

TWO GLOBAL AWARDS FOR THE REGION

It has been four years since the region won more than one Global award. This year two regional winners, both from Canada, captured the coveted prize in their respective categories.

Best Cricket Promotional and Marketing Award went to CIMA Canada “Celebration of Cricket – Mayor’s Trophy”. The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA) is an international body of over 160,000 members in 161 countries. CIMA (Canada) organizes and runs this annual event which brings together a diverse section of players, politicians, community service organizations and corporations.

It is the most professional event ever staged to highlight the sport to the entire community. The President of the world body, Mr. Coghian, who flew in from Ireland to attend the event, noted the 2005 event won the Regional Award and hoped this year (2006) would bring the ICC Global Award. That is why he is the President!

The day features players as young as U12 and senior teams including a Mayor’s team (Mayor Miller plays on that one), police, the three major newspapers (Sun, Star and Globe & Mail), accounting institutes, and major corporations including Scotiabank and Bell Canada. ATN television films the event for broadcast. Material supplied by ICC Americas is distributed to promote the game. In addition to the publicity and awareness the game receives from the event, Canadian cricket has picked up two sponsors and a promise from a third to promote the sport in Canada.

Congratulations to the CIMA not only for their support but the tremendous work put into running a most professional and successful event.



Mayor Miller (Canada Shirt) and Mr. Coghian (with badge of office), President CIMA with Captains of the teams.

Best Junior Cricket Initiative Award was won by the Canadian entry “Ontario Junior Cricket”. The nomination clearly illustrated that the cricket organization in the Greater Toronto area, Ontario, Canada was the most structured and successful in the region. The addition of a formal structured league for the U13 and U17 age groups completed a project of bringing junior involvement to junior playing, as the Toronto & District Cricket Association now operates a full schedule league in four age groups – U13, U15, U17 and U19. In addition, the best players from the older age group play on a U23 Canadian squad in the men’s premier league. Current players on the Senior National World Cup squad such as Umar Bhatti, Ashish Bagai and Asif Mulla are all graduates of this junior system.



Bhatti



Bagai



Mulla



ARGENTINA

The St. Albans Sharks finished the season in style by winning the First Division Championship with Belgrano Cavaliers in second place and St. Georges College in third place. St. Albans Sharks add to a successful season where they won the First Division 20/20 and the Max Challenge tournament.

The Second Division Championship was won by Lomas A.C.

For all the results and match reports please check the ACA website

www.cricketaargentina.com

Women's North vs South

On March 14th the Women's North vs South took place at Virrey del Pino. The game was played at night under the floodlights at Belgrano and it was encouraging to see a number of supporters and local club members watching this game.

The North, having won the toss, sent the South team in to bat on a green wicket, with some moisture due to the evening dew. Brandy Auld (22) and Belen Casas (10) established a first wicket partnership of 56 runs. The South ended their allotted 20 overs with a total of 105 runs for the loss of 4 wickets.

The North struggled in their reply, losing two quick wickets to leave them in trouble at 12/2, but a superb innings of "woman of the match" D. Canton (55) guided the North to their target by 5 wickets.



Women- North vs South

Argentina qualifies for ICC World Cricket League Div. 3

The dream of Argentina competing in the ICC World Cricket League Division 3 series came true when the ICC confirmed that Argentina would take the place of the United States of America. National coach of Argentina Hamish Barton stated that "the situation for the players in the USA is very sad and I imagine they are disappointed not to be going to the Division 3 series, but for Argentina it's a great honor to have been chosen and we will make full use of this fantastic opportunity".

The World Cricket League Division 3 series will be played in Darwin, Australia from May 27 to June 2, 2007. The squad for the ICC WCL Division 3 tournament is as follows:

E. MacDermott (Captain – Lomas Athletic Club); D. Forrester, S. Nino, A. Ferguson and P. Ferguson (Belgrano A.C.); G. Savage and G. Dugmore (Hurlingham); C. Gibson, M. Siri, D. Lord and P. Ryan (Lomas A.C.); M. Paterlini, L. Paterlini and P. Bruno (St. Albans). Derek Culley (Manager) and Hamish Barton (Coach).

