caskie (23*) and Shoaib Khan of Ferguslie CC (27). For Ayrshire, the wickets were spread between five bowlers.

"In reply, the *Sharks* then struck early - picking up wickets in the second and third overs. As with the earlier innings, the wickets would go on to be well spread out. However, Ewan Stewart (Greenock CC) took 3 for 5 from his two overs, and Ahmad returned figures of 4-2-4-2, as Ayrshire were bowled out for 47 and Clyde completed an impressive win." [[Scorecard](#)]

July 2013

Tour photo's [posted 27/07/13]

There are photo's from the recent South Glasgow Development squad's Lancashire tour in the [Gallery](#). The squad played - and won - both games played, the first, a T20, at Stretford CC, followed by a 30 overs-a-side match played at Whalley Range CC. The youngsters also enjoyed an evening at Old Trafford - venue for next week's third Ashes Test, starting on Thursday - where they watched the Lancashire versus Yorkshire Roses T20.

The South Glasgow tour follows in the footsteps of the Ayrshire Development group's two recent tours to the north-west of England in the last two seasons, such tours giving the youngsters involved great experience of playing against unknown opponents in different conditions.



Inter-area competitions [posted 26/07/13]

The latest Inter-area competition tables are [online](#).

South Glasgow tour, day two match report [posted 25/07/13]



Day two of the South Glasgow Under 14 tour to Lancashire saw the side take on Whalley Range CC in a 30-overs-a-side match. The tourists batted first, openers Owain Taylor (Clydesdale CC) and Owais Shah (Poloc CC) putting on 63 for the first wicket, that wicket seeing Shah dismissed for 44 by Simmons, edging him to 'keeper Hallworth. In what would turn out to be a five-dismissal innings for Hallworth, in addition to catching Shah he went on to take catches to dismiss two other batters and execute two stumpings to make it a "5-for" of sorts. Jack Greenwood (Weirs CC), replaced Shah, but made just 4 before Luke Macias put on 29 with club-mate Taylor to see his side reach 96 when the third wicket fell.

Macias was the batter dismissed, and as had happened when Shah got out, one wicket brought another, this time Taylor (30) getting out almost immediately. Just over seven overs were left when the fourth wicket fell, and from this juncture it was a case of trying to up the run-rate. The effect, perhaps predictably, was for wickets to be taken, though Clydesdale CC's Zain Ashraf - batting at six - did bat through with the lower order for an unbeaten 33, as a total of 157 all out was set with the last ball of the allotted 30 overs. The home side's reply started slowly with just 12 runs being scored from the first five overs. Roscoe (2) had also been dismissed, South Glasgow making the breakthrough in the fourth over. This brought number three Butterworth to the middle, and he would top-score for Whalley Range CC, scoring his 23 from 31 deliveries before being caught by Rorie McWilliam (Poloc CC) off the bowling of Macias. Aside Butterworth and last man Simmons (11), none of the home side's other batters reached double figures, with wides (15) being the second biggest contributor to the eventual score of 84 all out. The wickets were shared around the bowlers, twelve of the tourists being allowed to bowl. This meant that the top bowling performance of the day, as regards wicket-haul, belonged to Whalley Range CC's Staves who took 3 for 30 in his six overs. When Whalley Range CC's last man was run out off the first ball of the 28th over, the tourists had recorded their second win of the tour, by 73 runs. [[Scorecard](#)]

South Glasgow tour, day one match [posted 24/07/13]



Following on from the successes of the Ayrshire Development Group's two recent mini-tours to the north west of England, this week sees the South Glasgow group down in Lancashire. The touring squad's first game, today, saw them play at the picturesque Stretford CC ground (pictured left). The home side batted first and posted 74 for 5, O'Malley, batting three, top-scoring with 21 from 38 deliveries, with the other meaningful contribution coming from Stretford CC's skipper Tresnan who scored a run-a-ball 20 opening the batting with O'Brien. And in a steady start the hosts got to 29 without loss in the first seven overs.

However Tresnan's wicket in the eighth over triggered a fight-back from the South Glasgow side, restricting Stretford CC to just another 7 runs in overs eight to eleven. As the end of innings approached there was, then, the usual flurry of quick singles scurried and wickets taken, Stretford CC eventually finishing 74 for 5. In reply, South Glasgow got off to a quick start scoring 32 from the first three overs. Poloc CC's Owais Shah retired having reached 30, and then - in over nine - Stretford CC made the breakthrough, Sahil Kakar (Clydesdale CC) being dismissed by O'Brien courtesy of a catch taken by Gold. 51 for 1. This then became 51 for 2 after Kakar's clubmate, Imran Ameen, was run out for 10 by that man O'Brien again. However there would be more wickets for the home side as the winning post of 75 was passed when Calum James (Poloc CC) hit the first ball of Masters' third over - the fifteenth over of the innings - for 4 to see South Glasgow win by eight wickets with just over a quarter of their overs to spare. [[Scorecard](#)]

Inter-area competition averages [posted 24/07/13]

As a new feature here on the website, a complete listing of batting, bowling and fielding statistics and averages has been added. You can find these [here](#).

Ashraf and Dhami star in South Glasgow Under 14s win [posted 22/07/13]



[Tim Hart](#) reports "Glorious sunshine and a ground in great condition greeted South Glasgow Under 14s as they went to Galloway CC for the latest Under 14 Inter-area competition game. South Glasgow elected Owain Taylor (Clydesdale CC) as skipper, he won the toss and watched as the opening bats enjoyed their time in the middle! Zain Ashraf (Clydesdale CC) followed up last week's 94 by getting to three figures and Kallum Dhami (Clydesdale CC) followed suit about five overs later. Normally at this age group, batters get to 30 and then go for over-expansive shots and get out. However, the two showed great determination - and a commitment to just batting. They were not 'perfect' hundreds, with both offering up a couple of hard chances - but shot selection, running between the wickets and commitment to playing straight until a bad ball arrived was pleasing.

"With the temperature reaching the high 20s, both retired 'hurt' (very dehydrated - such was the punishingly aggressive run between the wickets) after 30 overs, with the score on 262 for 0. Ashraf scored 108* (off 93 deliveries) and Dhami 103* (off 91 deliveries). South Glasgow would eventually finish 346 for 1 off their 40 overs, with Owais Shah (Poloc CC) adding 32* at the end of the innings - after hitting his first ball for a classy one-bounce four, straight over the bowler's head. Throughout the innings, Dumfries & Galloway stuck at it really well. There was some really good commitment in the field and, in small spells, the bowlers and fielders were able to combine very well to preventing the singles. Harry Campbell (Galloway CC) was the pick of the bowlers, with his eight overs of off-spin. He displayed a good control of flight and subtle variations and wicket taking ball was a perfect delivery - with flight, drift and turn to beat bat and pad.

"In reply, the South Glasgow bowlers struggled to control the swinging ball - with 20 wides being offered up in just under eighteen overs. Campbell continued his good day - looking very comfortable for his 13 before being caught behind off the bowling of Rorie McWilliam (Poloc CC). McWilliam picked up another with his seam, Shah took '4-for' with his leg-spin (including three in five deliveries), Taylor took one wicket, Luke Macias (Clydesdale CC) took one wicket - and there were two run outs and four catches and two stumpings for Ashraf. Dumfries & Galloway Under 14s 76 all out. Although the margin of defeat was considerable, it was a game with lots of positives - and it was great to get the Dumfries & Galloway team together for another fixture. Thanks must go to Howard Bradley at Galloway CC for preparing the grounds and teas, to the commitment of the parents to help get all the players to the game and to Fraser Conn (Dumfries & Galloway) and Sam Tung (South Glasgow) for helping with umpiring the game.



"And Ashraf (pictured left reaching his 100) and Dhami (pictured right reaching his 100) will look back with fond memories on a truly exceptional partnership - one which broke the previous Inter-area record, and surely broke the record for any partnership in the history of youth cricket within the west. Well batted to both players." The [scorecard](#) of the game is online.



Dumfries & Galloway and Lanarkshire Under 14s play first games in Under 14 Inter-area competition [posted 12/07/13]

[Tim Hart](#) reports, "Sunday the 7th and Thursday the 11th of July saw Dumfries & Galloway Under 14s and Lanarkshire Under 14s make their season debuts in the Under 14 Inter-area competition. Both Area squads lost the games they played - but the key thing was that they *did* play and, in so doing, they gave young players from their respective Area Development Groups the opportunity to play in a longer format of the game. On Sunday, Langholm CC was the venue as Ayrshire travelled to play Dumfries & Galloway. Batting first, Ayrshire racked up 256 for 5 off their 40 overs. Lloyd Jefferson (Ayr CC) led the way with 50 (retired) and there were also good contributions from James Miller (Prestwick CC) with 48, Harry Boyd (Ayr CC) 45 and Matthew Davidson (Ayr CC) 31. In reply, Dumfries & Galloway were 58 all out - with 3 for 6 from Puskar Bhandari (Ayr CC). However, the highlight of the second innings was a clean bowled hat-trick from Boyd.

"On Thursday, Lanarkshire travelled to Titwood (Clydesdale CC) to play South Glasgow. Batting first, South Glasgow scored 322 for 7 off their 40 overs. Openers Kallum Dhami and Zain Ashraf (both Clydesdale CC) set a good base by putting on 74 for the first wicket in twelve overs. Following this, Ashraf put on a 100-partnership for the second wicket with Clydesdale CC teammate Owain Taylor. Ashraf was finally caught for 94, before Taylor was run out for 76. However, this didn't stop the runs flowing as Owais Shah (Poloc CC) added a very quick 46*. The pick of the Lanarkshire bowling attack was Fraser Belmore (East Kilbride CC) with 4 for 58 off his eight overs - one of which was thanks to a sensational grab from his club teammate Gaurav Rajmohan. In reply, Ahmed-Raza Hanif (Poloc CC) led the way with 3 for 12 - as Lanarkshire were dismissed for 64.

Despite the large difference in the scores, it was good to see both Dumfries & Galloway and Lanarkshire play their first games in the 2013 Inter-area competition. Thanks must go to Duncan Elliott (Langholm CC) for providing a ground, teas and for looking after the Dumfries & Galloway team and to all those club Junior Convenors who helped to get players on the pitch. Both teams will hope to fulfil more fixtures before the end of the season." [[Scorecards](#)]

June 2013

Andrew Flintoff Cricket Academy in Glasgow [posted 26/06/13]

[Activate Sport](#) are running one of their successful Andrew Flintoff Cricket Academy weeks in Glasgow next week - the 1st to 5th of July - at Kelvinside Academy. We've more information on the week [here](#) online, and anyone wanting more information should get in touch with [Alex Holingsworth](#) at Activate Sport (01159-731676)



Summer coaching courses [posted 10/06/13]

Glasgow Accies CC Junior Convenor [Colin Dawson](#) (07931-569138) has asked that we advertise the upcoming summer holiday cricket coaching that's taking place at [The Glasgow Academy](#) this year. [Registration forms](#) for the coaching courses are [online](#) now in this regard, as well as more information on the courses themselves.

Hutchesons' Grammar School progress in National Primary Schools' Cup [posted 06/06/13]



[Tim Hart](#) reports on yesterday's Kwik Cricket action. "Hutchesons' Grammar School P6s saw off challenges from Kilmacollm Primary School, The Glasgow Academy and The High School of Glasgow to reach the Finals Day of Cricket Scotland's National Primary Schools' Cup. The West Regional Qualifying Tournament took place at Titwood (Clydesdale CC), on Wednesday the 5th of June, and saw some great cricket played by all four schools. The first two rounds of fixtures saw Hutchesons' Grammar School and The Glasgow Academy win both their games. This set up a "winner takes all" game in the final round of fixtures.

