



ICC AMERICAS



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ICC Americas hold second Umpiring Seminar

ICC Americas successfully completed the second Annual Umpiring Seminar in Buenos Aires, Argentina between November 26th and 30th. Countries that had representatives at the course were Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica and Suriname.

In line with the restructuring of regional cricket education programs, including coaching, umpiring and scoring, this seminar was a different format to that held in Costa Rica last year. With the total course duration being four days, the program was divided into two parts, with the first two days dedicated to an ICC Americas "Introduction to Umpiring and Scoring" Instructors course, and the final two days to an ICC Americas Basic Umpiring Course. Course instructor for the entire event was regional RDO, Grant Dugmore.

Instead of directly presenting a WICUA Level 1 Umpiring Course, the newly adopted system means that selected individuals from amongst those that have successfully completed the ICC Americas basic course will be invited to do a WICUA Level 1 in 2007-08.

Congratulations to all the attendees for their participation and input in what was an extremely informative and enjoyable four days. Special mention needs to be made of Herd Rogers from Costa Rica, who achieved a 100% mark in the Basic Umpiring course. All the participants achieved a pass in the basic course.

Argentina: Malcolm Gibson, Gary Savage and Hamish Barton

Belize: Dwight Gabb

Brazil: Matt Featherstone and Rudyard Hartmann

Chile: Patricio Caamano
Costa Rica: Herd Rogers
Suriname: Cyrill Bonar

Billy MacDermott and Rodrigo Scioscia, both from Argentina, and Simon Shalders from Chile also attended the Introduction to Umpiring course, while Brandy Auld and Victoria Gibson, both from Argentina, attended the day of the Scoring section.

Thanks must also go to the Argentine Cricket Association and their President, Ricardo Lord, for hosting the event and a special dinner for all the participants.

Tri Series in South Africa

The two Americas Region teams, Bermuda and Canada, continued their preparation for the 2007 World Cup by playing a series of ODIs and two four day first class matches (Intercontinental Cup) in South Africa this past month. The Netherlands, another World Cup bound country joined Bermuda and Canada in a Tri Series of ODI matches. The Dutch with a record of 3-1 finished ahead of the Canadians 2-2 with Bermuda in third 1-3. It was an encouraging tour for Canada, missing all of their overseas based players due to work commitments they defeated Bermuda twice while losing two close games to the Netherlands, one by 17 runs and the other by 1 wicket with two balls to spare. In the Intercontinental Matches, Bermuda led by David Hemp scored a massive total against the Netherlands to secure a draw. This result ensured that Canada would finish first in Group B thereby advancing to the final in 2007 against the winner of Group A. The Netherlands salvaged some revenge by defeating Canada in the final game of the tour.

Tri Series and Intercontinental Cup Photo Gallery

Winners-Netherlands



The winning tri series team

David Hemp 247



Bermuda vs Netherlands I Cup

Ryan ten Doeschante 259



The Dutch run machine

Qaiser Ali 174



Canada vs Netherlands

Around the Region



ARGENTINA

The Argentina cricket season started with the 20/20 leagues for the First Division (5 teams), Second Division (5 teams), and the Third Division (6 teams).

St. Albans Sharks led the table in the First Division 20/20 with one round to be played Lomas Eagles, Belgrano Cavaliers and St. Georges College will need victories in the final round to be able to claim the title on net run rate. The other team participating is Hurlingham Hawks.

The Second Division 20/20 title will go down to the last weekend with Lomas 'A' currently topping the table. The final result will depend on the match between Old Georgians and Hurlingham with the winner edging out Lomas 'A'. The other teams participating are Belgrano A.C. and St. Albans.

The Third Division title will be decided on the last weekend with Bedes Grammar School needing a win to challenge St. Albans who is unbeaten thus far. The other teams participating are Belgrano

'B', Lomas 'B', St. Georges Cagers and St. Georges Knights.

