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GENERAL:

The ICC and the MCC are working closely to establish a structured system of tours to emerging cricketing countries. This is a tremendous boast to the Development Program and its initiator is to be complimented. More details will follow as plans are finalized.

Belize:

The cricket season started on February 2, with the traditional cricket marathon. The season promises to be highly competitive ones, as Belize prepares for a very busy year of regional tournaments in the summer. Participation is increasing steadily, and a new team from northern Belize (Magnum Strikers) has entered the national competition, which has been renamed to *Harrison Parks Cricket Competition* (as a tribute to former cricket administrator and cricketer Harrison Parks who died last year on the field of play.)

USA:

The game is taking a firm foothold in North America (both Canada & USA) where teachers in training are been exposed to the game and encouraged to try it as a “new” sport for their young charges. The success of the senior teams in the ICC Trophy, the televising of cricket in key cities within North America together with a more structured approached by all parties concerned have played a central and critical role in ensuring that this has occurred.

USACA having presented its 5 year strategic plan, is in the process of providing more information to its membership on a routine basis via their revamped website. Below are some of the goals of USACA, as per their 5-year strategic plan:

- Attain ODI status by 2006 and thereby qualify automatically for 2007 World Cup
- Increase participation of players from its current 13,000 to 40,000 in a 5 year period

- Certify 2000 umpires within the 5 year period
- Certify 2000 coaches with at least 150 advanced certified coaches in the 5 year period

Courses:

West Indies Cricket Board is hosting a Coaching Review and Upskill Workshop in March 5 – 11, 2002 in Trinidad. Due to the timing of this program, which was rescheduled from last year, only 2 persons from the Americas will be able to attend. George Cannonier and Grant Smith, both from Bermuda will attend the course.

Lloyd Barker travels to Belize in late February to deliver Umpiring Certification Courses that were postponed from last year due to illness.

Meetings:

Development Conference– New Zealand:
The Conference was held in Christchurch, and afforded the opportunity to assess the standard of Under 19 cricket across the globe.

Some of the important issues, which were discussed, and are of immediate concern and impact are:

- The unveiling of the sponsorship from Flicx International to the Development Program
- The pending launch of ICC Cricket Magazine
- Review of the criteria for the various classes of membership.

- Discussion on the High Performance Program - its objectives, implementation and assessment.
- The next Development Committee Meeting will take place in Namibia on April 12, 13, 2002 to review the Development Program and make recommendations to the Cricket Committee – Management.

CCAM General Meeting:

The meeting was schedule for April 2002; details to follow shortly.

ICC General Meeting:

The ICC General Meeting will take a new format as inspired by the new Chief Executive and will be in conference format for one-week's duration rather than over a weekend. It is understood that this event will be significantly different from those of the past, reflecting the new thrust of ICC as it revamps its image.

Bermuda Annual General Meeting:

The Bermuda Cricket Board of Control held its AGM in early February, and the outcome of that meeting included the election of the following persons to the Executive:

President: Mr. Reginald W. B. Pearman, JP
Vice President: Mr. Keith Wainwrigth
Secretary: Ms. Charlotte Simons
Treasurer: Mr. Neil Speight

COMPETITIONS:

Americas 2002 Cricket Championships:

The tournament will proceed as originally scheduled in spite of the civil unrest in Argentina. Contingency plans are in place to minimize the incidence of disruption to the tournament and maximize the security

of the participants. The tournament will be played in Buenos Aires, Argentina, March 7 – 16, 2002. The six (6) competing teams (Argentina, Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, Cayman Islands & USA) all have something to prove, and a very competitive tournament is anticipated, especially as the top teams are coming out to Argentina in their off-season. The Championships are the single largest cricket event to be held in Argentina.

Tournament Schedule:

Feb. 9: Bermuda vs. Argentina
Bahamas vs Canada
Cayman Islands vs. USA
Feb 10: Argentina vs USA
Bahamas vs. Cayman Islands
Bermuda vs Canada
Feb 11: Rest day
Feb 12: Argentina vs. Canada
Bahamas vs. USA
Bermuda vs. Cayman Islands
Feb 13: Argentina vs. Cayman
Bahamas vs. Bermuda
Canada vs. USA
Feb 14: Rest day
Feb 15: Argentina vs. Bahamas
Bermuda vs.. USA
Canada vs. Cayman Islands
Feb 16: Final Match

West Indies Under 15 Competitions:

Due to the timing for the tournament, USA and Bermuda will not be able to participate as this represents school time in these countries. Efforts are under discussion to coordinate schedules more effectively to ensure participation by Americas regional teams in WICB competitions.

Argentina:

Argentina's U-17 tour to the West Indies has been cancelled due to the financial crisis in Argentina. This tour would have been the country's first tour to its Full Member.

In spite of not winning any matches against the visiting youth teams (boys & girls) at the end of the last calendar year, the visits have proved extremely beneficial, and as a result it is understood that the ACA is applying for membership of the IWCC and will become only the second member from the region to have membership. IWCC (International Women's Cricket Council).

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