"Led by 41 off nine deliveries from their skipper Struan Walker (Clydesdale CC), Hutchesons' Grammar School scored 291 from their eight overs. In reply, The Glasgow Academy skipper Jack McCamley (Glasgow Accies CC) seemed determined to lead his team to Finals Day - as 34 runs were scored of the first two overs. However, some good fielding (and fifteen dot balls) would prove to be the difference - as The Glasgow Academy finished on 263. Congratulations must go to all four teams for their effort and sportsmanship throughout the morning. And, in amongst the great team efforts, there were two outstanding piece of individual brilliance - one each from McCamley and Walker. In the first round of fixtures, Walker scored 50 (not out, off just eleven deliveries) and in the second round of fixtures McCamley hit 36 off one over! Thanks, too, to all the helpers and school staff who made the tournament possible, to Clydesdale CC for hosting the event and to Scotland internationalist Majid Haq for being present to watch the tournament and speak to the young players." There are a few photo's from yesterday's matches online in the [Gallery](#).



West Development Manager update [posted 05/06/13]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his June update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Ayrshire Under 14s lose to South Glasgow Under 14s [posted 03/06/13]

[Tim Hart](#) reports, "Ayrshire Under 14 hosted South Glasgow Under 14s at a sunny New Cambusdoon on Sunday the 2nd of June - and it was the Glasgow side that returned home with the victory. Batting first, South Glasgow appeared to be heading for another low total when they were reduced to 27 for 3 - with two early wickets for Matthew Davidson (Ayr CC). However, Calum James (Poloc CC) with 57, Jack Greenwood (Weirs CC) with 22, Rorie McWilliam (Poloc CC) with 32* and Zain Ashraf (Clydesdale CC) with 56 led South Glasgow to 229 for 6 off their 40 overs. An early run out, and two wickets for Kallum Dhami (Clydesdale CC), reduced Ayrshire to 24 for 3. However, the Ayrshire side did not have the same depth to their batting order and they were quickly reduced to 53 for 9. Davidson offered some resistance with 23, as did Ryan McCreath (Doon Valley CC) with 14 and wicket-keeper Sam Cole (Prestwick CC) with 12 - as the pair put on 21 for the tenth wicket. With both teams agreeing to play twelve players per side, Ayrshire were then - finally - all out for 82. As well as Dhami's "2-for", his Clydesdale CC teammate Ihtesham Ul Haq picked up "2-for" and Poloc CC's Ahmed-Raza Hanif took 3 for 17 off his five overs. The win moves South Glasgow to the top of the table. But they have played an extra game to their currently second-placed, cross-river rivals, North Glasgow." The [scorecard](#) of the game is online.

May 2013

North Glasgow Under 14s take the honours in Glasgow derby - report [posted 30/05/13]



[Tim Hart](#) reports, "Sunday the 26th of May saw the Glasgow derby take place in the Under 14 Inter-Area tournament. The venue was New Anniesland and the bragging rights, for this year at least, belong to the north of the city. Batting first South Glasgow (missing two of their normal top six - on *Western Warriors* Under 15 duties) struggled for runs. Luke Macias (Clydesdale CC) looked the most fluent of the South batters and top scored with 21.

Imran Ameen (Clydesdale CC) opened and battled away for 17, Owain Taylor (Clydesdale CC) tried to steady the ship towards the end with 14 not out, and Rorie McWilliam (Poloc CC) also made double figures with 12. The pick of the North bowlers was Ruairidh Russell (Glasgow Accies CC) with 3 for 10, and Tom Barrett (West of Scotland CC) also chipped in with 4 for 13. South Glasgow 97 all out. In reply, Kallum Dhami (Clydesdale CC) struck three times early on. With North Glasgow seemingly cruising to victory, an amazing ten overs in the middle saw only 10 runs added and three further wickets fall. However, a calm unbeaten 25 from John Oliver (Glasgow Accies CC) and 18 from Russell saw their side home to a three-wicket win, with two overs to spare - despite 3 for 19 from Dhami and the incredible figures of 8-4-7-1 from Aliyan Qureshi (Poloc CC).



West Development Manager update [posted 10/05/13]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his May update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Clyde Sharks versus South Glasgow, Under 12 Inter-area competition, 2013 - report [posted 05/05/13]

[Tim Hart](#) reports, "At Whitehaugh (Kelburne CC), South Glasgow Under 12 batted first and scored 160 for 7 in their 30 overs. The innings was set up by all five of the South Glasgow top order reaching double figures - led by 30 (retired) from Kess Sajjad and 28 from Uzzair Shah (both Poloc CC) and 16 from Taha Khan (Clydesdale CC). In reply, Clyde Sharks were reduced to 8 for 4 and never recovered. The South Glasgow bowling effort was led by Daniel Cairns (Clydesdale CC) taking 3 for 3, in his first game of the season. Clyde Sharks finished 65 all out - with the real headline being the 47 extras, including 42 in wides and no balls!" [Scorecard](#).

Ayrshire versus North Glasgow, Under 12 Inter-area competition, 2013 - report [posted 05/05/13]

[Tim Hart](#) reports, "At Cambusdoon (Ayr CC), a close game saw Ayrshire emerge as the winners, by 14 runs. Batting first, Ayrshire's 120 for 9 owed a lot to Prestwick CC teammates Sam Cole (39*) and Callan Turner (37), both batters returning to wicket having earlier reached the mandatory retirement score of 30. In between their retirements and returns, Amogh Agaram (Hillhead CC) had checked Ayrshire's progress with bowling figures of 2-1-1-3. In reply, Jai Tyagi (Hillhead CC) made a good 30 but no-one was able to support him, as North Glasgow finished on 106 off their 30 overs." [Scorecard](#).

South Glasgow versus Clyde Sharks, Under 14 Inter-area competition, 2013 - report [posted 05/05/13]

[Tim Hart](#) reports, "At Shawholm (Poloc CC), South Glasgow made it a double over their Clyde rivals - with a 22-run victory. Skipper Owais Shah (Poloc CC) got the South Glasgow innings off to a brisk start, with 28. A 60-run partnership between Luke Macias (Clydesdale CC) and Calum James (Poloc CC), 37 and 27 respectively, looked like setting South Glasgow up for a big total. However, 96 for 3 became 115 all out as Ferguslie CC teammates Taimoor Ahmad (6-1-20-4) and Haroon Tahir (7.4-2-23-3) demolished the South Glasgow middle, and lower, orders. In reply, Clyde looked very well set at 42 for 1. However, the sixth and seventh bowlers (inside fifteen overs!) used by South Glasgow bowled very well in tandem to apply the pressure that dragged their team back into the game. Clydesdale CC teammates Macias and Owain Taylor combined to bowl 11-4-18-3 and a smart stumping from Sahil Kakar (Clydesdale CC) off Shah's bowling left Clyde 58 for 5. Gregor Chambers (Helensburgh CC) and Tahir then put on 23 to leave the game very much in the balance. Shah had Tahir caught at mid-off before Ihtesham Ul Haq (Clydesdale CC) added to his earlier wicket with three clean bowleds. Ul Haq finished with 7-2-14-4, as Clyde finished 93 all out." [Scorecard](#).

North Glasgow versus Ayrshire, Under 14 Inter-area competition, 2013 - report [posted 05/05/13]

[Tim Hart](#) reports, "At Hamilton Crescent (West of Scotland CC), North Glasgow cruised to a quick win over an Ayrshire Under 14 team weakened by the rugby commitments of a number of its players. Bowling first, North Glasgow shared the wickets around - as Ayrshire were bowled out for just 49. The reply was short - with extras, unfortunately, top scoring." [Scorecard](#).

April 2013

Inter-area competitions, second round of matches [posted 30/04/13]

[Tim Hart](#) reports, "This Sunday sees round two of the Under 12 and Under 14 inter-area competitions. In the Under 12 competition, North Glasgow will be looking to build on their win of last weekend as they travel to New Cambusdoon to play Ayrshire. The other Under 12 fixture sees Clyde Sharks host South Glasgow. At Under 14 level, the fixtures are reversed - with each Area Development Group hoping to get their campaign off to a good start. Unfortunately, both Dumfries & Galloway versus Lanarkshire games have already been postponed however."

Schools Kwik Cricket festivals [posted 30/04/13]

[Tim Hart](#) wants to know if any club is planning to host a Kwik Cricket festival for local primary schools that they work with. If so, he would like to know details of the festival. Ideally: date, venue, timings, expected numbers and the lead club contact for the event.

Inter-area competitions, 2013 [posted 22/04/13]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "This coming Sunday (28th April) should have seen all six Area Development Groups play their first games in the 2013 Under 12 & Under 14 inter-area competitions. However, a combination of factors has resulted in at least half of the games being re-arranged for later on in the season. The second round of fixtures is scheduled for Sunday the 5th of May and details of all the fixtures can be found on [online](#). Good luck to all players, and all Area Development Groups, in their fixtures."



West Development Manager update [posted 15/04/13]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his April update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Ayrshire Summer Squad coach [posted 15/04/13]



Tim Hart, on behalf of the Ayrshire Area Cricket Development Group, announced today that, "Scott McElnea has been appointed as Ayrshire Summer Squad coach for 2013. He will officially take up post today, Monday the 15th of April. The group will be using the post to deliver cricket sessions to local primary school children, for a second summer in a row. The post has only been made possible thanks to the drive and determination of the group and the support of the Western District Cricket Union and Cricket Scotland. The support of all partner organisations is gratefully received and acknowledged." In discussing his new role, Scott commented "I am very excited to have the opportunity to be part of the development of cricket within Scotland - and to increase the number of young people participating in the sport. I am looking forward to being able to raise the local interest in cricket through the Ayrshire Area Cricket Development Group's Summer Squad post as I deliver to primary schools across Ayrshire."

Clyde Summer Squad coach [posted 15/04/13]



Tim Hart, on behalf of the Clyde Area Cricket Development Group, announced yesterday that, "Paul Davies has been appointed as Clyde Summer Squad coach for 2013. Paul comes to the post with a good knowledge of the Clyde Area Cricket Development Group and their aims and objectives. He will officially take up post on Monday the 15th of April. This is new a post for the group and will focus delivery within the Renfrewshire local authority region. The Clyde post has only been made possible thanks to the support of Cricket Scotland and the Community Sport Hubs which the three clubs are members of: the Paisley South Community Sport Hub (Ferguslie CC), the Paisley East and Ralston Community Sport Hub (Kelburne CC) and the Renfrew and Garrowhill Community Sport Hub (Renfrew CC). The support of all partner organisations is gratefully received and acknowledged." In discussing his new role, Paul commented "I am looking forward to helping to further develop a healthy interest in cricket within the Renfrewshire area and I also hope that local clubs will benefit from the increase in numbers participating in our sport."

March 2013



South Glasgow Summer Squad coach [posted 29/03/13]

[Tim Hart](#), on behalf of the South Glasgow Area Development Group, announced yesterday that, "Jeetinder Berman has been appointed as South Glasgow Summer Squad coach for 2013. Jeetinder, who comes to the post with a good knowledge of the local area, will be starting on Monday 8th April and will look to build upon the successful Summer Squad project of 2012. The South Glasgow post has, again, seen a partnership between local clubs, Clydesdale CC, Poloc CC and Weirs CC, East Renfrewshire Council and Cricket Scotland, who partnered together in 2012. In addition, funding support for the post has also been received this year from the Western District Cricket Union, support that is gratefully received and acknowledged."

