



# NewsFlash NewsFlash

**November 2004**

## ICC Americas holds first ever Coaching Seminar

The first ever Coaching Seminar of the Americas was held at the beautiful Reforma Athletic Club in Mexico City from November 17 – 21, 2004.



Representatives from 11 of the region's 15 members attended. They were put through their paces by ICC Course Conductor, RDO Grant Dugmore and WICB Course Conductors Ingleton Liburd (St.Kitts) and Kumar Rampat (Trinidad & Tobago).



Ingleton Liburd

Kumar Rampat

Those attending received instructions to the ICC "Introductory Course" and the WICB Level 1 Coaching. Judging from the comments of the attendees, the week was a huge success. Lincoln Clarke, President of the Mexico Cricket Association was on hand for some of the presentations and was a delightful host. Mexico is the Americas newest Affiliate member and the Association is located at the beautiful Reforma Athletic Club where the seminar was held.



The Reforma Athletic Club, Mexico City

Attendees are expected to conduct courses in their home countries by March 15, 2005.

The ICC Americas, in their commitment to developing cricket in the region, will be staging another Introductory Course in 2005. In addition, a Level 11 WICB and an Introductory Umpires and Scorers Seminar will be planned for the coming year.

## MEET THE REGIONS

This issue we send greetings to the boys "down under".



**L to R : Martin Gleeson, RDO, Russell James, Project Officer, Tim Anderson RDM.**

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**Happy Holidays EAP !**



Chile will play host for the first time to the South American Championship. This is the sixth championship, which started in 1995.

This year the event will feature a mixture of teams from the Americas Affiliates, New Developing Territories, and invited Masters. Argentina, winner of all five previous championships, is the lone Associate member to take part. For the past two tournaments Argentina has fielded an "A" side in place of their full National Squad.

The eight teams taking part in this year's tournament will be **Argentina "A", Brazil, Chile, Chile "A", Peru, Puerto Rico, Guyana Masters and Andean Masters.**

The Asociacion Chilena de Cricket has done a magnificent job planning the event. Games will be played at the beautiful Craighouse Ground and at The Grange.



Social activities for the players and officials include a guided tour of Santiago, a dinner with traditional dancing at the Bali Hai Restaurant, and a closing Championship Dinner and Fashion Show. The final game on Sunday will be followed by a Tandoori Chicken Barbecue.

### Schedule of Games

#### **Group 1**

Argentina A  
Guyana Masters  
Peru  
Chile A

#### **Group 2**

Chile  
Brazil  
Puerto Rico  
Andean Masters

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Match</u>   | <u>Field</u>                                   |
|------------|--|--|
| Thur.9     | Chile v. Puerto Rico<br>Brazil v. Andean Masters<br>Argentina A v. Chile A<br>Guyana Masters v. Peru       | PWCC<br>Craighouse<br>The Grange<br>Craighouse |
| Fri.10     | Chile v. Andean Masters<br>Brazil v. Puerto Rico<br>Argentina A v. Peru<br>Chile A<br>v. Guyana Masters    | The Grange<br>PWCC<br>Craighouse<br>Craighouse |
| Sat.11     | Chile v. Brazil<br>Puerto Rico<br>v. Andean Masters<br>Argentina A<br>v. Guyana Masters<br>Chile A v. Peru | Craighouse<br>The Grange<br>PWCC<br>Craighouse |
| Sun.12     | 1 <sup>st</sup> v 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>3 <sup>rd</sup> v 4 <sup>th</sup>                                     | Craighouse<br>Craighouse                       |



### ARGENTINA

The Argentine Cricket season got off to a flying start with some action packed weekends in both the Junior and Senior Leagues.

#### Junior Leagues

The Junior Championship got off to a good start with Hurlingham Hawks and San Albano Sharks registering good wins in the first round of the championships. Unfortunately the weather has played its part with the second round of fixtures being rained out. The Championship is due to finish on the 18<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Second Division Championships

The Second Division Championship has reached the fourth round with The Old Georgians, Hurlingham and Belgrano A.C. topping the table with 8 points each. Once again the weather has played some havoc with the last round of fixtures.

### Robin Stuart Shield goes to the Lomas Eagles

The Final (59<sup>th</sup> Edition) of the Robin Stuart Shield was played this past weekend between local south rivals St. Albans Sharks and the Lomas Eagles. The match was played at the Hurlingham Club in very hot conditions. St. Albans captain Matias Paterlini won the toss and elected to bowl first. His decision paid off in the early part of the match with Lomas scoring slowly on a difficult pitch.

