

ICC Americas

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ICC Global Awards

The ICC Panel has selected the Development Global Awards for 2003. We are proud here in the Americas to congratulate **Ashok Patel, U.S. Cricket Academy, New Jersey, USA**, winner of the **Best Junior Development Initiative**.



ICC President Ehsan Mani stated “All of the Panel were very impressed with the quality of development work that has been taking place throughout the world”. “It was inspiring to learn that the message and spirit of cricket is being spread so widely by so many committed volunteers”. “I congratulate the winners and commend all of the nominees. I also urge them all to keep up the excellent work that they are doing to spread the sport beyond its traditional boundaries”.

Development Talks

ICC Americas RDM, Martin Vieira, together with Theo Cuffy (CICA) held talks with Dr. Michael Seepersaud, Chief Cricket Development Officer for the WICB. A wide range of topics were discussed during the one-day meeting held in Antigua on January 16th.



The general consensus was that the meeting was very fruitful and it concluded with a general agreement on both sides to work closer in the future on the development of member countries of the Americas.



Argentina

Argentina welcomes new Cricket Administration

The new year of 2004 has signaled major changes in the administrative structure of the Argentine Cricket Association. After six and a half years of association with Argentine cricket, **Grant Dugmore** stepped down as CEO effective **January 30, 2004**.

Arriving in Argentina in 1997, Dugmore has carried out various responsibilities including National Development Officer (1997-1999), National Coach (1998-2001) and Chief Executive Officer (2001-2004). During this time, amidst many and consistent struggles, he has achieved many positive aspects on and off the field. In the 2001 ICC Trophy in Canada, Argentina enjoyed their best-ever campaign winning four games out of five, and in 2002 the Argentine Cricket Association was awarded the ICC Annual Global Development award for the Best Run National Cricket Body amongst Associate and Affiliate countries.

Dugmore will remain in Argentina, where he is married to Ines, an Argentine national, with their young daughter, and will continue in his part-time role as a development consultant within the ICC Americas region.

Stepping into the breach is **Gary Savage**.

Savage will take over the running of the Argentine Cricket Association administration and development departments as Chief Executive Officer, effective **February 2, 2004**. Savage comes to the Argentine Cricket Association from Brazil, where he had spent two years working for an international financial consultancy as an investment advisor in Sao Paulo.

“I am very excited about working with the Argentine Cricket Association”, said Savage of his new posting, “as a job of this nature will undoubtedly prove to be a challenging one, at the same time full of many rewards”. Savage is upbeat about the future of cricket in Argentina. “The future of Argentine cricket is looking very positive, as there is a vast amount of talented junior and senior players. As these junior players mature, there is no doubt that they can start proving to be a force to be reckoned with”.

With the arrival of Savage as new CEO, the Argentine Cricket Association has also undergone some reshuffling in terms of their administrative and development staff.

Gaston Arizaga, formerly National Development Manager, now becomes the **Director of Coaching**, with responsibilities encompassing Elite Player Development, most crucially in the junior ranks, as well as Coach Education.

Robbie Milligan, formerly Operations Manager, now takes over as **North Development Officer**, responsible for all development operations in the northern zone of Argentina.

New to the Argentine Cricket Association is **Rodrigo Scioscia**, who has been appointed **South Development Officer**.

Nati Lord remains in her original post as **Administration Officer**, whilst also performing the role of PA to the CEO.

Savage is motivated to advance Argentine cricket to new heights. “I really want to achieve a solid and consistent level of growth, both at junior and senior levels, and the introduction of this new development structure I’m sure will do this”.

Other News

- The 105th playing of the annual North v South three-day match will be played in Buenos Aires from March 12 to 14, 2004. The prestigious match will be held at the Maurice Runnacles Cricket Ground, Corimayo, at the St. Alban’s Old Boys Club for the first time ever. A turf wicket was installed at this venue in 2001, thanks to assistance from ICC Americas. Captains will be Donny Forrester (North) and Christian Tunon (South). Teams will be announced at the end of February

- St. Alban’s won the Max Challenge competition, played annually during January. The tournament consists of a blend of Cricket Max and Super Eights. Teams of 8 players a side contest two 12-over innings each in a fast and popular format of the game. St. Alban’s earned a “draw” in their final game against Hurlingham, to snatch the championship by one point from their opponents on the day.
- The Carcamanes Cricket Festival, for cricketers over 40 years of age, will take place in Buenos Aires from February 28 to March 5. Visiting teams include Tawa Turtles from New Zealand, CBC Golden Oldies from Australia, Troubadours from England, Knightwatchmen from Namibia, Hollywood Golden Oldies and Gentlemen of Philadelphia from the USA, along with two local Argentine sides, Guanacos On the Rio and Silver Barbarians.