TOPClub [posted 21/03/13]



Cricket Scotland has published updated information on its TOPClub programme. We have the information [online](#). In a covering email to clubs' Junior Convenors, [Tim Hart](#) noted "As many of you are aware, we had some problems with the TOPClub .pdfs. Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those clubs who returned the documentation - both for your time commitment and perseverance to get stuff submitted."

"Hopefully, we have now managed to rectify all the problems and the pdfs should now work as was intended. Please read the accompanying [letter](#) from Steve Paige and the updated TOPClub criteria."



Easter coaching courses [posted 15/03/13]

Glasgow Accies CC Junior Convenor [Colin Dawson](#) (07931-569138) has asked that we advertise the upcoming Easter holiday cricket coaching that's taking place at [The Glasgow Academy](#) this year. [Registration forms](#) for the two coaching courses - Under 13 and Under 18 - are [online](#) now in this regard, as well as more information on the courses themselves.



West Development Manager update [posted 08/03/13]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his March update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

February 2013

North Glasgow Under 12 winter training squad [posted 27/02/13]

North Glasgow Under 12s held their first winter training session at St. Thomas Aquinas' Secondary School on Friday the 22nd of February. Congratulations to the following players who have been asked to attend North Glasgow's winter programme: Hussain Mohsan and Cameron Rome (both Glasgow Accies CC), Amogh Agaram, Adam Khan, Ayub Khan and Jai Tyagi (all Hillhead CC) and Angus Barrett, Tony Fitzgerald, Angus Guy, Rahul Kumar, Guy Shafar and Robbie Simmers (all West of Scotland CC).

Cricket training camp - La Manga [posted 25/02/13]



[Steven Knox](#) has been in touch to advertise a cricket training camp that [StK Cricket](#) is running this Spring. Being held at the La Manga Club in Spain's Murcia district, the camp runs between the 31st of March and the 6th of April. More information about the camp is [here](#) online, but can also be had by contacting Steve himself by [email](#), or telephone (07847-308497). Steve says "The whole week costs just £700 and that includes everything (flights, accommodation, internal transport, insurance and food and drink).

"There's no age limit either, but the guys who've signed up so far are between 12 and 14. All we ask is participants have had experience of hard ball cricket."



West Development Manager update [posted 11/02/13]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his February update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Dumfries & Galloway Under 12 winter training squad [posted 06/02/13]

Dalbeattie High School was the venue, as the Dumfries & Galloway Area development group launched its Under 12 area group winter training programme on Sunday the 27th of January. Congratulations to the following players who have been offered the opportunity to attend the winter sessions: Cameron Barnett, Jamie Crawford, Ross Dalling, Ryan Geddes, Calum Kirk, Reece McNay, Harshit Morisetty (all St. Michael's CC) and Glen Montgomery (Galloway CC).

January 2013



Holiday coaching courses [posted 30/01/13]

Glasgow Accies CC Junior Convenor [Colin Dawson](#) (07931-569138) has asked that we advertise the upcoming February holiday cricket coaching that's taking place at [The Glasgow Academy](#) this year. [Registration forms](#) for the coaching courses are [online](#) now in this regard, as well as more information on the courses themselves.

South Glasgow Under 12 and Under 14 winter training squads [posted 20/01/13]

The South Glasgow area development group delivered the first sessions to its Under 12 and Under 14 squads, as part of a winter training programme, on Sunday the 13th of January. The back-to-back sessions took place at Hutchesons' Grammar School Sports Centre, in Pollokshields. Congratulations to the following players who have been offered the opportunity to attend further winter sessions. Under 12 squad: Duncan Adams, Daniel Cairns, Arman Farid, Taha Khan, Uzair Khan, Tarun Koteeswaran, Fayz Siddiqui, Abhishek Sinha, Alastair Thorrrington, Struan Walker (all Clydesdale CC), Fraser Belmore (Hutchesons' Grammar School) and Kess Sajjad, Sohaib Shah, Uzzair Shah and Joseph Spence (all Poloc CC). Under 14 squad: Imran Ameen, Zain Ashraf, Kallum Dhami, Sahil Kakar, Luke Macias, Ihtisham Malik, Owain Taylor, Ihtesham Ul Haq (all Clydesdale CC), Ayub Ahmed, Ahmed-Raza Hanif, Calum James, Rorie McWilliam, Abtaha Maqsood, Aliyan Qureshi, Owais Shah (all Poloc CC) and James Duncan, Jack Greenwood, Cameron Hogarth and Campbell Laing (all Weirs CC).

Ayrshire Under 12 and Under 14 winter training squads [posted 19/01/13]

The Ayrshire area development group launched its Under 12 and Under 14 area group winter training programmes on Friday the 11th of January. The back-to-back sessions took place in the new Ayrshire Athletics Arena, in Kilmarnock. Congratulations to the following players who have been offered the opportunity to attend the winter sessions. Under 12 Squad: Puskar Bhandari, Luca Hall, Sam Jefferson, James Maxwell, Nathan Murray, Richie Simpson and Ryan Stribling (all Ayr CC), Kieran Robertson (Kilmarnock CC), Scott Clelland, Sam Cole, Luke Mahoney, Euan McBeth, Fletcher Rao, Callan Turner, Ellen Turner and Finn Turner (all Prestwick CC). Under 14 Squad: Matthew Baines, Harry Boyd, Matthew Davidson, Lewis Hannah, Lloyd Jefferson, Harry Lynch, Daniel Mahoney, Cameron Reece and Sam Stribling (all Ayr CC), Ryan McCreath and Rory Parker (Doon Valley CC), Fraser McLaren (Kilmarnock CC) and Benjamin Lawler, David Miller, James Miler, Sandy Morgan and Zoe Young (all Prestwick CC).

Dumfries & Galloway Under 14 winter training squad [posted 18/01/13]

Dumfries & Galloway's area development group began their winter programme with an Under 14 session on Sunday the 13th of January at Dalbeattie Community Centre. Although a cold and snowy morning, two Under 14 players (plus a specially invited Under 15) attended the session which focussed on a revision of some of the fundamentals of batting and fielding. Congratulations to the following players who have been offered the opportunity to attend the winter sessions: Lochlan Hughes and Glen Montgomery (both Galloway CC). More players will be added to the training squad prior to the next session.

North Glasgow Under 14 winter training squad [posted 17/01/13]

The North Glasgow area development group launched its Under 14 area group winter training programme on Friday the 11th of January at St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School. Congratulations to the following players who have been offered the opportunity to attend the winter sessions: Thomas Aston, Lewis Gilkison, Arman Khan, Uwais Mohsin, John Oliver and Ruairidh Russell, (all Glasgow Accies CC), Louis Green, Jack Holland and Keshav Soni, (all Hillhead CC), and Tom Barrett, Anubhav Chowdury, Callum Coats, Aidan Fitzgerald, Murray Godsman, Raghav Kumar, Robbie McCallum, Jonathan Stark and Rob Thornton, (all West of Scotland CC).

Area development groups winter programmes [posted 17/01/13]

Ayrshire, Clyde, Dumfries & Galloway, North Glasgow and South Glasgow are all running winter training programmes for their Under 12 and Under 14 age-groups. For more information about local Area Cricket Development Groups please go to the [Area development groups](#) page.



West Development Manager update [posted 17/01/13]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his January update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

December 2012



West Development Manager update [posted 04/12/12]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his December update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

November 2012

Cricket Scotland Winter Skills Update, workshop [posted 18/11/12]

[Tim Hart](#) writes, "A few people have provided me with some feedback as to possible reasons why there was so little interest in the recently scheduled Winter Skills Update workshop. One theory for the lack of interest was that the course was due to run on a weeknight. Therefore, I have decided to re-schedule the course for a Sunday afternoon. In order to make a contribution towards covering the cost of hiring the venue I need to ask for a small contribution from each attendee please. The aim of the workshop is to deliver the key themes of repetition of skills and the **FUND**amentals." A [booking form](#) for the course is online.



West Development Manager update [posted 07/11/12]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his November update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Winter skills workshop - cancelled [posted 01/11/12]

Tonight's Cricket Scotland winter skills workshop at Hutchesons' Grammar School Sports Hall has been cancelled with only one person having enrolled.

October 2012



West Development Manager update [posted 02/10/12]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his October update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

September 2012

Inter-area competitions [posted 14/09/12]

Tim Hart has circulated the final tournament [tables](#) for 2012's two inter-area competitions. With all results in, the Under 12 tournament winner is confirmed as being South Glasgow, whilst the Under 14 tournament was won by Clyde Sharks. In sending the final tables Tim also gave details of an upcoming meeting for area groups. Tim writes, "I would like to invite all area squad managers and another representative of each Area Development Group to attend a meeting on Thursday the 4th of October at Titwood (home of Clydesdale CC) starting at 7pm. At this meeting we will review the 2012 season and there will be a brief presentation." Tim continued, "I think that, despite the weather, we have had a productive season and I want to focus on how we can build upon this and help to drive the area groups even further forward. I would really appreciate it if all invitees could make every effort to attend this meeting."



West Development Manager update [posted 05/09/12]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his September update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

August 2012

Under 14 inter-area tournament [posted 22/08/12]

Sunday saw the latest match in this season's inter-area tournament, Clyde Sharks hosting Ayrshire at Glenpark, Greenock. The result was a win for the *Sharks*, the scorecard is [online](#).



West Development Manager update [posted 04/08/12]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his August update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

July 2012

Ayrshire tour [posted 29/07/12]

The Ayrshire Development Group has been on tour in the north of England again this year, following on from their hugely successful and enjoyable tour last season. We have the tour [scorecards](#) online, as well as a [photograph](#) of the touring party. Dougie Johnstone, reporting on the tour, writes: "On day one of the tournament Ayrshire played the English team Ormskirk in the first game. On winning the toss Ayrshire elected to bat and made a very respectable 141 for 4 with Robbie Henderson (Ayr CC) top-scoring with 47. Ayrshire then restricted Ormskirk to 75 all out with Chris Taylor (Ayr CC) 3 for 2, and Andy Baillie (Prestwick CC) 2 for 17, the best bowlers. Ormskirk included in their ranks some Lancashire representative players and this was an excellent and comprehensive win.

"In the afternoon Ayrshire then played the highly fancied Irish team, Leinster, which is the second-biggest club in Ireland boasting nine adult male teams and around 200 juniors. Ayrshire again won the toss and batted first posting an even better 153 for 3 with Mitchell Rao (Prestwick CC) top-scoring with 46 and Muhammad Azeem (Kilmarnock CC) giving good support with 36. Ayrshire then restricted Leinster to 79 for 8 with Andy Baillie again taking two wickets and Jonathan Baines (Ayr CC) taking 2 for 3.