Lomas Eagles reached their final total of 188 all out in 47 overs. The last three wickets of the innings fell to Pedro Bruno (Argentine Under 15 player) who ended up with superb figures of 9-1-32-5. He was well supported by Lucas Paterlini 9-1-31-2.

St. Albans started the chase in disastrous fashion, losing star batsmen Lucas Paterlini (0) and Nicolas Prince (0) to leave them on 3/2 after the first two overs. It all ended when Diego Lord bowled Agustin Casime (9) to give Lomas a comprehensive victory of 100 runs. Diego Lord deserved his impressive figures of 8-1-27-5 and was well supported by some very economical bowling from Sergio Ciaburri 10-5-16-3.

Chief Executive Officer Gary Savage commended both captains on the spirit that the match had been played in and also congratulated the Junior Players on their excellent performances. The Robin Stuart Shield was handed over to Billy MacDermott, the Lomas Captain, who thanked his team for the support that he had received throughout the Championships.

The Man of the Match trophy was not an easy decision but it went to Martin Siri for his excellent innings of 62 which helped the Lomas Eagles reach their final total of 188 all out.

The Lomas Eagles are the current First Division Champions and they will be looking at repeating their achievement from last season when the First Division Championships start in February 2005.

### CANADA

#### Canadian Senior Team to tour England in preparation for 2005 ICC Trophy

The CCA announced at its recently held AGM that arrangements were being made to have the Canadian Senior Team tour England in preparation for Ireland. The team is scheduled to play 4 warm up matches in England over 8 days

before the start of the ICC Trophy 2005 Tournament. On June 22<sup>nd</sup> Canada will play Somerset County in a 50 over match, June 23<sup>rd</sup> they play Gloucestershire at Bristol, and on June 24<sup>th</sup> they return to Taunton to play a second match at the Somerset County Ground. The team concludes their pre-Ireland tour with a match against Seaton All Stars at Seaton CC on Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### ICC Intercontinental Cup

The performance of the Canadian team this year has been one of great success, particularly through the preliminary stages of the first ICC Intercontinental Cup, defeating Bermuda and the USA to reach the semi-final against UAE who they defeated, to reach the final against Scotland. Canada's attempt to continue enjoying its success and to be winners of the first ICC Intercontinental Cup event was foiled by a splendid performance from Scotland, winning the final by an innings and 84 runs. The final was played in Sharjah November 21 – 23, 2004.

**Ian Billcliff:** *“Firstly, I'd like to offer congratulations to Scotland. Obviously we are disappointed the way things went but we are still very positive about what we learnt in this tournament, and especially from a player development perspective. The ICC Intercontinental Cup is a great tournament and concept and we look forward to participating next year. We worked hard to get to the final, but congratulations to Scotland who played well.”*

#### MCC to tour Canada in 2005

Canada will play host to the MCC in late **September 2005**. The schedule will see the MCC travel across Canada from Quebec to British Columbia to play six 50-over matches and one 3-day game. The **proposed draft** schedule is outlined below. There is also a request for a game to be played in Winnipeg. This is pending confirmation from MCC.

| <u>Date</u>   | <u>Fixture</u>   | <u>Location</u> |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Sun., Sept.18 | Quebec Selects   | Quebec          |
| Mon.Sept.19   | Ottawa Selects   | Ottawa          |
| Wed.,Sept.21  | Canada U23       | Toronto         |
| Thur.,Sept.22 | Canada           | Toronto         |
| Fri., Sept.23 | Canada           | Toronto         |
|               | ( 3 day game)    |                 |
| Tue., Sept.27 | Calgary/Edmonton | Alberta         |
| Thur. Sept.29 | British Columbia | Vancouver       |
| Fri., Sept.30 | Vancouver Island | Victoria        |

### CCA Annual General Meeting

At the 112<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association, the Provincial Directors elected three new Vice Presidents and Treasurer. The newly elected members to the Board are: Howard Petrook (Ontario) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Ramesh Jagoo (Ontario) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Clifford Cox (British Columbia) 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, and Traddie Simpson (Ontario) Treasurer.

Two changes made in the committee structure were Errol Townshend replacing Rupert Gomes as Senior Selector representing Ontario, and Ms. Patsy Baksh replacing Ken Bhagaloo as the Scorers Coordinator.

