

# NEWSFLASH

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### INTERNATIONAL CRICKET COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – AFRICA AFRICA CRICKET ASSOCIATION

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## BOTSWANA

The Botswana Cricket Association has commenced with the second phase of the development programme in 2009. In March 2009 they added 4 government primary schools covering 313 kids. This brings their total tally to 52 government schools and 3281 kids since inception of the development programme in February 2007.

It has been reported that just last month, they were roughly 3000 children; this month the number of children enrolled in a local development programme aimed at the promotion of cricket amongst government sponsored schools has increased to 3281 kids. The Botswana Cricket Association has welcomed another four schools under the second phase of enrollment for primary schools within and around Gaborone.

The first phase started off the cricket year last month by welcoming 8 new primary schools to the initiation programme. Sunday Standard, a local newspaper, had briefed the country of the fast-pacing growth of the sport in governmental schools, and had also reported that because of the ICC century celebrations, BCA had promised more surprises and positive efforts at community building through the promotion of the cricket spirit.

Botswana has also introduced the concept of the Saturday clinic which commenced with great enthusiasm whereby various government school kids attend the clinic held at the gaborone cricket club grounds. This is a weekly clinic and all interested kids under 13 years are encouraged to come and enjoy the game of cricket.



A mini cricket session was held in Botswana from the 17 - 19 March 2009. The session was conducted by Solly Chothia and aimed at equipping the basic skills of cricket which was focused on the government primary teachers.

16 teachers participated in this three day session. Botswana has reported that the teachers are now better informed and would add value in training the kids at their schools.



## CAMEROON

As a follow up of the launching of FECACRICKET'S Sports Season in Buea and the official Inauguration of Cricket in the South West Region which Constituted the following activities on February 28 to March 01, 2009;

- The Press Conference ,
- Inter schools Cricket tournament & Festival ,
- The Cricket match pitting the Douala Indo-Pakistani Cricket team against the Cameroon selection at the University of Buea – No 2 stadium where the Cameroon Selection lost to the Indo Pakistan team by 48 to 58 runs. Since February, the inter-schools cricket tournament continued with the Government High School – Bokwango – Buea and the Government High School – Molyko – qualified to play the Finals which was dubbed the “Commonwealth Inter-Schools Cricket Finals”.



*FINALISTS LINED UP FOR THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND EQUIPMENT TO BE DONATED AS TROPHIES TO THE WINNERS*

It was played on the Commonwealth Day 09-03-2009 at the Buea – Molyko Omnisport Stadium in the presence of the Buea public, some officials of the Ministry of Sports and Physical Education, the Ministry of External Relations officials as well as the Director of Commonwealth, and some of his collaborators. At the end of the 10 overs cricket match, the Government High School – Bokwango Cricket team defeated their counterparts of Government High School – Molyko by 66 runs to 22 runs.



Some awards were made to the participating schools. The president of the Cameroon Cricket Federation – Victor Agbor-Nso once again donated some locally fabricated equipment to the representatives of Government High School – Bokwango, Government High School Molyko, the Presbyterian Comprehensive Secondary School Buea and Buea Youth Centre to permit continuous training and to sustain the game.



*FINALIST AND RUNNERS UP*



**FECACRICKET Officials, the Public, Press People etc at the end of Match pitting Cameroon Selection Vs Douala based Indo-Pakistani Team and School Children happily showing Cricket Equipment donated by FECACRICKET**

There were also awards as to the following;

- The Best Girls Cricker – EWOH JULIETTE of Government High School – Molyko received 2 bats, 2 stumps and a Certificate from the hands of Professor Ngotho Wa-Kaririki a Commonwealth expert visiting Cameroon
- The Man of the Match – Nana Joel of Government High School – Bokwango received 2 bats, 2 stumps and a Certificate form Mr. Youmbou Daniel – Sub Director of Commonwealth at the Ministry of External Relations
- The Runners up – Government High School Molyko – received a Trophy form the Deputy Vice Chancellor of the Buea University Professor Victor Nghoh.
- The winners – Government High School – Bokwango were privileged to receive their Beautiful Trophy from the Director of Commonwealth Dr. FELIX MBAYU.

At the end of the exhibition of the Cricket Match, the Cameroon Cricket Federation made some donations of Cricket bats, balls, stumps, bails and score sheets to all the Cricket playing schools in Buea as well as the South West Regional Bureau of FECACRICKET.

Training continues in the schools in view of preparing for the second phase of the inter-schools cricket championship in Buea – South West Region which will permit the Region to have an overall champion to represent them at the upcoming National Inter-schools Cricket Tournament scheduled in Yaounde. **REPORT BY: Betiah Njoya Jacob – Secretary General FECACRICKET**

## MOZAMBIQUE

February and March of 2009 have been extremely busy with Cricket events in Mozambique.



The MCC tour was held from 6th to 15th February after which the ICC-Africa U19 WCQS Affiliate tournament was held from the 27th of February to 4th March 2009.

On the 21st the AMC conducted an Introductory Coaching course.

On the 27th and 28th March the ICC-ACA conducted a Level 1 Coaching course in Maputo, Mozambique.





A total of 24 candidates attended both the courses out of which 18 candidates were from the Mozambican Government School sports teachers and 6 from NCSC development players, under NCSC - National Commission for School Cricket development program.

Graham McMillan, the Senior Development coordinator of ICC- ACA, conducted the Level 1 course which as usual created a tremendous impact among teachers due to the professional display by the instructor, specially for the PT teachers those who for the first time participated such course.