"On the second morning Ayrshire faced Welsh opposition in Northop Hall knowing that 40 runs would be enough to see them through. Mitchell Rao again won the toss and batted first. Ayrshire were soon in trouble at 31 for 4 after nine overs however before Mitchell Rao (43 not out) and Luke Johnstone (Ayr CC), 27 not out) rescued the innings with a partnership of 74 to leave Ayrshire on 105 for 4. Ayrshire then bowled superbly and had the Welsh in trouble at 46 for 3, then 75 for 5. The Welsh needed 16 off the last two overs and took 14 off the nineteenth before hitting the winning boundary off the third ball of the last over to win by 5 wickets. However, Ayrshire had qualified for the final against the Welsh and again batted first despite losing the toss for the only time on tour. Robbie Hendersen (27) and Muhammad Azeem (29) got Ayrshire off to a flier before Mitchell Rao, with a 50, helped see the team to 138 for 4. Northop Hall then put on 68 for an opening partnership in thirteen overs before Jake Johnstone (Ayr CC) broke the crucial partnership. Ayrshire then bowled tightly taking four more wickets to deservedly win the tournament, eventually winning the final by 16 runs. Congratulations to all the boys for their performances, and thanks to Ormskirk CC for creating this tournament and for their hospitality.

"Finally, on the third day of the tour, Ayrshire travelled to Keswick for a 35 over game. Ayrshire batted first on a damp wicket and thanks to Michael Miller (Prestwick CC, 43) and Jake Johnstone (39), with an excellent partnership of 80, managed to post a competitive 125 for 7. Keswick were soon in trouble at 24 for 5 but a sixth wicket partnership of 84 between the Travaskas brothers almost saw them home before they lost a further two wickets and scraped home with three wickets and 10 balls to spare. A great game to end a wonderful tour and thanks to Keswick for their hospitality."

Inter-area scorecards [posted 17/07/12]

Scorecards from three of Sunday's inter-area tournament matches are [online](#) now.



West Development Manager update [posted 05/07/12]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his July update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

June 2012

Cricket Scotland "come and try" session cancelled [posted 20/06/12]

The "come and try" session for women, scheduled for tomorrow at Hutchesons' Grammar School in Glasgow has been cancelled.

Girls and women "come and try" event [posted 07/06/12]

West Community Development Manager [Tim Hart](#) has circulated information on a "come and try" event for girls and women. Tim writes, "On Sunday the 10th of June, from 10am to 12 noon there will be a Cricket Scotland Wildcats *Come and Try Morning*. This will be a morning of "Kwik Cricket" (a mixture of games and skills) which will be led by Women's Cricket Manager Kari Carswell and a couple of the other Senior Wildcat players. The event is being held at Clydesdale CC and is an excellent opportunity for all young female players in the west of Scotland to get together for a morning of cricket. No previous experience of cricket is necessary, so any girls who are interested in cricket can come and try. I think that this is a great opportunity to try and boost girls cricket in the west of Scotland by bringing all girls that currently play together for a morning of "Kwik Cricket" and coaching from members of Cricket Scotland's Ladies team. The invitation is also extended to any girls not currently playing cricket - but that are willing to come and try. I would very much appreciate it if you could forward this invitation on to any girls that currently play at your club. Additionally, could you please let me know if any girls confirm that they wish to attend."

Inter-area matches [posted 06/06/12]



The [scorecards](#) from another couple of inter-area tournament matches are now online. The latest [tournament tables](#) are also online.



Summer coaching courses [posted 05/06/12]

Glasgow Accies CC Junior Convenor [Colin Dawson](#) (07931-569138) has asked that we advertise the upcoming summer holiday cricket coaching that's taking place at [The Glasgow Academy](#) this year. [Registration forms](#) for the coaching courses are [online](#) now in this regard, as well as more information on the courses themselves.



West Development Manager update [posted 04/06/12]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his June update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

May 2012

Primary Schools cup - revised date and entries [posted 23/05/12]



West Community Development Manager [Tim Hart](#) has circulated [application forms](#) for the *rescheduled* 2012 Asda National Primary Schools' Cup to clubs' Junior Convenors today. As he did in advance of the original scheduled event, Tim has asked that convenors please forward forms on to any primary schools that their clubs have links with. Anyone with any queries regarding the competition please get in contact with [Tim](#) (07825-172346).

Inter-area tournament results [posted 20/05/12]

There were two inter-area tournament games' results submitted today. At Hamilton Crescent, Glasgow North Under 12s defeated Ayrshire by three wickets, chasing 86 to beat the youngsters from down the M77. Batting first Ayrshire's 85 all out owed much to 40 not out from Weaver, whilst for Glasgow North bowlers Kumar (4 for 20) and Barrett (3 for 26) had standout bowling figures. Chasing 86 for the win, Glasgow North passed their target in the 21st over, Barrett completing a good all-round performance with 26 (retired), whilst Coats also retired after getting to 25. For Ayrshire, Rao - with 4 for 11 - very nearly did enough to give his side a sniff of a win, but it was not to be and the home side secured the win.

Meanwhile, at Meikleriggs in Paisley, Clyde Sharks were another home winner, beating Glasgow South in the Under 14 inter-area tournament. The margin of victory in this game was just one wicket, the Sharks' 109 for 9 being enough to get past Glasgow South's 108 all out.

Ayrshire open their Under 14 inter-area campaign with a win [posted 07/05/12]

Lanarkshire Under 14s hosted Ayrshire Under 14s in the inter-area tournament yesterday in a match that saw the latter run out winners by 6 wickets. Set 139 to win by their hosts, in the 35 overs allotted, Ayrshire's successful run-chase featured a century from Ivan Craig. 100 exactly to be precise. Mention too of a fine opening partnership of 135 between Craig and Ayr CC club-mate Cooper. Craig's departure then sparked the near-farcical as three more wickets fell for no runs! As it was, however, the side regained its composure and victory was sealed in the 26th over. In the Lanarkshire innings, Allen had made 25 and Ghani 29, in the score of 138 for 6, with Brown taking 2 for 9.

First inter-area matches [posted 06/05/12]



The first matches in this season's inter-area tournaments took place today. The first result in saw Glasgow North Under 12s defeat Clyde Sharks Under 12s at Helenburgh CC's picturesque Ardencaple ground. The winners posted 138 for 2 batting first with Guy (28, retired) and Barrett (25, retired) top-scoring.

Coats also chipped in with 22. In reply the *Sharks* made 103 for 6, with two retirees of their own: Macias and Chambers both making unbeaten 25s. Thanks to Helensburgh CC for hosting the match and providing what are rumoured to have been top notch teas! In the "mirror" Under 14 tournament match at New Anniesland, it was, however, the *Sharks* who triumphed, beating Glasgow North's Under 14s by 90 runs. Batting first this time, the *Sharks* made 154 for 6 with Tahir (30) and Spence (32) doing most of the damage. In reply Glasgow North were skittled out for just 64, Farndale taking 4 for 7, and Ferguslie CC's Spence adding to his 32 with the bat by taking a "3-for".



West Development Manager update [posted 03/05/12]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his May update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Inter-area matches off [posted 02/05/12]

Both this Sunday's inter-area matches between South Glasgow and Dumfries & Galloway have been postponed.

April 2012

Working with children course [posted 21/04/12]



[Tim Hart](#) has notified clubs' Junior Convenors that he is delivering a Cricket Scotland coach development course called "Working with children" on Wednesday the 16th of May, between 6.30pm and 9pm, at Clydesdale CC in Glasgow. Tim says that "The course's aimed at coaches who work with players that are under thirteen years of age and is centred around 'Teaching games for understanding'."

The course will take place on the outfield, and there's no course fee. Anyone who wishes to attend should return the booking form to [Tim](#) before Tuesday the 1st of May - there's a copy [online](#).



West Development Manager update [posted 06/04/12]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his April update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

March 2012

TOPClub [posted 26/03/12]



Cricket Scotland has published updated information - including required accreditation criteria - on its TOPClub programme. We have the information [online](#). In its covering email, the national governing body noted "These documents have already been sent by local development staff to clubs' Junior Convenors and as the programme forms look at the whole club and not just the juniors it is imperative that clubs take a 'whole club development' approach to this. The development manager is there as a resource to assist clubs with their development and are their first port of call for assistance."



Easter coaching courses [posted 20/03/12]

Glasgow Accies CC Junior Convenor [Colin Dawson](#) (07931-569138) has asked that we advertise the upcoming Easter holiday cricket coaching that's taking place at [The Glasgow Academy](#) this year. [Registration forms](#) for the two coaching courses - Under 13 and Under 18 - are [online](#) now in this regard, as well as more information on the courses themselves.



First Aid course [posted 19/03/12]

[Tim Hart](#) (07825-172346) is reminding all clubs' Junior Convenors that there are a total of 24 places available on the two First Aid courses running at Titwood (home of Clydesdale CC) on Sunday the 1st of April. So far, Tim has only had three bookings for the courses and is asking clubs to let him know, as soon as possible, whether they have people who are wanting to attend. The booking form is [online](#) to download.

Inter-area tournament fixtures [posted 06/03/12]

The fixtures for the 2012 inter-area tournaments at both Under 12 and Under 14 age-groups were issued today. Both schedules are [online](#) now.



West Development Manager update [posted 05/03/12]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his March update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

February 2012

Community Coach positions [posted 28/02/12]



[Tim Hart](#), (07825-172346), Cricket Scotland's West Community Development Manager, has circulated information about Cricket Scotland's search for two self-employed cricket Coaches on behalf of the Ayrshire Development Group and South Glasgow Development Group. Tim has sent a copy of the advertisement for the posts and these are [online](#).



Cricket Scotland National Secondary School competitions [posted 10/02/12]

[Tim Hart](#) has sent out - to clubs' Junior Convenors - information about season 2012's Cricket Scotland-organised inter-schools competitions. Details are also here [online](#), and will be of interest to clubs with secondary school connections.



West Development Manager update [posted 05/02/12]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his February update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

January 2012

Half-term holiday coaching [posted 25/01/12]

Glasgow Accies CC's website is currently promoting cricket coaching that's taking place during the February half-term break. In its notice, the club's site notes: "The Glasgow Academy is running coaching courses during the half term holidays in February for any young and enthusiastic cricketer. The courses will be organised and delivered by Mr Vedam Hariharan who is the cricket professional with the Academy during the summer, and a leading overseas coach in Australian and Indian Cricket Centres of Excellence. The courses will take place at The Glasgow Academy. Several facilities will be used to provide the best possible environment for learning and developing cricket skills and knowledge. This will include the sports hall, which now offers four high quality net areas and the option of splitting into three large open working areas, a smaller gym which provides an ideal venue for more intense technical work in small groups and a large astro-turf area." More information [here](#).

Glasgow Under 12 area squad training session rescheduled [posted 18/01/12]

Tim Hart has managed to secure a new venue for the first Glasgow Under 12 area squad training session on Friday the 27th of January. The new venue is Mearns Castle High School in Newton Mearns. The time of the session is 6pm to 8pm.



West Development Manager update [posted 17/01/12]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his January update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

Glasgow Under 12 area squad training session cancelled [posted 10/01/12]

St. Thomas Aquinas school is now not available on Friday the 27th of January, says Tim Hart, and therefore the Glasgow Under 12 area squad training session cannot take place at that venue on that date. Tim is looking for another suitable venue and will keep clubs up-to-date on progress in this regard.

Ayrshire Development Group winter training [posted 11/01/12]

The Ayrshire Development Groups Under 12 and Under 14 age-group development squads have organised winter training sessions. The dates and times are as follows:

Under 12s: Citadel, Ayr, 12.30pm to 2pm, on Sunday 15 January, Sunday 19 February and Sunday 18 March.
Under 14s: Citadel, Ayr, 2pm to 3.30pm, on Sunday 15 January, Sunday 19 February and Sunday 18 March.