For more details on all the games in the First/Second/Third Division 20/20 please check our website www.cricketaargentina.com

Schools League

St. Georges College dominated both the U15 and Open Schools league edging out St. Albans College in both cases. It has been very promising to see the talent shown by St. Georges College this season, who have got two teams in the Third Division and their school First X1 taking part in the First Division 20/20 (win - 1, loss-1, and no result-1)

Kanga Festivals

The third Kanga festival was held at St Albans (Corimayo) to complete the school calendar. Teams of boys and girls (4th & 5th year) from St. Albans College, Barker College and Mancedo High enjoyed a warm afternoon of festival matches. Previous festivals were held at Bedes Grammar School with Barker College festival rained off.

Visiting teams

Worcester over 55s recently visited Argentina after a brief visit to Chile where they started their South American visit. They played three games against St. Georges Invitational X1, A.C.A. Presidents (rained off) and Buenos Aires Living Legends. They managed a good win in their last match with the first game ending in a tie.

Grange College (Chile) toured Argentina for 6 days and played matches against St. Albans College, Mancedo High and Bedes Grammar School. The kids had a lot of fun gaining some new experience, managing a good win against Bedes Grammar in their final match.

The Emu Chicks (Australia) and Natal Midlands (South Africa) arrived in Argentina on November 29. Both teams will play some warm up matches leading up to the third Pampero U16 tournament which will take place from December 9-16. Argentina will present a Colts team to complete the tournament line up. The other team

participating will be Paarl Gimnasium (South Africa)

Umpires Seminar

The annual ICC Americas Umpires Seminar was held in Buenos Aires from November 26-29. Argentina was represented by Malcolm Gibson, Gary Savage, Hamish Barton, Rodrigo Scioscia, Billy MacDermott, Vicky Gibson and Brandy Auld.

The course was a tremendous success and special thanks must go to Grant Dugmore for all his hard work during the four days. The Argentina Cricket Association would like to thank ICC Americas for choosing Argentina to host this event.

BERMUDA

The BCB is pleased to announce that two members of the National Women's team have been invited to participate in the 2nd Annual Women's Regional Double Wicket Tournament organized by the Trinidad and Tobago Women's Cricket Board of Control. Ms. Brittney Marshall and Ms. Terri-Lynn Paynter will compete against 8 other countries in Trinidad for a tournament on November 4th and 5th.

Following on the success of last year's inaugural tournament, it is hoped that the Double Wicket Tournament will provide regional countries with a forum where female cricketers will be able to meet annually and strengthen their skills as each country strives to continue in the development of women's cricket. It will also create an opportunity for players to continue honing their skills during the off season.

Knock Out Cup Final Gate Receipts to Charity

The BCB is pleased to announce that a total of \$1100.00 was collected from the gate receipts taken during the Knock Out Cup Final on September 17th and 18th, which will be donated to the Sunshine League. An additional

anonymous donation of \$1,000 was also made in the name of the Sunshine League.

Reginald Pearman, BCB President, is quoted: "I am very pleased that all proceeds taken at the gate have been collected for the Sunshine League. Youth cricket is a big part of the BCB and so we feel that it is important to give back to all children of Bermuda. The Sunshine League does a wonderful job of looking after those who are less fortunate and so it is always necessary to remind ourselves of others".

BRAZIL

Cricket is a beautiful game! A lovely green field, sunshine, fit athletes in sparkling white uniforms, the crack of a shiny red ball off a willow bat through the covers, a nice lunch and a cup of team. It's also a relatively safe game, unless you have express bowlers trying to knock your head off, or as we witnessed on a recent weekend in Brasilia, when you have a rash of bad luck. A total of five players were injured – four needing to go to hospital.

As for the cricket, host team Brasilia beat visitors Parana in three 20/20 matches held on a new pitch at the University (thanks to Aussie ambassador Peter Heyward for the lawn mower!), which, although pleasant enough looking, obviously had its share of demons. Fortunately, the promised rains held off to allow all the games to be completed. VP Singh starred with bat and ball, while opener Haike Manning batted extremely well throughout. Toward the end of the third match the players were glad to have seen the last of the injuries, only to have Brasilia keeper Robert Kersting cut his lip after getting whacked in the mouth on the final ball of the weekend!