The Directors also outlined the plans of the Association for 2005. They include their domestic program, preparation of the National team for the ICC Trophy tournament in Ireland; the ICC Intercontinental Cup, the visit of the MCC, and the possible visit to the Caribbean by the Women's cricket team.

The Association is looking forward to another successful year, both on and off the field.

### [U.S.A.](#)

#### Northern California Cricket Association

The Northern California Cricket Association (NCCA), established in 1892, currently comprises 35 teams with more than 800 active members. The NCCA provides the primary framework for playing cricket in the San Francisco Bay area and organizes three divisions of leagues for its members.

The NCCA's representative teams and players participate annually in the following inter-regional tournaments: the Raisinland Trophy Tournament against the Southern California Cricket Association (SCCA); the California Cup (a 3-game series against SCCA); and the USACA North Western Conference and USACA National Championship games.

#### The 2004 Season

The NCCA and the SCCA together initiated the California Cup series between their representative sides to give players more match experience in preparation for games at the national level. The inaugural series got underway early in the 2004 season. After losing the first game, the NCCA came from behind to win the series 2-1.

The NCCA players continued their morale-boosting California Cup performances with an impressive showing in the USACA Western Conference tournament in Dallas. The North West Region side defeated both the South West Regional Team and the Central East Regional Team to earn a spot in the USACA National Championship competition. North West region's Amit Dehra was adjudged the Best Batsman of the USACA Western Conference tournament.

During the season, the NCCA conducted a Cricket Festival to demonstrate cricket to the mainstream community. The NCCA All Stars were picked by their peers, and showcased their talent in an exciting game. The mayor of the City of Sunnyvale, Mr. John Howe, was the event's Guest of Honor.

The annual Raisinland Trophy tournament between the NCCA and the SCCA was the next big event. The NCCA players were overshadowed by a huge knock by Asela Jayasinghe in the first innings. With the lead carrying over to the second day's play, it became quite challenging to continue the winning streak, and the SCCA eventually won the 2004 Raisinland Trophy.

A four-way Under-19 tournament was held the same weekend with representative teams from the NCCA, the SCCA, and the Bay Area Cricket Alliance.

The North West region finished fourth in the U.S National Championships. The players gained a lot of experience and exposure playing against some of the country's top cricketers.

**Regular League Season:** The regular league season is 16 games long, and typically teams play all the other teams in their division twice. This year, the "A" Division League Championship was won by Caribbean Cricket Club. The "B" Division League Championship was won by Stanford-A Cricket Club. The "C" Division League Championship was won by Davis Cricket Club.

Overall, 2004 has been a good year for the NCCA. The Association has sown seeds with respect to improving processes, expanding visibility for cricket in the mainstream community, communicating more effectively, attracting sponsorships, facilitating organized cricket at the grassroots level, and improving the community's pride and participation in cricketing events. We believe that all of this will help us move as a cohesive unit toward an even stronger cricketing future in the region and the country as a whole.

For more information regarding the NCCA, please visit website: <http://www.ncalcricket.org> or contact [nccaexecs@ncalcricket.org](mailto:nccaexecs@ncalcricket.org)



Mayor John Howe, City of Sunnyvale receiving a plaque from the NCCA.

### North West Region

#### Naveen Kumar creates history – Scores 204 n.o. in a 40 over game (by Sanjay Rama)

In the semi final game of 2004 North West Cricket League (NWCL) season, Naveen Kumar of Microsoft Cricket club became one of a few select cricketers who have scored a double century (204 not out) in a limited overs game. In his 136 ball innings he hit 9 sixes and 10 fours. His cavalier stroke play enabled his team to score 343/3 in just 36.3 overs. Naveen put together a 243 run partnership, which is equally rare in limited overs matches, with Bhargava Vadapalli who scored 89 runs in 70 balls. Obviously, backed by this mammoth total MSCC went on to win the match and the momentum they gained from this victory carried them to the 2004 NWCL Championship.



Naveen Kumar

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***THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS. THE MEMBERS AND STAFF OF ICC AMERICAS WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OF OUR READERS HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR.***



**Even Santa enjoys a good game of cricket.**

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On December 1, World Aids Day, many other Sports personnel located in the Sport Alliance Building (ICC Americas Head Office) joined Cricket in wearing Red Ribbons.

On Sunday Dec .12 teams taking part in the semi-finals and finals of the South American Championship will also wear red ribbons during the matches.

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