Glasgow Area Groups squads news [posted 09/01/12]

[Tim Hart](#) has booked winter training sessions for the Glasgow Area Groups Under 12 and Under 14 age-group squads. The dates and times are as follows:

Under 12s: St Thomas Aquinas Secondary School, 5pm to 7pm, on Friday 27 January, Friday 24 February and Friday 30 March.
Under 14s: St Thomas Aquinas Secondary School, 5pm to 7pm, on Friday 20 January, Friday 17 February and Friday 23 March.

In order to cover the cost of booking the hall there will be a charge of £10 per player. Tim has asked clubs' Junior Convenors to email [him](#) with players names they feel should be considered for these winter area squads. Both the Glasgow North and Glasgow South groups have also been invited to let Tim know of candidates to manage area squads during the coming season. Both area squads will be involved in the Under 12 and Under 14 Inter-Area Competitions (playing, probably, five games).

December 2011

Ayrshire awards night [posted 12/12/11]

Ayrshire Under 13s, the winners of the 2011 Inter-Area tournament, were presented with the winners shield by Cricket Scotland's Tim Hart at Ayr CC's New Cambusdoon on Friday evening. Pictures of the presentation - and winning squad - are online in the [Gallery](#). Congratulations to the Ayrshire players and coaches.



West Development Manager update [posted 01/12/11]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated his December update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

November 2011

UKCC2, Glasgow - sessions POSTPONED [posted 25/11/11]



We have been asked by Cricket Scotland to publicise here on the west junior website that both Saturday the 26th's and Sunday the 27th's, that's this weekend's, UKCC2 coaching course modules have had to be postponed because of illness to tutors. Cricket Scotland's sorry for both the inconvenience caused by this, and the short notice. In cancelling the modules, Tim Hart notes "We will rearrange modules five to eight for after Christmas and will provide as much notice as possible - it's my intention to confirm this by the end of next week. Should this cause problems for attendees please let me know and I will endeavour to find a solution." Tim can be contacted by [email](#) or 'phone (07825-172346).



West Development Manager update [posted 02/11/11]

[Tim Hart](#) has circulated an update on what's going on in here in the west in community development. His update was sent to clubs' Junior Convenors, and there's a copy here [online](#).

UKCC Level 2 assessment day [posted 01/11/11]

A UKCC Level 2 assessment day has been provisionally booked for Saturday 19th November at Mearns Primary School, Newton Mearns. [Tim Hart](#) asks that all candidates please remember to confirm with [Steve Paige](#) whether or not they are able to make the assessment day (in connection with last winter's UKCC Level 2 coaching course) on Saturday the 19th. Tim stresses that it is essential that all candidates reply (either way) this week, and if there are not enough positive responses then the assessment day will need to be cancelled.

October 2011

ECB recommendations for junior cricket [posted 25/10/11]

Cricket Scotland's Head of Community Development, Steve Paige, was at the WDJCU AGM held in Glasgow yesterday and distributed an ECB publication setting out the recommended pitch lengths, ball weights, and stump sizes for use in different age-group cricket matches. There are also differing recommendations for hard ball and soft ball play. The recommendations are also available online, [here](#) in the [Download centre](#).

Contact details [posted 25/10/11]

Please note that Tim Hart's contact email address is now: timhart@cricketscotland.com, and his previous WCA email address (administrator@westerncricketacademy.co.uk) will soon be "switched off". Please take note of Tim's amended contact details.

September 2011

Ayr get silver! [posted 05/09/11]

Cricket Scotland's website is, today, reporting that "Ayr Cricket Club has become the fourth Club in Scotland to be awarded the prestigious Silver TOPClub award, and in doing so become only the second SNCL club to reach this level. The certificate presentation was part of the club's junior presentation night, at which juniors aged four to eighteen were receiving medals and trophies for their accomplishments over the season. At the presentation, Cricket Scotland's Head of Community Development Steve Paige said "I congratulate Ayr Cricket Club on their fantastic achievement with regards to reaching Silver TOPClub - it is clear that the hard work put in by the

volunteers, parents and players is rightly paying dividends for the club, Ayr are a club I view as a model of good practice and one for others to follow." Well done to Ayr CC.



New development manager [posted 03/09/11]

Cricket Scotland is pleased to announce the recruitment of its new Community Development Manager to continue the development of the sport of cricket in the west of the country. The new manager is in post from 1 September and will help build on the existing work in the field. Tim Hart (left) will take up the role of West Community Development Manager, and has a good knowledge of cricket in the region through experience gained as Administrator at both Western Cricket Academy and west Regional Development Centre. He is also a member of the Scottish Sports Council along with being a qualified international hockey umpire.

August 2011

Ayrshire Development Group tour photo's [posted 06/08/11]

We have some good pictures from the Ayrshire Development Group's recent tour of the north of England. You can see them in the [Gallery](#).

Under 13 Inter-Area Tournament continues [posted 04/08/11]

The 2011 inter-area competition at Under 13 age-group continues, and this week saw South Glasgow travel to New Cambusdoon to take on Ayrshire. Batting first, South Glasgow posted 129 for 9 in their 30 overs, Lewis James (Poloc CC) top-scoring with 25. Shujaa Khan took 4 for 14 from six overs for the home area squad. In their reply, despite 35 from Khan, to add to his "4-for", Ayrshire fell 13 runs short of their target. For South Glasgow, Poloc CC's Akhil Ahmed took 5 for 22. The scorecard is [online](#).

July 2011

Ayrshire on tour, continued..... [posted 30/07/11]

Dougie Johnstone reports on day two of the Ayrshire Development Group's tour to the north of England.

"For their second game, on the Wednesday, Ayrshire travelled to the north-east, and to Ashington, half an hour north of Newcastle, which is Steve Harmison's and Iain Stewart's former club. On an overcast day (which eventually turned sunny) Ashington elected to bat first. Again excellent opening spells from Andrew Baillie (Prestwick CC) and Muhammad Azeem (Kilmarnock CC) had the opposition in early trouble at 3 for 2. County players Collins and Dodds then steadied the ship until a mix-up saw Collins run out after excellent work from Ayr CC's Sean McCrone to leave the home team in trouble at 46 for 3 after 18 overs. Dodds continued to be aggressive and held the innings together with some big hitting until he retired for 53. However, the home team were still in trouble at 119 for 5 after 36 overs until some big hitting, including one huge 6 from Sharkey, saw Ashington plunder 43 from the last four overs of the 40 to somehow reach an improbable, but gettable, 162 for 6.

"Ayrshire got off to a disastrous start losing Robbie Henderson (Ayr CC), Nairn (Prestwick CC) and Azeem to the opening bowlers until McCrone was involved in a mix-up with Prestwick CC's Mitchell Rao with the former being run out following good work from Collins. Luke Johnstone (Ayr CC) then departed quickly to the swing bowling of Collins followed by a mistimed pull by Rao to leave Ayrshire tottering at 43 for 6. This quickly became 65 for 8 until a fightback from Michael Miller (Prestwick CC) who batted superbly to reach a maiden, and thoroughly deserved, 50 against some high quality bowling. He was ably supported by Ayr CC's Khan, and Ayrshire were finally bowled out for 116 in the penultimate over.

"Perhaps a game which Ayrshire feel they could, and should, have won as they dominated the first 36 overs by bowling and fielding well up to that point but the last four overs of Ashington's innings and an early collapse from Ayrshire's top order put paid to any chance of winning. However, credit to Ashington's bowlers and fielders who gave little away and outlined the difference between playing normal Friday night cricket and playing high-class English opposition where you have to value your wicket more and work far harder for your runs. Ashington were well drilled in the field and their fielding was first class and they held on to everything and missed nothing in the field. Again the game was played in excellent spirit and thanks in particular to Simon Storey for organising it and putting on an excellent tea for the boys and thanks to his players for the manner in which they played the game."

Ayrshire on tour [posted 29/07/11]

Dougie Johnstone reports on the Ayrshire Development Group's tour to the north-west of England.

"On the first day of the Ayrshire Under 14 tour (Tuesday 26th July) Ayrshire travelled to the picturesque ground of Keswick (voted the "most picturesque ground of the year" in 2001!) on a glorious sunny day. On winning the toss Ayrshire skipper Mitchell Rao (Prestwick CC) elected to bat first on a flat batting track with a fast outfield. After losing Ayr CC's Robbie Henderson for 13, Muhammad Azeem (Kilmarnock CC) and Rao both batted gloriously to make 50s against two pacy opening bowlers who consistently bowled line and length, on or outside off stump and a high quality off spinner. Both retired at 50. Then, after losing Sean McCrone (Ayr CC) and Nairn (Prestwick CC) cheaply, the Ayr CC combo' of Luke Johnstone and Ivan Craig embarked on an excellent 100-run partnership with both players playing proper cricket shots against good bowling with Johnstone retiring at 50 and Craig making 35 before being bowled by Sharp in the third last over.

"After the allocated 40 overs Ayrshire had made 241 for 5. The pacy opening bowling partnership of Andrew Baillie (Prestwick CC) and Azeem bowled a miserly four-over spell each, with Baillie capturing Hodson with a big in-swing which the batsman misjudged and left only to see his off-stump being knocked over. Sharp then batted well to get 50 before returning at the end to be bowled by Baillie in his second spell. All the allocated bowlers bowled, and all bowled well, consistently bowling in the right areas with very few short balls or legside deliveries. Ayrshire also fielded particularly well as Keswick were all out for 106.

"Overall, an excellent day which was capped by the appearance of Henry Olonga of Zimbabwe fame who was happy to chat, and be pictured, with the boys. It has to be said that Keswick were outstanding hosts with one of the most picturesque grounds seen and a special mention must go to John Bryson and his wife Judith for their organisation, and for the excellent teas and hospitality provided. The Keswick players were a credit to themselves and their club for the spirit in which they played the game, as were the Ayrshire boys. Overall, a great start to the tour and photo's and match reports from the following two days will follow."

Under 13 inter-area championship update [posted 16/07/11]

Tournament organiser Tim Hart has released an up-to-date table showing the state-of-play with the 2011 Under 13 inter-area championship. You can see the table online [here](#), as well as the [scorecards](#) submitted to date.

June 2011

Uddingston CC summer coaching camp [posted 18/06/11]

Uddingston CC's Professional, [Rasika "Ras" Priyadarshana](#), is holding two summer cricket training camps at Bothwell Castle Policies. At both camps, Ras will be joined by two other professional cricket coaches and Uddingston CC's Australian "Overseas Amateur" Alec Day. Camp No. 1 is on between the 4th and 6th of July (inclusive), and Camp No 2 is on between the 25th and 27th July (inclusive). Each day will run from 11am to 4pm, and each camp costs £25 if paid up front, or £10 per day if paying on the day. Cheques should be payable to "Uddingston Cricket Club". Both camps are open to junior players of ALL ages. Ras can be contacted on either of the following mobile numbers for additional information: 07402-414958, or 07400-801825. A registration form for the camps is [online](#) here. Further information can also be had from [Chris Eyles](#) (07951-515183).

Ayrshire win in Under 13 inter-area championship [posted 12/06/11]

In the latest Under 13 inter-area championship match played in this season's tournament, today, Ayrshire Under 13s defeated Dumfries & Galloway Under 13s. Details to follow.