Bermuda

Academy Bound

Jekon Edness, U19 Captain and wicketkeeper, and Jacobi Robinson, fast bowler, will spend eight weeks at the Cricket Academy in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.



World Cup Bid

Bermuda continues to chase the World Cup Venue opportunity. The Bid Committee has secured a visit from Don Lockerbie, Director of the Venue Assessment Team, February 11th to 13th. During his visit he will review the National Stadium and associated facilities, meet with the BCB and the Bid Committee and make a presentation to the Premier and selected members of Cabinet.

Bahamas

The Bahamas has become the 4th Americas Regional member to enter a bid to host a 2007 World Cup match. Greg Taylor, Secretary of the BCA, stated that the bid has the solid backing of his government.

Affiliates Team Announced

The Bahamas Team to compete in the Affiliates Tournament in Panama, March 22nd to 27th, is as follows:

Gary Armstrong, Greg Taylor (Sr.), Whitcliff Atkinson, Greg Taylor (Jr.), Gary Campbell, Randolph Coakley, Mario Ford, Andrew Ford, Jonathan Barry, Dwight Weakley, Howard Roye, Narendra Ekanayake, Venris Bennett and Garcha Blair. Irwin Taylor is the Manager and Courtney Waddell, Coach.

The Bahamas is the defending Champions of the Americas Affiliates Cup.

Brazil

The 2004 cricket season in Brazil is slated to begin in Rio de Janeiro in early March. Rio is the birthplace of Brazilian cricket, having flourished there for about 100 years before petering out in the early 1990s. The Brazilian Cricket Association is working with local businesses to stage two exhibition matches as part of its commitment to re-build a cricket base in the country's second largest city.

Club News

Sao Paulo - To kick off the 2004 season, the club is organizing an ICC funded coaching certification clinic for players from all over Brazil. Also, British car manufacturer Land Rover has agreed to be the club's principal sponsor for 2004. The company will be helping with new uniforms, equipment and much more for Sao Paulo's 100-plus cricket players. Most importantly, Land Rover's involvement will assist with teaching Brazilian school children the sport and making a bridge between the informal Brazilian version (called "taco") and traditional cricket.

Brasilia - The 2003 national champions are out to defend their crown this year. As a warm-up, the club will be touring Guyana for a series of games in April. Extensive ICC-funded ground improvements are planned to be in place before the season proper starts shortly thereafter.

Parana - This will be the third year for the HSBC Interdepartmental League, an 8-team series made up entirely of Brazilian players. To strengthen this unique competition, players from the Parana state side will be increasing their involvement as League umpires, coaches and organizers.

Nationally, all three clubs have scheduled an increased number of intra-club fixtures this year, in addition to the domestic interstate competition, which may return to the 2-day format that was standard up until the 1980s. The long Brazilian cricket season ends in late November with an interstate triangular in Sao Paulo, followed by the continent's premier cricketing event, the South American Championships, to be held this year in early December in Santiago, Chile. Thanks to its growing player base, Brazil may send two teams to this year's tourney.

Cayman Islands

- Courtney Myles remains at the head of the Cayman Islands Cricket Association after being re-elected at the annual general meeting on November 20, 2003. The Association's newly elected executive held a retreat to discuss and evaluate their Strategic Plan for 1999 – 2009. Plans for 2004 would be released at a press conference on February 26.
- Cayman Islands senior cricketers began the journey to World Cup 2006 on February 4. A special program was organized by the management committee. Is it possible for a country of 40,000 to find a place in the cricketing sun against the giants of today's world? The sky is the limit!
- Cayman Islands remain in the loop for hosting during the prestigious event World Cup 2007. A Bid Committee was formed with Deborah Ebanks as the chairperson and includes a cross section of expertise in various fields.
- A Trinidad U15 Select team is making its second tour in two years to the Cayman Islands from February 18 to 25. The team will play three matches against their Cayman counterparts. Omar Willis is leading the Cayman Islands team.