Brasilia new killer ground

The Friday beforehand saw the two opposing captains holding a cricket class for enthusiastic PE students at the University, all of whom played in the matches, which bodes well for the future of local cricket.

The domestic season will now be on hold due to summer holidays (the rainy season) but will resume in February ahead of matches against the MCC and the South American Championships in Lima, Peru.

CANADA

Annual General Meeting

Ben Sennik, President of the CCA, addressed a full house at the opening session of the 104th Annual General Meeting of the Association. He said the CCA can pride itself on being one of the oldest sporting organizations in Canada. At the time CCA was incorporated (1892) were the glory days of cricket in Canada. Then, cricket was the national sport – although "I have been challenged at times that lacrosse was the national sport". Nevertheless, cricket is fast stepping into another golden era and together we shall endeavour to put it on a strong footing so that our children and grandchildren may enjoy the fruits of your labour.

Ben said "I believe the CCA has developed an excellent relationship of mutual respect and openness with Mr. Ken Gordon, the new President of WICB. I admire his progressive ideas and the will to develop the Americas as the next market for cricket".

Prior to the conclusion of the meeting it was announced there was no change in the Executive as both the 1st VP Howard Petrook and 3rd VP had been re-elected for another two years. A warm welcome was extended to two new Provincial Presidents – Jeff Ryan (BC) and Arvind Patel (Quebec).

Tri-Series in South Africa

The Canadian team traveled to South Africa for a tri-series of ODIs with Bermuda and the Netherlands, and a four day first class Intercontinental game against the Dutch. Their ODI schedule concluded with two victories against their regional rivals Bermuda, and two close losses to the Netherlands (by 17 runs and 1 wicket). The team was missing their three top overseas based players – John Davison, Ian Billcliffe and Geoff Barnett. Canada qualified for the I-Cup final as a result of Bermuda gaining first innings point against the Dutch.



Sunil Dhaniram (Left) and Ashish Bagai (Right) were solid performers for Canada, both had attended the WTC prior to the series.

Official Team Sponsor

The Canadian Cricket Association is pleased to announce that DST Output Canada has been appointed as the Official Team Sponsor for Canada at the ICC CWC 2007 to be played in the West Indies next year.



Women's Cricket

Two players, Lenora Davis and Michelle Hobby represented Canada at the recently concluded women's Double Wicket tournament in Trinidad. The focus is to provide the players with as much competition as possible.

Umpires and Scorers Awards

The Toronto Cricket Umpires and Scorers recently held their annual presentation and awards night. Among the 20 year awards recipients were: C. Myles, R. Marshall, C. Harvey and Unis Ali. The Lifetime Honorary awards were handed out to Randy Howard and Errol Griffith.

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Canadian Winter Preparations move forward at senior and junior levels

By Eddie Norfolk

Canadian cricket takes a step forward this winter with a program to prepare for the 2007 World Cup, a program National Coach Andy Pick and many followers hope will be repeated, and improve, in future years.

Organized sessions have been underway for several weeks in the Greater Toronto area, home to 18 of the senior squad. Even better news for the future of Canadian cricket is the co-existence of an Under-19 junior winter program.

Soon after the winter squad was named, Pick said "We are also looking to have a winter program in Quebec, for the guys in BC (British Columbia) and for Kendon (Otley) in Alberta. There are higher costs of running these programs due to the smaller numbers". "In BC, Shaun Miller is leading the coaching. I know him from my ECB (England and Wales Cricket Board days). He has not been in Canada for long but is an ECB class 3 coach. He started helping during the summer with Haninder (Dhillon)." Coaches are in place

now for the Alberta and Montreal players, however, there remain some questions on finding suitable facilities.

Andy Pick spoke of his long term ideas for the development of elite Canadian cricketers. "Hopefully the program, over time, will be for a coach to work with 1, 3 or 5 players to give support not just in the winter, but in the summer.