May 2011

Inter-Area competition underway [posted 25/05/11]

Tournament Director Tim Hart has passed on the first results reported to him from the 2011 Under 13 Inter-Area competition. Matches at Nunholm and New Cambusdoon took place on the 15th and saw wins for both visiting sides. In the south-west, North Glasgow chased 119 to beat their hosts who had posted 118 batting first, thanks in the main to Dumfries CC's Chris McBride's 61. In reply, North Glasgow's successful run chase owed much to West of Scotland CC's Robbie McCallum who scored 43 not out batting at five. In the end it was a three-wicket win. Meanwhile, up in Alloway, Clyde Sharks were the victors in another low-scoring match. The *Sharks'* 102 came courtesy of Ayrshire giving up 27 extras, before a "5-for" from Khan saw Ayrshire succumb to 79 all out. And this score would have been lower still had Clyde Sharks not returned their hosts' generosity by allowing 26 extras. The competition is underway then, and the [table](#), and [scorecards](#), are online.

April 2011

Cricket Scotland advertises West Development Manager position [posted 22/04/11]



Cricket Scotland is now advertising for a new West Development Manager. To take on the role being vacated by Iain Stewart, the job is a key development position in the west of the country. Any questions on the position should be directed to [Steve Paige](#), Cricket Scotland's Head of Community Development (07825-172341). A job advert and description are [online](#).

ASDA Primary School "Kwik Cricket" [posted 22/04/11]



[Chris Stewart](#), Cricket Scotland's and Dumfries & Galloway Council's Community Cricket Coach is running two events for schools in the west region that act as qualifiers for the ASDA National Primary Schools "Kwik Cricket" Festival at Doo'cot Park, Perth, later in 2011. To enter, Chris notes, teams must comprise children in P5 or P6 and must include three girls in the starting eight making up a team. And, no P7 players are permitted. The Dumfries & Galloway qualifying competition is in early June and the other west one is on Tuesday the 7th of June 2011, between 10am and 2.15pm, at Uddingston CC's Bothwell Castle policies ground. Clubs' school connections should let Chris know by the 10th of May 2011 if they're likely to attend. The national finals day in Perth is scheduled for Tuesday, 14 June. An explanatory letter, entry form and playing regulations are [online](#).

Iain Stewart moving to pastures new [posted 04/04/11]

Cricket Scotland's West Community Development Manager, [Iain Stewart](#), has been in contact with west clubs' Junior Convenors to tell them of his leaving his role with Cricket Scotland. In his email Iain, who has been in his west development role since 2007-08, said *"...as of April 22nd I will be leaving my post with Cricket Scotland as West Development Manager to take on a new job. I'd like to thank everyone who has supported me in my role over the past three and a bit years. It's been a big patch to cover with a lot of responsibilities but I have enjoyed it in the main, occasionally got frustrated by it and always been grateful for the hard work of volunteers like yourselves."* Everyone in the west wishes Iain well for his future.

March 2011

Protection of Vulnerable Groups [posted 02/03/11]



We have been sent information relating to the new *Protection of Vulnerable Groups* ("PVG") disclosure process introduced by the Scottish Government in February 2011. It has been brought to our attention that forms for the new PVG scheme will not be sent out automatically to National Governing Bodies and clubs. CRBS have asked us to inform clubs that if they require forms for the new PVG scheme they will need to 'phone the CRBS direct on 01786-849777.

If anyone has any further questions on this then they can contact either the Safeguarding in Sport section of [CHILDREN 1st](#). (CHILDREN 1ST, Sussex House, 61 Sussex Street, Kinning Park, Glasgow, G41 1DY, telephone: 0141-418 567, email: safeguardinginsport@children1st.org.uk).

International award [posted 01/03/11]



[Iain Stewart](#) has passed on news of Cricket Scotland's community development program being awarded top prize at the Pepsi ICC Development Programme Annual Awards 2010. The award - for [Best Overall Development Program](#) - follows on from Iain Stewart and his colleagues across the country winning the ECC regional award earlier in the year. Congratulations.

February 2011

Child protection and first aid courses [posted 10/02/11]



[Iain Stewart](#) is advertising two courses that might be of interest to people going through their UKCC1 coaching course. The two courses are on child protection and first aid respectively, and their details are below.

Safeguarding & Protecting Children course - cost: £25. Thursday, 24 March 2011, 6.30pm to 9.30pm at East Kilbride CC, Calderglen Country Park, Strathaven Road, East Kilbride, G75 0QZ. *First Aid course* - cost: £30. Tuesday, 29 March 6.30pm to 9.30pm again at East Kilbride CC, Calderglen Country Park, Strathaven Road, East Kilbride, G75 0QZ. In both cases, interested parties should email [Iain Stewart](#) to book a place, places being limited.

Coaching clinics [posted 10/02/11]



[Iain Stewart](#) has asked that the website advertises dates of last of three coaching clinics. The clinic, "Fielding, fitness & 'keeping" is being held on Wednesday the 2nd of March between 6.30pm and 8.45pm at Hamilton College, (Bothwell Road, Hamilton, ML3 0AY). There's a cost of £5 per attendee, and bookings can be made via [Iain](#).

January 2011

Coaching workshops [posted 25/01/11]



[Iain Stewart](#), Cricket Scotland's West Community Development Manager wants to draw clubs' and club coaches' attention to "Positive coaching Scotland (PCS) workshops" being run by Glasgow Life at Glasgow's Scotstoun Stadium in early March.

Iain passed on an email from [David Bickley](#) of Glasgow Life in which the latter says "Positive Coaching Scotland is a programme aiming to promote positive environments for young people to participate in school and club sport. The sporting culture that the programme aims to achieve will enhance existing clubs and coaches. The programme aims to aid the capacity within voluntary sports clubs to enable them to encourage new members, recruit and retain volunteers and enhance the level of coaching provide." An introduction workshop which will take place on Thursday the 3rd of March, between 6.30pm and 9.30pm. Anyone wanting more information can contact [David](#) by email, or telephone (0141-287 9829)

2011 Under 13 inter-area fixtures [posted 24/01/11]



[Iain Stewart](#), Cricket Scotland's West Community Development Manager has released the fixture schedule for the 2011 Under 13 inter-area competition. The first round of fixtures is scheduled for Sunday the 15th of May and sees Ayrshire host Clyde Sharks, Dumfries & Galloway host Glasgow North, and Lanarkshire host Glasgow South. Accompanying the schedule ([online here](#)) Iain, as Tournament Director, notes "If both teams agree, the July and August games can be moved to a midweek summer holiday date. Morning start times are encouraged on the Sundays so as to fit games in before afternoon matches. Full rules and regulations will be sent out before Easter".

Coaching clinics [posted 10/01/11]



[Iain Stewart](#) has asked that the website advertises dates of upcoming coaching clinics. Iain says "These are a good opportunity for coaches to upskill and get new ideas ahead of a new season. There is a cost of £5 per session, but if coaches book themselves on to the first two they get to attend the third session free." The third session will be later in the year, in either February or early March. Any questions can be directed to [Iain](#) (07825-172346) - there is more information on a [flyer](#) too.

December 2010

Cricket Scotland youth cup entry details [posted 29/12/10]

Cricket Scotland Administrator [Ben Fox](#) has circulated clubs with entry forms for 2011's three youth cup competitions. The cups are played at Under 13, 15 and 18 age-groups, and the entry forms are available to download, [here](#). Completed forms have to be returned to Cricket Scotland by February the 11th.

Glasgow area development meeting [posted 12/12/10]

Iain Stewart, Cricket Scotland's West Community Development Manager is proposing a meeting with the Glasgow North and South Area Development Groups in early January to discuss the creation of the city's development plan. Iain's proposed date and timing are: Date: Tuesday the 11th of January, 6pm at West Sports Partnership, Doges Level 2, Templeton Street, Glasgow.

November 2010

2011 Inter-Area competitions and events [posted 29/11/10]



There are a few changes being made to the Inter-Area events that will take place in 2011. After discussion with [Cricket Scotland](#), it's been decided to discontinue with an Under 17 Inter-Area competition. The thinking behind this - which representatives from the west agreed with - was that there was already a full schedule of cricket - club and representative - for players in the Under 17 age-group. Other changes to the Inter-Area events centre on Iain Stewart returning to organise and manage the Under 13 Inter-Area tournament and Under 15 event. Any questions on what's planned at either age-group can be directed to Iain (07825-172346) who'd be happy to discuss these.

October 2010

New disclosure regime [posted 29/10/10]

Iain Stewart writes, "Club officials and coaches will most probably be interested in this [link](#) which gives a background to the changes in the disclosure process that take place on November the 30th when the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Act comes into force."

Area Development Group meetings [posted 28/10/10]



Iain Stewart notes that, in addition to, the previously publicised dates for Area Development Group meetings (below), he has organised a meeting of the East Dunbartonshire Cricket Forum on Monday the 6th of December at 4pm in the Leisuredrome, Bishopbriggs. Details of a planned East Renfrewshire Cricket Forum meeting will be publicised as soon as possible.

Area Development Group meetings [posted 27/10/10]



Iain Stewart has released dates for upcoming Area Development Group meetings. The meetings scheduled are:

Ayrshire: Thursday, 28 October, 7.30pm, Monkton Lodge, Prestwick
Lanarkshire: Wednesday 3 November, 6.30pm, Doges level 2, Templeton on the Green, Glasgow
Dumfries & Galloway: Tuesday, 16 November, Eskdale Leisure Centre, Langholm
Clyde Sharks: Wednesday 17 November, Kelburne CC, Whitehaugh, Paisley

UKCC2 coaching course - REMINDER [posted 25/10/10]



Iain Stewart has contacted the website to say that the fourteen attendees needed to make running the planned UKCC2 course in November have still not materialised. Unless at least fourteen enrol by 1 November the course will have to be cancelled. As such if you're planning to go, please book now. By way of reminder: the UKCC2 coaching course is being held over two weekends in November. The dates are 13 and 14 November, and 27 and 28 November, all four days being 10am to 5pm. To book a place on the course, applicants should use the Cricket Scotland "shop" on its website. Click [here](#) to book.

Under 13 Inter-Area competition - final standings [posted 21/10/10]

As has been known for some time now, but is now formally publicised here online, the winners of the 2010 Under 13 Inter-Area competition were Ayrshire Under 13s. Tournament Director Tim Hart circulated West District clubs with the final league standings in early October and these are reproduced below. Also available online are the [scorecards](#) from the matches played.

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Under 13 Inter-Area competition, 2010

Area	Played	Won	Lost	Win points	Lose points	Points
Ayrshire	5	4	1	40	5	45
Clyde Sharks	4	3	1	30	5	35
South Glasgow	4	3	1	30	0	30
North Glasgow	5	1	4	10	12	22
Lanarkshire	3	1	2	10	9	19
Dumfries & Galloway	3	0	3	0	9	9

UKCC2 coaching course [posted 07/10/10]



Iain Stewart wants to remind club junior coaches and Area Development Groups of the UKCC2 coaching course that is being held, here in the west district, over two weekends in November. The dates are 13 and 14 November, and 27 and 28 November, all four days being 10am to 5pm. To book a place on the course, applicants should use the Cricket Scotland "shop" on its website. Click [here](#) to book.

Nominations for west Regional Development Centre [posted 04/10/10]

West clubs have, today, been sent player nomination forms for the 2010-11 intake to the new Under 15 west Regional Development Centre. The nomination forms have been emailed to clubs' Junior Convenors and should be returned by Wednesday the 13th of October 2010 at the latest.