BRAZIL

MCC in Brazil



Jim Love coaching at St. Paul's

CANADA

ACA Western Canada U23 Tournament

In the tournament's 11th consecutive year, this premier event will continue to showcase Western Canada's top youth cricketers in three days of elite round-robin competition. Matches will be held in Edmonton at Victoria Park (VPK) and Millwoods Cricket Ground (MCG) from May 19th to 21st, 2007.

Retirement

George Codrington announced his retirement from the Canadian national team on his return from the Caribbean. George offered his services in any capacity to the CCA in the future.

CHILE

MCC Tour to Chile

On Friday afternoon of March 23rd at the Grange School in Santiago, coaches from the MCC squad and local coaches spent 2 hours talking to and coaching approximately 60 young potential players from the Grange School to the great enjoyment of all who were watching. This was followed by a 20/20 game of cricket. Chile batted first and unfortunately only amassed 92 with Tim Messner's top score of 23. The strong MCC side scored the necessary runs with 3 overs to spare. A very hard hit 37 by the ex-Somerset county captain Mike Burns and 34 by Mike Dixon saw the MCC home at 97 for 4.

On Saturday the MCC batted first at Craighouse School. The powerful batting line-up saw a 50 opening stand between Mike Burns (25) and S. Birtwhistle (66). The Chile bowlers stuck to their task well and the MCC just managed 173 for 7 in the 40 overs, ex-England player Jim Love scoring a useful 47 towards the end. Tim Messner (2 for 42), Jarryd Green (2 for 33), Simon Shalders (1 for 32), John Davies (1 for 32).

A good start from Chile was needed but it was not to be, as Chile were soon 20 for 2. The middle order batsman, Simon Shalders, Guy Hooper and Alistair Champkins all got into double figures but could not capitalize on their starts and Chile was soon 60 for 7. A little flourish at the end from batsmen 9, 10 and 11 took the score to just 115. The main reason for the Chilean batsmen's demise was not being able to play good spin bowlers, with M. George 2 for 9 off 8 overs, and J. Atfield 3 for 18 off 8 overs being the main wicket takers.

Sunday brought the MCC to the Grange School for a re-match of Saturday's game. Chile batted first and once again the batting let the side down. With a score of 101, there were not enough runs to worry the MCC side. D. Bradshaw, a young fast bowler, bowled 8 overs (3 for 23) and Jim Love from Yorkshire 9 overs (4 for 20). The Chilean bowlers and fielders knew they had to perform well from the word go and they certainly did at the start having the MCC side 16 for 3 wickets. This, however, did not last and with B. Smith 31 and S. Birtwhistle 29 not out, the MCC made the 102 needed. They did lose 6 wickets doing this so it was a good bowling and fielding performance by Chile. If the Chile batsmen had managed to score another 40 or so runs, a win could well have been in the cards.

On Tuesday, the MCC were back at Craighouse. Unlike the game on Saturday when the weather was warm and sunny, the day was cold, misty and full of rain. Chile batted first but soon lost 3 wickets to the bowling of Bradshaw. A very good stand between Guy Hooper and skipper for the day Ian Scott moved things ahead – Guy making 48 and Ian 46. After the 40 overs, Chile was 140 for 6. Unfortunately as the weather closed in, the MCC had moved to 57 for 3. At this point play was called off for the whole day.

From the games against this very good MCC side, I am sure lessons will have been learnt. The bowlers and fielders had very good days but it was the batsmen that let Chile down. I think that a positive approach is now necessary for Chile before they go to the South American Championship at Lima in April. If the batsmen start believing in themselves, as the bowlers and fielders seem to be doing, Chile will win in Lima.

