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# ICC Americas Newsflash

## ICC Americas has moved

The International Cricket Council Regional Development Office -Americas has moved. Please note our new postal address effective December 2, 2008.

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**We've Moved!**

## Americas Division 1

**USA crowned Americas cricket champions**

USA beat Cayman Islands in a rain-interrupted match to clinch Americas title. No result due to rain between Bermuda and Canada leaves Bermuda second and Canada third. Suriname put in best display of tournament in going down to Argentina.

In a rain-interrupted match at Brian Piccolo Park, the USA clinched the 2008 ICC Americas Division 1 championship by virtue of a 87 run Duckworth-Lewis victory over the Cayman Islands, and thus finished their campaign unbeaten.

At the Central Broward Regional Park stadium in Lauderdale-hill, the eagerly awaited clash between Bermuda and Canada was eventually abandoned late in the day with no result possible. Intermittent showers and lashing winds made any chance of completing sufficient overs impossible.

Only one match was completed, as Argentina proved too strong for an improving and resilient Suriname outfit.

Asked to bat first, Suriname posted a more than respectable 190 all out in 49 overs.

Argentina welcomed back player-coach Hamish Barton back at the top of the order, and together with Pablo Ferguson, their 99 run opening stand settled any nerves Argentina



might have had about their run-chase. Barton made 68 in 88 balls with 8 fours, and Ferguson scored 43 off 91 balls with 3 fours. Argentina comfortably reached their target in the 46th over in scoring 191 for 4.

Steve Massiah, USA captain, was delighted at his teams victory and performance: "I am very honoured to have captained one of if not the best USA team that ever walked on a cricket field. We dominated some games, and fought hard for every ball from sometimes difficult situations against supposedly superior opposition in other games.

It's vital now that we strive to continue playing at the highest level. Cricket in the USA is on the up, and there is no doubt that we have the potential to be a world class team and cricketing nation in the future."

## Division 1 cont'd

Team manager, Imran Khan, was equally overjoyed with the championship title: "The whole process of selecting, training and molding this team was a huge success, and winning the championship proved that we hit on the right formula. The results are there for all to see. What we have accomplished in a few short weeks is a reflection of the direction USA cricket is taking. Together with coach Clayton Lamber, who did an outstanding job, our goal was to create a solid unit on and off the field, and we did as reflected by our results. This is a great day for USA cricket, and if we keep moving forward positively.

### Individual Awards

- Player of the Tournament: Sushil Nadkarni (USA)
- Best Batsman: Sushil Nadkarni (USA)
- Best Bowler: Imran Awan (USA)
- Best Fielder: Zubin Sukari (Canada)
- Best Wicket-keeper: Alejandro Ferguson (Argentina)



Officials



Final Standings	Country	P	W	L	T	NR	PTS	NRR
1	United States	5	5	0	0	0	20	2,706
2	Bermuda	5	3	1	0	1	14	1,785
3	Canada	5	3	1	0	1	14	1,714
4	Cayman Islands	5	2	3	0	0	8	-0.359
5	Argentina	5	1	4	0	0	4	-1,237
6	Suriname	5	0	5	0	0	0	-3,698



Team Suriname



Team Argentina



## Bermuda

<http://www.bermudacrickboard.com/>

### BCB 2008 AGM Results

The BCB is pleased to announce that the following candidates have been elected to serve on the Executive Committee:

- Ist Vice President: Mr. Allen Richardson (until 2009)
- 2nd Vice President: Mr. Lloyd Fray (4 year position)
- Assistant Treasurer/Secretary: Mr. McNeil McGowan (4 year position)
- Club Representative: Mr. Calvin Waldron (1 year position)
- Club Representative: Mr. James Pace (1 year position)
- Club Representative: Ms. Terry-Lynn Paynter (1 year position).

The BCB is pleased to announce that Mr. Glenn Blakeney is the latest player to join the BCB's High Performance Programme (HPP). Glenn will join Irving Romaine, Rodney Trott, Tamauri Tucker, Kyle Hodsoll, Oronde Bascome and Christopher Douglas who have recently returned from a seven-week start at the Cricket Academy in Brisbane, Australia.

### Bermuda A Squad Argentina Tour

The following players have been selected for the Bermuda A Team Tour to Argentina, December 10 - 21, 2008;

Irving Romaine, Rodney Trott, Chris Douglas, Glenn Blakeney, Justin Pitcher, Kyle Hodsoll, Oronde Bascome, Tamauri Tucker, Delyone Borden, Jordan DeSilva, Joshua Gilbert, Kevon Fubler, Regino Smith, Machai Campbell, Fiqre Crockwell.

**Brazil**

**Brazil T20 Tournament**

The annual Twenty20 tournament was held 8/9 November in the southern city of Curitiba, bringing together 40 players from around the nation.

Teams from Brasília, São Paulo and Curitiba played a total of six games over the two days. The eventual winner was São Paulo, with 3 wins from 4 matches.

In terms of cricket development, the T20 showed significant improvement

in the skills and game sense of the Brazilian players. Four years ago when the T20 began here, there was one Brazilian player. Now they have a strong contingent of local players who have the ability to match it with seasoned cricket veterans.

**Brazil Women’s Cricket**

The women’s squad is training hard for their up-coming tour of Argentina. The 4 matches will be played in Buenos Aries in late January/early February 2009.

**New Development Positions**

At the recent AGM, the following people were appointed:

- Juliana Brito - Women’s Cricket Development
- Rudy Hartmann - Junior Cricket Development, District Federal
- Matt French - Junior Cricket Development, São Paulo
- Vincent Bastick - Chief Administrative Officer



T20 Tournament

**Cayman Islands**

The Cayman Islands Cricket Association held its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November. President Courtney Myles and his out going executive was returned for another term.