Academy and Regional Development Centre selection [posted 03/10/10]

Following the publication of its new development strategy document, Cricket Scotland has also released information on the selection criteria that are being implemented for player selection for the 2010-11 Western Cricket Academy intake (at Under 18 age-group) and the 2010-11 Regional Development Centre (at Under 15 age-group), the latter replacing the previous junior academy. The selection criteria guidelines can be found in the Download centre, [here](#) online.

New community development strategy [posted 01/10/10]



Cricket Scotland, today, released its new community development strategy, "All Together Better". A copy of the strategy is [online](#) now and club's Junior Convenors, along with other interested "stakeholders" in west junior cricket, are encouraged to have a read of it.

Final Under 13 Inter-Area scorecards [posted 17/09/10]

The last of the Under 13 Inter-Area competition scorecards has now been sent in, and the full set is now [online](#).

Glasgow Under 17s progress [posted 05/09/10]

The Glasgow Under 17s saw off a challenge from Pentland Under 17s in the semi-final of the Under 17 Inter-Area competition and now progress to the final. Played at Titwood this afternoon, the match saw a comprehensive win for the Glasgow boys who, batting first, posted 227. The central plank of the innings was 77 from Poloc CC's Scott Millen, with valuable contributions from Shawholm club-mate Craig Young (29) and Clydesdale CC's Hamid Mahmood (42). In their reply the Pentland side mustered just 109, with two wickets apiece for Mahmood and Shreyas Chitnis, also of Clydesdale CC. The full scorecard is [online](#). The Glasgow Under 17s await news of their final opponents.

Ayrshire Under 13s win again [posted 04/09/10]

New Cambusdoon was the venue for the latest Under 13 Inter-Area competition match - Ayrshire Under 13s defeating visitors North Glasgow Under 13s. The scorecard is [online](#). Batting first the home side posted 151 all out, the visitors from Glasgow mustering just 76 all out in reply.

August 2010

Latest Under 13 Inter-Area competition results [posted 19/08/10]

Tournament Director Tim Hart has forwarded on the latest scorecard from this year's Under 13 Inter-Area competition. The match, played at Drumpellier CC's Langloan ground on Sunday the 15th saw Ayrshire Under 13s record a comfortable three-wicket win over host area, Lanarkshire. The scorecard is [online](#) now. This Sunday, the 22nd, sees South Glasgow Under 13s travel to Whitehaugh, home of Kelburne CC, to take on Clyde Sharks Under 13s. With the season drawing to a close, the Under 13 Inter-Area competition is reaching its conclusion. Results notified to date, to the website show that Clyde Sharks have played one, won one; Ayrshire have played four, won three, lost one; South Glasgow have played three, won two, lost one; Lanarkshire have played three, won one, lost two; North Glasgow have played three, won one, lost two; and Dumfries & Galloway have played two lost two.

July 2010

Under 15 Inter-Area "camp" [posted 27/07/10]

Today was day one of the inaugural Under 15 Inter-Area cricket "camp". The "camp" is being held on two sites (Poloc CC and Weirs CC) in Glasgow and 38 of the west district's most talented young players were present. The Day saw coaching and skills sessions, some preliminary video analysis, and a couple of matches. The scorecards from the two matches played are [online](#).

Coaching courses coming up [posted 26/07/10]

Cricket Scotland has released details of some upcoming coaching courses. The courses and dates are as follows:

Upcoming Coach Courses, post-season 2010

Level 2 course (Glasgow): 13 and 14, and 27 and 28 November 2010 (closing date to book, 1 November 2010)

Level 2 course (Perth): 9 and 10, and 23 and 24 October 2010 (closing date to book, 24 September 2010)

Level 2 course (Edinburgh): 6 and 7, and 20 and 21 November 2010 (closing date to book 21 October 2010)

The course costs £225, and can be booked online at: www.cricketscotland.com. All courses can be booked at the time of posting, except the Glasgow course for which bookings will open in the very near future. Anyone with any questions can get in touch with [Iain Stewart](#), West Community Development Manager.

Under 17 Inter-Area result [posted 22/07/10]

Glasgow Area Under 17s beat Dumfries & Galloway Under 17s in their first round Under 17 match. Glasgow batted first making 167 all out, the Clydesdale CC duo of Hamid Mahmood and Amir Ullah each scoring 31. In reply Dumfries & Galloway were dismissed for just 130 with Clydesdale CC's Raphael Selby taking 4 for 30.



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Under 17 Inter-Area competition results, 2010

Round	Date	Venue	Result
Preliminary			
	15	May Nunholm	Dumfries & Galloway beat Lanarkshire
Semi-finals			
	21	July Nunholm Glasgow	beat Dumfries & Galloway

Latest Under 13 Inter-Area matches [posted 06/07/10]

The Under 13 Inter-Area tournament continues to progress and there is news of two more matches. Friday the 2nd of July saw Lanarkshire Under 13s defeat North Glasgow Under 13s at Langloan. Batting first, Lanarkshire posted an impressive 190 for 3 in their innings, thanks in the main to an unbeaten 90 from Drumpellier CC's Nick Pyne, playing on his home ground. He was given good support by club-mates Nathan Allison (30) and Jordan Pryde (26). In reply North Glasgow never looked like chasing down the target score. With only three batters getting into double figures, the city side were dismissed for just 83. In the wickets were Drumpellier CC's Nathan Allison and Humza Sabri, who both took four wickets. The scorecard of the match is [online](#).

Tuesday the 6th of July at Titwood was the date and location of the second of the two recent Under 13 Inter-Area played. Previously unbeaten South Glasgow were taking on Ayrshire. Both sides were missing squad players due to the WCA tour to Jersey taking place at the same time as this match. And it would appear that South Glasgow were most affected as, batting first, they were skittled out for just 55, a total chased down by the Ayrshire team in just seven overs. The scorecard for this match will be posted online as soon as it is received.

June 2010

National Kwik Cricket festival [posted 29/06/10]

West Community Development Manager, [Iain Stewart](#), tells us that [Neil Cameron](#) - who is co-ordinating the event this year - has announced that the National Kwik Cricket Festival day will be at Doo'cot Park, Perth, on Saturday the 11th of September 2010. More details about the day will follow, but any queries in the interim can be directed to Neil.

More Under 13 inter-area results [posted 06/06/10]

This afternoon saw two more Under 13 inter-area matches. First news of results is in and there have been wins for South Glasgow over their city rivals North Glasgow at New Anniesland, and for Ayrshire over Dumfries & Galloway. Details of the city derby remain to be provided to the website, but in the other match Ayrshire's 212 for 6 proved too much for Dumfries & Galloway, who managed just 94 all out in reply. Ayrshire's big total was anchored by Prestwick CC's Mitchell Rao who made 61, with other important contributions from Kilmarnock CC's Mohammed Azeem (35), and Jake Johnstone of Ayr CC (32 not out). Campbell top-scored for Dumfries & Galloway scoring 48 of his side's 94. Best bowling on the day was - again - Dumfries & Galloway's Campbell with 4 for 38, whilst for Ayrshire, Bailey recorded the remarkable figures of 1.1-0-5-3!

Under 13 inter-area table [posted 01/06/10]

Tournament Director Tim Hart has circulated the "state-of-play" in the 2010 Under 13 inter-area competition, after the first round of matches (see below). He's summarised them in the [Guestbook](#) too. Tim writes: "The Under 13 inter-area competition is now under-way. I'm pleased to be able to report that all three fixtures scheduled to take place in May have been played. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the players and management of all the teams involved. Thanks must also go to the umpires (including John McGregor for his help with this) and all

spectators who have attended games.....and, of course, to all those involved in preparing venues and teas for the three games. The results and standings are as follows:

9 May 2010: Clyde Sharks (141 all out) beat Ayrshire (122 all out), Clyde Sharks 10 points, Ayrshire 5 bonus points (80-89% of target score).

30 May 2010: North Glasgow (149-8) beat Dumfries & Galloway (126-7), North Glasgow 10 points, Dumfries & Galloway 5 bonus points (80-89% of target score).

31 May 2010: South Glasgow (254-5) beat Lanarkshire (181-5), South Glasgow 10 points, Lanarkshire 4 bonus points (70-79% of target score).

This weekend sees Dumfries & Galloway visit Ayrshire and the Glasgow derby take place at Glasgow Accies CC's New Anniesland ground. Best wishes to all involved during this month's fixtures – and long may the good weather continue!"

	
Under 13 Inter-Area competition, 2010	
Area	Played Won Lost Win points Lose points Points
Clyde Sharks	1 1 0 10 0 10
North Glasgow	1 1 0 10 0 10
South Glasgow	1 1 0 10 0 10
Ayrshire	1 0 1 0 5 5
Dumfries & Galloway	1 0 1 0 5 5
Lanarkshire	1 0 1 0 4 4

May 2010

Two more Under 13 inter-area matches completed [posted 31/05/10]

Bank Holiday Monday saw two more inter-area matches played in the Under 13 tournament. At Shawholm South Glasgow beat Lanarkshire in a match where the batters were very much on top. Over 430 runs were scored in the 70 overs bowled in the day, with Ross Armour of Poloc CC (84) and Nick Pyne of Drumpellier CC (70) getting over 150 of them. 41 was also scored by one batter from each area - Clydesdale CC's Andrew Hume (of South Glasgow) and Drumpellier CC's Jordan Pryde (of Lanarkshire). As it was, 254 for 5 beat 181 for 5. Meanwhile, over on the northside of the city of Glasgow, North Glasgow were beating Dumfries & Galloway. Led by a 50 from number three Ewing, North Glasgow posted 149 for 8 batting first. The northsiders then defended this, restricting their visitors to 126 for 7, Strachan top-scoring with 39. Hussain and Forbes were standout bowlers for North Glasgow, with figures of 7-1-15-2 and 7-0-17-2 respectively. Scorecards from the 2010 tournament can be found online [here](#).

First Under 13 inter-area result in [posted 09/05/10]

The first result from the 2010 Under inter-area tournament has been passed on by Tournament Director Tim Hart. Clyde Sharks were the victors over Ayrshire at Glenpark, Greenock, today - 141 all out beating 122 all out. This win, and the margin of victory and match scores, result in the *Sharks* getting 10 points, and Ayrshire 5.

April 2010

Community Cricket Strategy 2011-13, forum - REMINDER [posted 26/04/10]

[Iain Stewart](#)'s been in touch to remind clubs that between 7pm and 9pm on Wednesday the 28th of April - this coming Wednesday - at Hillhead High School (in the Drama Room, Oakfield Avenue, off Great Western Road, Glasgow, G12 8LL) Cricket Scotland's holding a forum at which it's inviting comments on what will be its Community Cricket Strategy 2011-13. Iain notes that forums are being held across the country by the Cricket Scotland Community Development team to gather as many opinions and ideas, from as wide a demographic as possible, as the national governing body looks to draw up its new Community Cricket Strategy to come into effect on October the 1st this year. The new strategy will follow on from the previous strategy document - "On the Front Foot" - that comes to the end of its shelf life later in 2010. Iain says he's planning an email/SMS/phone offensive to try and get as many bodies along to what is an important meeting - as he said at the recent WDCU EGM "If you don't vote, you can't complain about the government".