It was of course a great honor to have a visit from the great MCC side from England. The MCC side on their return to the UK will have, I know, many good and enjoyable memories of Chile with both its cricket and hospitality. We hope that they will spread the word that cricket is played in Chile, encouraging other English sides to tour this fantastic country.



USA

Major stride towards improvement of umpiring

Cricket has established its presence in Atlanta since the 1980s. The Atlanta Georgia Cricket Conference is an active member of the USACA South East region. In addition to providing fine talent to the US team over the years, AGCC has taken another major stride towards improving the quality and standard of cricket.

Just in its fourth year as a formal league, Bhavin Patel (member, AGCC Umpiring Committee) lost no time in realizing the importance of umpiring and the impact it carries over cricket. Bhavin's perseverance and dedication to improve the standard of cricket led him to initiate a request for the services of Mr. John Boaden and Mr. Anwer Shahabuddin. The two

gentlemen, taking time off from their busy schedules, accepted the request and helped coordinate a weekend cricket seminar that had about 80 participants taking part in it. The full day seminar resulted in 51 members taking the Level 1 qualification certification. ACU&S has 6 qualified members in the US

North Texas Cricket Association sure takes pride in having 3 members (John Boaden, Anwer Shahabuddin and Kamal Merchant) from within the league. With John and Anwer's undying passion for cricket, their generosity and patience in helping leagues around the country, the number of new qualified members is expected to change quickly.



Anwer Shahabuddin



John Boaden

New Territories

EL SALVADOR

Cricket continues to grow in El Salvador with four teams playing on a regular basis and an Association to be formed in the near future. The Belize national team plan to visit in June while a school team from El Salvador is looking forward to touring Argentina in October.

FALKLAND ISLANDS

2006/07 Season League Table

The final two games of the Falklands Cup were played at the Mount Pleasant Oval on Saturday, March 24th.

In the first match Stanley CC, after winning the toss, put on 174 runs for the loss of 2 wickets. Brian Tonner was particularly impressive, opening the innings for Stanley and finishing unbeaten on 100. In reply the Kelpers CC never looked like getting close to the required total. Only David Hewitt, scoring 33, stood out for the Kelpers in their total of 111 for 6. Pick of the bowlers for Stanley was Joshua Peck who took 3 wickets for 21 runs off his 5 overs. Stanley won the match by 63 runs to secure the runners-up spot in the league table behind winners Mount Pleasant CC.

In the second match Moody Brook CC put the Kelpers in to bat. After a good start from the Kelpers captain, Hugh Ferguson, who scored 48, and Aaron Clarke (8 not out) the Kelpers were unable to keep up a high scoring rate due to Alan Dawson's impressive spell of bowling. He finished taking all 5 of the Kelpers wickets for 27 runs off 5 overs. The Kelpers ended on 112 for 5 from their allotted 20 overs. After David Barton took 2 wickets for the Kelpers in the fifth over, the result looked in doubt, as Richard Marlor (51 not out) moonlighting for Moody Brook, and captain of Moody Brook, Mark McCulloch (24 not out) smashed the Kelpers bowlers all over the ground. The game was wrapped up in record time as Moody Brook raced to 115 for 2 off just 11.3 overs. Mody Brook won by 8 wickets.

Final standings at the end of the season are:

Team	P	W	L	N/R	Pts
Mt.Pleasant	3	2	0	1	9
Stanley CC	3	2	1	0	8
Moody Brook	3	1	1	1	5
Kelpers CC	3	0	3	0	0

CBF's X1 Claim Consolation Victory in South Atlantic Ashes

In the final match of the South Atlantic Ashes series, the military side recovered from a dreadful start to their innings to secure an unlikely victory against the Governor's X1. The series ended 2-1 in favour of the Governor's X1, who were presented with the Ashes after the match by the Commander British Forces, Brigadier Nick Davies.