Leroy Grey, heads up the juniors in preparation for the Americas tournament next year and the Junior World Cup the following year. During preparations for the I-Cup match with Kenya, some of the Ontario Under-19 players had a chance to bowl in the nets against senior team players. This clearly made them feel part of the overall cricketing body and obviously provided good experience. The U19s from Ontario will continue their sessions during the winter supported by the Ontario Cricket Association.

New National Coaching program

The CCA recently announced a new National Coaching program and as remarked by National Coach Andy Pick, "we need the right people to work with the schools, we need teachers to take the game forward. Then, outside the schools we need a countrywide plan to get players into cricket clubs, colleges or universities. Scotiabank provided initial funds to help... Ideally, there would be a couple or more development officers in each province to help the schools and clubs develop cricketers".



ICC Cricket World Cup
WEST INDIES 2007

CANADA

Group C - St. Lucia

March 14 - vs. Kenya

March 18 - vs. England

March 22 - vs. New Zealand

CHILE

Lincoln International Academy's 'A' team won the inaugural ACC School Cricket cup, with victory over their own 'B' team in the final.

On November 18th the Chilean Cricket Association held their first ever School Cricket Cup at U12 level at the beautiful settings of Lincoln International Academy's campus in Chicureo. Eight teams from four schools competed for the Cup but in the end it was the host school's 'A' team that won, despite strong competition from The Grange, Wenlock and Colegio Pedro de Valdivia.

In all, 10 games of cricket were played, with promising performances coming from across the board. However, special mention must be made of Lincoln 'A' Captain, Sebastian Estrada, who compiled a healthy 65 runs in 3 games, helping his team to victory; and Wenlock 'A' Captain Hernan, who was also in the runs with a superb 49, as his team took some consolation from their first round defeat to win the plate competition.

School cricket at U12 level has taken off this season in Chile with over 20 games having been played since September. It is hoped that the step up to hardball cricket is not too far away.

CUBA

Andy Sellins from UK Sports and 5 other instructors formed a delegation for a programmed visit to Cuba from October 26 to November 5 for a coaching and umpiring seminar including blind cricket. Fourteen of our qualified coaches and umpires from 5 provinces were involved. The UK instructors presented a wealthy donation of equipment and gears for the youth.

A 20 over game was played on October 29th between Guantanamo and Ciudad Habana. Results of the game – tied 54 runs each.

An Exhibition game was played on November 4th with U-13 vs U-15 at the recently assigned national cricket ground "El Ferroviario". Mr. Ken Livingstone (Mayor of London), Lord Moyncham (Head of UK IOC), Simon Clegly (Chief Executive of UK IOC) and Miss Debbie Lye (General Manager UK Sports), who were in Cuba taking part in an OIC Congress celebrated in Havana from October 30 to November 3rd, dropped in at Ferroviario, accompanied by the International Press CNN, Reuters and the BBC. Also present were Ambassadors in Cuba from Great Britain and Jamaica as well as other diplomats and cricket lovers.

USA

City of Lauderhill

Peter Mason, the City of Lauderhill's Youth Cricket Coach, just finished a beginner session of cricket coaching. His class included both new and Native Americans. He taught 14 to 20 on each night – twice a week. All but one had never used a cricket bat before beginning the class.

Courtney Walsh will conduct a Youth Cricket Clinic on December 9 at the City of Lauderhill Sports Park

Enthusiasts Pitch Cricket to Schools in Central Florida

(as reported by Claudia Zequeira, Orlando Sentinel Staff Writer)

Arif Alwi grew up playing cricket, but the ancient British game was all new to the fourth graders listening to their coach yell out instructions on the green at Poinciana Elementary. Soon enough, the rules were outlined

and the children eagerly stormed the field, some giggling and playing with the dirt under their feet.



Brandon Flanagan- (George Skene, Orlando Sentinel)

That was good news for Alwi, a Londoner trying to popularize Kwik Cricket, a high-speed version designed for children.