Cuba

The Leonard Ceon Cricket Club played an inter squad game on their new Flicx Pitch laid down at the Eduardo Saborit football stadium in Playa municipality, Havana City.



Junior boys and girls took to the fields at San Miguel del Padron stadium for a game of Kwik Cricket.

Peru

2003 in review, as reported by Vivian Ash, Cricket Captain

The year 2003 saw a marvelous cricket season at LCFC, with thirteen games being played between February 2nd and April 20th. The first nine games were friendly matches with a better turnout than we have had for many years.

The big matches were played at the end of the season starting with the annual India & Pakistan XI v Rest of the World XI. The Rest of the World batted first and scored 156 with a strong innings from Harry Hildebrand who scored 69. India & Pakistan could only manage 90. The game was watched by the Indian Ambassador, Mr. Reijwad Warjuri.

The following week saw another annual fixture between the Ambassador's XI and the President's XI. In a tight bowlers match, the President's XI were bundled out for 69 and the Ambassador's side just managed to get the required 70. The after game celebrations were marked by some (whiskey-fuelled?) promises by the Club President, Mr. Tim Bayly and the Ambassador, Mr. Roger Hart to play in next year's fixture. Both of these gentlemen are standing down from their respective posts and we offer them our thanks for their support over the years and wish them well (and remember promises made!).

Finally, during the Easter weekend we played host to a team from Miami, Miramar Masters C.C. This team included Faud Bacchus, an ex-West Indies test cricketer who once scored a

double century against India. You could tell he was a class player merely by the way he held the bat. The Miramar team drubbed Lima in the first game but this just set us up for a memorable performance in our last game of the season. Miramar got 171 in the first innings with the great man managing only 36. The Lima team steamed to 173 for 3, with Javed Iqbal taking the man-of-the-match award for his 4 for 28 followed by 48 not out. A great climax to a great season - hope we can equal or beat it in 2004.

2004 Upcoming Events

The season starts on January 25 with a new fixture to celebrate Australia Day between Australia and the Rest of the World. There will be fixtures every Sunday at Lima Cricket & Football Club until the middle of April. Early in the season the games are friendlies where everyone who comes plays, and later more formal matches with picked teams.

We would like to invite any team out there wishing an interesting tour to consider Lima at Easter - we offer interesting cricket matches with a great atmosphere in one of the most fascinating countries in the world (and it never rains in Lima!).

Canada

The Canadian Cricket Association held a farewell reception to honour their U19 World Cup team departing for Bangladesh on Friday February 6th. It is the second consecutive World Cup appearance for the Canadian U19 squad.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Americas Affiliates Championship – Panama March 22-28th,2004

Schedule

DAY 1 Mon. March 22	DAY 2 Tues.23	DAY 3 Wed. 24	DAY 4 Thur.25	DAY 5 Fri. 26	DAY 6 Sat.27	DAY 7 Sun 28
Teams Arrive						
	vs	vs	vs	vs	vs	
Suriname	Belize	Bye	Turks & Caicos	Panama	Bahamas	Depart
Belize	Suriname	Turks & Caicos	Panama	Bahamas	Bye	Depart
Turks & Caicos	Bahamas	Belize	Suriname	Bye	Panama	Depart
Bahamas	Turks & Caicos	Panama	Bye	Belize	Suriname	Depart
Panama	Bye	Bahamas	Belize	Suriname	Turks & Caicos	Depart

Feb. Canada at U19 World Cup Bangladesh
18-25 Trinidad U15 Tour Cayman Islands Cayman Islands

March Canada & USA- Six Nations Challenge UAE
12-14 North v South Game Argentina
22-27 Americas Affiliates Championship Panama

April
4-10 U11 & U13 Jr. Championship Cuba

May
29-31 Intercontinental Cup - Canada vs USA Florida,USA

June
19-26 Lloyds of London Tour Bermuda

July
5-12 Americas Associates Championship Bermuda
13-15 Intercontinental Cup, USA vs Bermuda Bermuda
Cayman Cricket Week Cayman Islands
28-31 National Senior Tournament Baragua, Cuba
29-30 Cup Match, St.George v Somerset Bermuda
U15 Americas Championship Cayman Islands

August
9-13 Canada Cup – U19 Championship Toronto, Canada
13-15 Intercontinental Cup, Bermuda v Canada Toronto, Canada
U19 WICB Championship Guyana
(Bermuda & Americas Dev.XI)

December
Club Festival Havana, Cuba