Having won the toss for the first time in the series, the CBF's captain, Pierce, elected to bat first. The CBF's top-order then collapsed over the next 10 overs. The CBF's side were left staring down the barrel of another heavy defeat on just 45 for the loss of 6 wickets after 15 overs. However, the dismissal of Pierce brought Van Zyl, who had threatened to cut loose in the previous two matches, to the crease. On this occasion he lived up to those threats and carted the Governor's bowlers all over the field, hitting 8 fours and 2 sixes in a knock of 71. Reeves eventually claimed Van Zyl's wicket. The CBF's remaining 3 wickets fell for 20 runs, leaving the CBF's side on a modest total of 144 all out, off 37.2 overs.

Pick of the bowlers for the Governor's side were Reeves (who bowled 5 overs and took 3 wickets for 17 runs), McCulloch (8 overs, 3 or 31), Marlor (5.2 overs, 2 for 10), and Forster (8 overs, 2 or 19).

The Governor's X1 went in to bat with what seemed on paper to be an extremely strong batting line-up and looking at a run-rate of less than 4 runs per over to secure a series whitewash.

Only Forster of the Governor's top-order looked capable of scoring but he was dismissed, caught from the bowling of Price on 29. With the score on 59 for 7 after 19 overs, the Governor's side had turned what looked like certain victory into certain defeat. The Governor's X1 slumped to 102 all out, off 34.5 overs and a 42-run defeat.

Pick of the bowlers for the CBF's X1 were Price (8 overs, 4 for 22), and Pierce (8 overs, 2 for 21). The CBF's Van Zyl was named Man of the Match.

After the match, the presentation of this season's trophies and award was made, attended by the Governor and the Commander British Forces. The Man of the Match and Series awards for the South Atlantic Ashes were presented by the Governor to Isaac Forster, Derek Reeves and Johan Van Zyl. Derek Reeves was named as the

Man of the Series. Finally, the Commander British Forces returned the South Atlantic Ashes to the captain of the Governor's X1, Richard Marlor.

FICA UK Tour

The Fixture list and dates of the Falkland Islands Cricket Association's tour to the UK has been finalized. The Association has been inundated with requests from teams in the UK to play against them, with the Falkland Islands much in the news in the UK this year. The Association's application to become an Affiliate member of the International Cricket Council has also attracted considerable attention in the UK.

The tour will open with a fixture against the Foreign & Commonwealth Office X1 at a venue in London on July 10th. On July 11th the opposition will be a Norton Rose X1 at Dulwich, London in an evening

game. On July 14th the team will travel to Stowell Park, Gloucestershire, home of Lord Vesty's private estate and cricket ground, to play the Gloucestershire Gipsies, before heading to Newbury, Berkshire, for the final few days of the tour. On July 15th the Falkland Islands Cricket Association will play the Falkland Cricket Club in Newbury. The final game of the tour is scheduled to take place on July 17th against Ilsley Cricket Club, near Newbury.

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ICC Americas Annual Development Forum will be held this year in Mexico City, Mexico. Delegates should arrive on May 18 and depart May 21. All countries now have their confirmation form. These should be returned to ICC Americas by fax 416-426-7172 or by email admin@cricamericas.com

In the package countries were asked to submit their annual report (2 pages) of activities (past and planned) and in addition to address the five key elements of the new ICC plan distributed last year. Please consult your package for details or contact the ICC Americas office for assistance.

WORLD CUP PHOTOS



Dwayne "Sluggo" Leverock-an instant favourite with the fans and shows why..... with a brilliant catch vs India



ICC Cricket World Cup
WEST INDIES 2007



Left to Right- John Davison up to his old tricks-50 in 21 balls vs New Zealand; Salem Mulkadeem-unplayable in a shortened game vs Bangladesh taking 3 wickets; and the future..... young Malachi Jones (17 years old) capturing his first WC wicket; Geoff Barnett-a brilliant knock vs NZ; and Asif Mulla -solid in the middle vs England ,the future of the Canadian batting side.