Kwik Cricket rules are not much different from those of standard cricket. In both games, the aim is to score as many runs as possible between two sets of wickets (the equivalent of a base in baseball) which players must defend.

Encouraged by immigrants from Britain and its former colonial outposts, the game is gaining popularity in Central Florida schools. Coaches at Deerwood, Poinciana and Chestnut hope to set up teams and, eventually, host competitions among the schools. At least 20 teams are affiliated with the Central Florida Cricket League, which has helped push the sport in schools by donating cricket equipment.

"Basically, what we're trying to do is to bring back cricket as one of the leading sports in America and ensuring the participation of young people" said league president Louis Daniel. "If we don't energize the sport, it will die a natural death." Alwi, who does youth development for the league, has played a significant role promoting the sport locally. He started by doing video presentations, inviting local players to speak to students and devoting a significant amount of his time to training school coaches unfamiliar with the game. A self-described "cricket fanatic", he first brought the game to Glenridge Middle. He then invited Dr. Wayne Kennedy, principal of Poinciana elementary, to see students play there. Kennedy, who knew of the game because of a close friendship with a British couple that vacations in Central Florida, did not need a lot of convincing.

NEW TERRITORIES

Dominican Republic



Plans continue to move ahead to establish four teams in the Dominican Republic. A night cricket match was planned for December 2nd at the football grounds of La UASD. The Association will then have a break for the holidays, resuming their activity on January 6, 2007.

Falkland Islands

(Penguin News, November 3, 2006)

Cricketers aim for international status

Stanley's cricketers have been working with the Americas Regional Development Officer of the ICC in the hope that they will become an affiliate member of the organization. Grant Dugmore has spent time checking out the relevant criteria required to become an affiliate member and is hopeful that in June when the ICC meets, Falkland's membership will be approved. He has also held coaching sessions with senior and junior players as part of his mandate to see the game improve.

The Falklands would become a part of Americas cricket which has a formal body and every year has a forum where all the countries send a representative to discuss what is going on in the region, what they would like to happen, policy and strategic planning. Becoming an affiliate member of the ICC will force cricket here to be more organized, more formally structured, will help everybody with their game

and make them more keen, said Mr. Dugmore. He added, "It is good to be part of international cricket, there is a sense of belonging in the world".

F.I. Cricket Cup

MPA established themselves as early favourites to win the inaugural Falkland Islands Cricket Cup (20-2- competition) with a convincing defeat of Stanley on October 29. Stanley, however, later recorded their first victory of the season against fellow Islanders' side, Moody Brook.

Both games were watched by ICC official, Grant Dugmore, who was impressed by the evident enthusiasm for and standard of cricket in the Falkland Islands. The next round of games are scheduled for November.

ANNUAL AWARDS

LAST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS- Closing date is December 17th, 2006



The eight categories in the awards are:

- Best Overall Cricket Development Program
- Best Women's Cricket Initiative
- Best Junior Cricket Initiative
- Best Cricket Promotion and Marketing Program
- Best Spirit of Cricket initiative in partnership with UNAIDS
- Photo of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year
- Lifetime Service Award

The ICC Americas family would like to extend their deepest sympathy and condolences to the relatives of the late Mr. Ringo Mayani, President of the Panama Cricket Association who died suddenly on November 18th.

Our thanks to the following for their contributions this month:

Gary Savage (Argentina); Erica Fulton (Bermuda); Norman Baldwin (Brazil); Calvin Clarke (Canada); Joseph Williams (Chile); Leona Ford (Cuba); Leslie Tropepe (USA); Dr. Shakil Khan (Dominican Republic); Richard Marlor (Falkland Islands)

This is our last NewsFlash before the Holidays so from your ICC Americas Team: Grant , Brandy, Vicki and Martin we wishing you all the best for the season and coming year.



Feliz Navidad

Feliz Año Nuevo !

Feliz Natal

Feliz ano novo !

Joyeux Noël

Bonne année

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year



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