2010 Under 13 Inter-Area competition - news [posted 08/04/10]

Tournament Director [Tim Hart](#) has released details of the Area Squad Manager/Coach contacts for this season's Under 13 Inter-Area competition. These are:

Ayrshire Under 13s: Dougie Johnstone
Clyde Sharks Under 13s: Martin Pollock
Dumfries & Galloway Under 13s: Trefor Williams
Lanarkshire Under 13s: Stephen Allison
North Glasgow Under 13s: Adam Rixon
South Glasgow Under 13s: Tim Hart

March 2010

ASDA and Cricket Scotland team up [posted 30/03/10]



[Iain Stewart](#) today announced that [Cricket Scotland](#) has teamed up with long-time supporters of junior cricket, ASDA, to identify and reward the hugely important volunteers who are vital to the grass-roots game, and development of junior cricket club sections in particular, across the country. Information about the partnership, and the "volunteer of the month award" scheme, is [online](#), as is an application form for clubs to nominate a volunteer in their club. More information is available from Iain, or [Steve Paige](#), Cricket Scotland's Community Development Manager.

[Iain Stewart](#) has also let us know that ASDA is also looking to support individual clubs' "Kwik Cricket" festivals - if clubs are organising primary school "festivals" they should get in touch with ASDA's [Monika Orolinova](#) to discuss how ASDA can assist.

Community Cricket Strategy Forum, 2011-2013 [posted 24/03/10]



[Iain Stewart](#) is inviting interested parties to one of a number of forums being held across the country by the Cricket Scotland Community Development team "to gather opinion and ideas from as wide a demographic as possible to draw up the new Community Cricket Strategy that will come into effect on October the 1st this year and runs to the end of the 2013 season". The new strategy will follow on from the previous strategy - "On the Front Foot" - which comes to the end of its shelf life in 2010.

The west forum is on, between 7pm and 9pm, on Wednesday the 28th of April, at Hillhead High School. The school's in Oakfield Avenue (off Great Western Road) in Glasgow, (post code G12 8LL for those with in-car GPS!)

sportsmatch funding - change of process [posted 16/03/10]



Iain Stewart has passed on news about important changes in the sportsmatch funding application process. Clubs can read about the changes online on the sportsmatch [website](#). Essentially the changes are that "set closing and panel dates are being withdrawn with immediate effect [and this will] allow eligible clubs and organisations to submit their applications for matched funding at any time, with applications being considered as they are received."

Cricket Scotland annual report, 2009 [posted 11/03/10]

Cricket Scotland's latest [2009] annual report is [online](#).

February 2010

New address [posted 24/02/10]

Iain Stewart has moved his office - he's now based at sportscotland's offices in Glasgow. His new contact details are: sportcotland, Doges, Templeton on the Green, 62 Templeton Street, Glasgow G40 1DA.

Lord's Taverners funding support news [posted 24/02/10]

Iain Stewart has passed on the latest Lord's Taverners grant funding application forms - they're in the [Download centre](#).

Primary schools "Kwik Cricket" festival [posted 23/02/10]

West Community Development Manager Iain Stewart says Cricket Scotland Community Development would like to thank to Dougie Johnstone and Ayr CC for agreeing to host the 2010 Primary 6 (or below) Western Primary Schools "Kwik Cricket" festival on Friday the 4th of June. The top two schools from this regional festival go through to a national festival at Stirling County CC's New Williamfield on Wednesday the 16th of June. The astro turf pitch at New Cambusdoon will be utilised should it be wet on the 4th of June; should there be a monsoon (!) a reserve date of Friday the 11th of June has been agreed. festival will run from 10am to 2.15pm, contact [Iain Stewart](#) for more details.

TOPClub [posted 23/02/10]

As clubs' Junior Convenors will know, West Community Development Manager Iain Stewart and Steve Paige (Cricket Scotland's Head of Community Development) are looking to review clubs' TOPClub folders and, in this way, their compliance with clubs' TOPClub accreditation levels. In this regard the WDJCU requested a copy of the latest TOPClub programme criteria - these have been sent on to the Union by Cricket Scotland and are now [online](#). They are unchanged from 2006.

Under 17 Inter-Area competition 2010 - draw made [posted 01/02/10]

This year the Under 17 Inter-Area competition has been revamped. In a new straight knockout format five Areas will compete for the right to represent the West District in a winner-take-all East:West clash with the winners of the East District Under 17 Inter-Area competition. Iain Stewart has sent details of the draw, after Tournament Director John Blair supervised this.

January 2010

"Coach of the Year" [posted 28/01/10]

Adam Park-Elliott has asked that we highlight the "Coach of the Year" award that will be presented at an awards dinner being held at the CSCA Conference coming up at Largs in early March. If an individual, club or Area Development Group considers they would like to nominate an individual a form for this purpose is in the [download area](#).

Online disclosure checks [posted 18/01/10]

Iain Stewart has passed on information that Disclosure Scotland forms can now be obtained online. He's passed on this [link](#), which has also been added to the [Links](#) page.

Dumfries & Galloway Development Group news [posted 14/01/10]

The Dumfries & Galloway Area squad's January training session is being held at Dalbeattie High School Sports Hall on Wednesday the 20th of January between 4.30 and 5.45pm.

Clyde Development Group news [posted 14/01/10]

The first outdoor Clyde Area squad training sessions of 2010 are being held on the following dates, at the following times, and at the following venues:

Sunday 18th of April 2010, 10am to 12noon, Whitehaugh (Kelburne CC); and

Sunday 25th of April 2010, 10am to 12noon, Glenpark (Greenock CC).

More information from [Martin Pollock](#) (07753-802452).

Level I coaching course - spaces still left [posted 14/01/10]

[Iain Stewart](#) notes that there are still ten places on the upcoming UKCC1 coaching course being held in Glasgow starting at the end of the month. Full details of the course are below. Iain says that a lot of people have intimated an intention to attend but have not yet signed up. Please, if you are intending to go, sign up soon. The original closing date for enrolment was Friday the 14th of January.

Venue

St.Thomas Aquinas Secondary School, 112 Mitre Road, Jordanhill, Glasgow G14 9PP (0141 582 0280)

Course dates

Sunday, 31 January (modules 1 and 2, 10am to 5pm)

Saturday, 13 February (modules 3 and 4, 10am to 5pm)

Sunday, 14 February (assessment, 10am to 5pm)

Ayrshire Development Group news [posted 13/01/10]

[Iain Stewart](#) notes that the next meeting of Ayrshire Development Group is on Tuesday the 26th of January at New Cambusdoon (Ayr CC), starting at 7.30pm. Also in the Ayrshire area, the first Ayrshire Area squad training sessions of 2010 are being held at the Citadel Leisure Centre in Ayr on the following dates, at the following times, and for the following groups:

Sunday 17th of January 2010, Under 13: 12 to 1.30pm; and

Sunday 17th of January 2010, Under 15: 1.30 to 3pm.

First aid course for cricket Coaches [posted 12/01/10]

[Iain Stewart](#) has passed on details of an upcoming first aid course for Coaches. This, Iain reiterates, must - like the child protection course (see below) - be attended along with the UKCC1 course itself to get the "UKCC1 Assistant Coach" certificate. Please note to that the first aid accreditation needs to be renewed every three years for the UKCC qualification to stay active. The details of the course are: Saturday the 23rd of January, 9.45am to 1pm, Hamilton Crescent (West of Scotland CC), Peel Street (off Dumbarton Road), Partick, Glasgow. The course tutor is Gill McElnea, and the cost is £25. Attendees should make cheques payable to "CHS Training" - payment must be made before the course commences or no certificate will be issued. To book a place, or just find out more, get in touch with Iain (07813-385161, temporary number) as soon as possible.

Under 13 Inter-Area competition 2010 [posted 08/01/10]

First news of this year's [Inter-Area competitions](#) is now available. Commenting on the revamped competition, WDJCU Chairman [Keith Young](#) says, "The Under 13 competition has been revamped to try and improve it, giving more of the west district's talented young players opportunity at this first level of representative cricket. The 2010 competition will still see all six [Area Development Groups](#) field a representative team, but matches will be played throughout the season thereby allowing youngsters who progress *during* the season to play their way into squads. The spread of matches also means that WDJCU Under 13 league matches will be played continuously throughout the season and there will be no mid-season break, something clubs felt was unhelpful in 2009." [Tim Hart](#) has been appointed Tournament Director and will liaise with [Iain Stewart](#) and the Area Development Groups in the coming weeks appointing squad Managers and Coaches, and making the tournament draw. More news will be posted as it becomes available.

Child protection course for cricket Coaches [posted 07/01/10]

[Iain Stewart](#) has passed on details of an upcoming child protection course for Coaches. This, Iain reiterates, must be attended along with the UKCC1 course itself to get the "UKCC1 Assistant Coach" certificate. Please note to that the child protection accreditation needs to be renewed every three years for the UKCC qualification to stay active. Because of this, the upcoming course is open to existing UKCC and ECB Level 1 and 2 Coaches. The details of the course are: "Safeguarding & Protecting the Child" course, Wednesday the 27th of January, 6.30 to 9.30pm, Titwood (Clydesdale CC), Beaton Road, Glasgow. The course tutor is Kevin West, and the cost is £20. Attendees should make cheques payable to "Cricket Scotland" or pay in cash - payment must be made before the course commences or no certificate will be issued. To book a place, or just find out more, get in touch with Iain, or telephone 0141 422 2145. Bookings for must be made before 5pm on Monday the 25th of January.

December 2009

Area Development Group meetings [posted 10/12/09]

The next scheduled meetings of particular Area Development Groups are:

Clyde - 7pm, Wednesday the 13th of January, Whitehaugh, Paisley
Dumfries & Galloway - 6.30pm, Wednesday the 20th of January, Nunholm Sports Club, Dumfries

Anyone with questions on the meetings should get in touch with [Iain Stewart](#).

Lanarkshire Development Group - squad practice and coaching schedule [posted 10/12/09]

Stevie Allison will be the Lanarkshire Area Squad Head Coach in 2010, and there will be two squads: at Under 14 and Under 16 age groups. Coaching and practice sessions will be held in the John Wright Sports Centre, East Kilbride, between 8pm and 9pm on the following dates, all being Thursdays:

26 November 2009: Under 14
10 December 2009: Under 16
14 January 2010: Under 14
28 January 2010: Under 16
11 February 2010: Under 14
25 February 2010: Under 16
11 March 2010: Under 14
25 March 2010: Under 16

Umpiring course [posted 02/12/09]

Iain Stewart has let us know that, on Sunday the 28th of February 2010, there's a new Introductory Umpires Course being held at Clydesdale Cricket Club between 1pm and 4pm. The course tutor is well-respected umpire Vic Hadcroft of the new Scottish Cricket Officials Association ("scoa"). Anyone interested can [email](#) Iain to book a place. The course is being put on in ten venues across the country, free-of-charge, in 2010, with Cricket Scotland meeting attendees' course fees. Iain comments that it's also part of the governing body's drive to assist SCOA bring more umpires into the game. Interestingly, all Western Cricket Academy players of sufficient age will be attending, but it's open to all.

November 2009

Area Development Group meetings [posted 02/11/09]

The next scheduled meetings of particular Area Development Groups are:

Ayrshire - 7.30pm, Tuesday the 3rd of November, Scots Bonet, Kilmarnock
Lanarkshire - 7pm, Tuesday the 17th of November, Bothwell Castle Policies, Uddingston
Dumfries & Galloway - 6.30pm, Thursday the 26th of November, Nunholm Sports Club, Dumfries

Anyone with questions on the meetings should get in touch with [Iain Stewart](#).