## UGANDA

Uganda Cricket Association conducted an Administrators Course from the 06<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at the Lugogo cricket facility. The course was conducted by William Kamanyi and consisted of a total of 16 candidates.

The main objective for conducting this course was to empower local administrators of the local clubs and schools regional coordinators. This has also helped in capacity building of cricket administrators both at club and school level.

At the end of the three day program the candidates had to write examinations under the keen eye of the instructor. A total of 7 candidates passed the exams.

## ZAMBIA

The game of cricket has for a long time been perceived as a game for the rich and probably for the privileged only in Zambia. Particularly in Ndola the game has started slowly changing image as it becomes familiar to the young ones in schools and the old folk as well, with a lot of interest. This promises a good future of cricket in Zambia and the world at large.

The Zambia cricket union for the first time brought the foundation (introduction) course to Ndola through the copper belt co-ordinating committee. This was attended by teachers from various schools. A total of 15 teachers attended the training which was facilitated by Mr. Saidi Malama from Z.C.U. in addition, a few coaches with a few players (pupils) where asked to attend to help in the facilitation and demonstration of practical skills. A list of participants is attached.

Among the skills and topics covered were:

- Introduction to cricket
- Equipment used
- Guidelines
- Position of Players

- The role of the coach
- Umpiring and scoring
- Mini-cricket etiquette and social values
- Fundamentals of batting
- Fundamentals of bowling
- Fielding
- Running between wickets
- Wicket keeping and dismissal
- Fielding positions

At the end of the training a written exam was given to participants with 31 questions in general the whole course was attended fully by all those who registered from first day and interest was developed especially that the facilitator Mr. Malama was quiet motivating.

After the training, the group resolved that:

- 1) A committee be instituted immediately to run cricket in schools.
- 2) A date be set when the presentation of certificates and materials (equipment) can be done at one central place and participants should attend.
- 3) An action plan be made for the year.
- 4) An A.G.M be organized and elections be held.



Mr. Malama Saidi conducting an introduction coaching course at Kanini Cricket Club Ndola  
Lusaka Zambia Date: 27<sup>th</sup> Feb - 1<sup>st</sup> March 09



*Dr. Andrew Shawa (Z.C.U President) hands equipment worth of \$13000 total of 2600 sets of equipment donated to Zambia cricket union by world vision Zambia.*

## ICC–AFRICA

The ICC-Africa Development Programme has announced its regional winners of the 2008 Annual Awards.

In all, 28 nominations were received from 10 Members. The countries listed below were chosen as regional winners under its respective categories:-

- ✚ Best Spirit of Cricket Initiative – **BOTSWANA**
- ✚ Best Overall Cricket Development Programme – **NAMIBIA**
- ✚ Best Womens Cricket Initiative – **UGANDA**
- ✚ Best Overall Cricket Promotion & Marketing - **MOZAMBIQUE**
- ✚ Best Junior Cricket Initiative – **NAMIBIA**
- ✚ Volunteer of the Year – **EMA FERNANDES (MOZAMBIQUE)**
- ✚ Lifetime Service Award – **SAMWIRI (UGANDA)**
- ✚ Photo of the year – **BOTSWANA**

The ICC Global awards winners were announced on the 02<sup>nd</sup> of April 2009 whereby Africa saw 2 of its membership countries taking awards in the following categories:-

- ⇒ Best Women's Cricket Initiative – **Uganda Cricket Association**
- ⇒ Best Cricket Promotion and Marketing Programme – **Mozambique Cricket Association**
- ⇒ Lifetime Service Award - **Samwiri Walusimbi (Uganda)**

On behalf of the ICC-Africa Regional Office in conjunction with the Africa Cricket Association, we would like to extend our congratulations to all our Regional winners as well as to Mozambique Cricket Association and Uganda Cricket Association for winning three major ICC global awards which has certainly done Africa proud!

This was a magnificent effort for the Countries concerned as well as for the continent of Africa

African members have set a bench mark with regards to the standard that has been executed we look forward of attaining more global awards come next year. Once again a hearty congratulations to Mozambique and Uganda on their achievements.



## **REMINDERS**

### **ACA AGM & ICC-AFRICA DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR 2009 – ALL COUNTRIES:**

Please note that the dates for the ACA AGM and ICC-Africa Development Seminar has been confirmed for the 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009. All countries are requested to send in their Airfare quotes by no later than 20<sup>th</sup> February 2009 as well as the full name and passport details of the delegate that will be representing your Association at the AGM / Seminar.

### **2009 ONLINE MEMBER SURVEY – ALL COUNTRIES:**

Please note that the deadline for the completion of your online forms is set for the **10<sup>th</sup> of April 2009**. Kindly ensure that online data is completed by this date and should you require any assistance in this regard kindly make urgent contact with the Regional office or sport centric if you are experiencing any problems with the online database.

### **ICC CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS 2009 CATCH THE SPIRIT WEEK – ALL COUNTRIES:**

We look forward to receiving feedback; reports and photos on your catch the spirit events.

### **ICC CENTENARY MEDALS – ALL COUNTRIES:**

As per previous reminders please note that the closing date for the submission of your 5 nominated persons pertaining to the ICC Centenary Medals is the **10<sup>th</sup> of April 2009** therefore kindly ensure that all forms are submitted to the Regional office by the deadline.

### **ICC-AFRICA U19 WCQ FINALS:**

Participating countries kindly ensure that all team lists are submitted prior to the date of deadline as well as all participation fees received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 2009.

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