CICA Executive

President Courtney Myles	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President Alister Carter
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President Stephen Best	Secretary Merta Day
Asst. Secretary Rajpal Hemraj	Treasurer Ian Goodall
Member Hector Robinson	Member Ivan Burges
Member Theo Cuffy.	



Kervin Ebanks

Youngsters Ramon Sealy and Kervin Ebanks joined six other new comers to the national senior team on their quest for honors at the ICC Americas region championships. The first timers include Ricardo Roach, Marlon Bryan, Omar Willis, Kevin Bazil, Kevon Bazil and Alessandro Morris.



Ramon Sealy

**Canada**

**Scotiabank Schools Programme**

On 15th November, 23 schools participated in the launch of the Scotiabank Schools program held at the Vrandenburg Public School. Teachers interested in promoting Cricket in their respective schools attended the training session.

In attendance at the launch was a number of Scotiabank Executives, responsible for undertaking Multicultural programs, including VP Ms Rania Llwellyn, were present. Representing Cricket Canada was Atul Ahuja, CEO and Mohan (Mike) Kendal, 1<sup>st</sup>. Vice President along with coaches who assisted with the program.

## Chile

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, the Chilean Cricket Association organized the first National U15's Trios Tournament, which was held at The Grange School, Santiago. Eight teams from Santiago, Viña del Mar and Chillán competed throughout the morning in a cup and plate competition, with Viña del Mar taking top honours. In the plate final, Chillán 'A' edged Santiago 'B'.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November also saw the inaugural Timothy W. Messner Cup as The Regions took on Santiago at U15 level in a twenty over encounter. The Regions batted first and made a patient 79 all out. In reply, a clearly pumped Regional bowling unit bowled as a pack and ran amok with a batting line up that, on paper, should have easily chased down the total. Santiago collapsed for 19 all out.

The cup was named in honour of the 'Godfather' of Chilean cricket development and former ICC Volunteer of the Year, Tim Messner, who moves back to his native Australia in early 2009 having set in motion one of South America's most exciting development programs.

<http://www.cricketchile.cl/>

## El Salvador

The ESC League finished round 1 in mid October and round 2 began mid November.

### Round 1 Summary

Some sharp early bowling by Cullen and Carpio saw Chiefs in trouble. They quickly recovered though with useful innings by Reyes, McHugh & Murgatroyd to reach a healthy total of 115. The Knights never looked like they would overtake it as A. Portillo claimed 2 victims in the first over.

Cuscatlan Chiefs: 115 for 4

Atlatl Knights: 40 all out, off 10.2 overs.

### The ESC National Team

An initial squad of 16 players has been named for the December Easter Cup tournament.

Alexander, P (Knights)

Serpas, J (Knights)

Santamaria, C (Chiefs)

Cuenca, R (Dell)

Carpio, E (Knights)

Ramirez, A (Dell)

Davis, R (Chiefs)

Cullen, S (Knights)

McHugh, I (Chiefs)

Keslake, T (Knights)

Joseph, D (Dell)

Lainez, J (Dell)

Lawrence, J (Knights)

Mostyn, P (Dell)

Villalta, M (Dell)

Salome, R (Knights)

The final 12 will be named shortly. <http://www.elsalvadorcricket.net/>

### December 2008 Easter Cup

El Salvador will host this 2nd Edition Cricket Competition

Day 1 13th December 10am Mexico vs Belize 1pm El Salvador vs Costa Rica

Day 2 14th December 10am Belize vs Costa Rica 1pm El Salvador vs Mexico

Where: Academia Britanica Cuscatleca, Santa Telca



## Hawaii

The Hawaii Premier League (HPL) was successfully launched as Hawaii's first 20/20 cricket competition in October. The league is scheduled to hold tournaments twice annually each November and May. The first three teams were comprised of all-star cricket players from Oahu and Maui. The three teams wore different coloured uniforms and were named the Master Batters, Spitting Cobras and Terminators. The tournament has plans to expand to include mainland cricket teams in 2009 before expanding further to include international teams from Asia and Oceania.

The plan is to expand the Hawaii Premier League into an international competition, in a tournament structure beginning in May 2010.



Master Batters (Blue), Cobras (Yellow)

## Hawaii cont'd

The month-long competition in October featured several close matches and after six matches all three teams were level with two wins and two defeats. The Spitting Cobras and Master Batters made the Grand Final by virtue of securing the most bonus points. The Grand Final went to the Spitting Cobras who batted first and amassed 160 runs including 99 runs from 47 balls by Mark Berwick. The Master Batters got off to a promising start however were held to 127 runs.

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## Mexico

The Mexico Cricket Association together with The Reforma Athletic Club is proud to announce the opening of the Phillips Pavilion. The inauguration of the Pavilion was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> November. H.E. The British Ambassador Mr. Giles Paxman, was the Guest of Honor Other dignitaries present were: Mr. Martin Vieira ICC Americas, Regional Development Manager, Mr. Steve Riley, President of the Reforma Athletic Club, Mr. Keith Foster, Chairman of the Mexican cricket Association and Mr. Robert Hickman, President of the British Society.

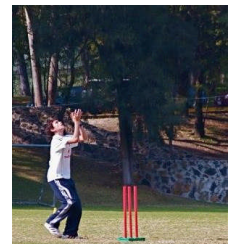
Mexico has achieved to get two categories involved in the Schools tournament this year. One under 13 yrs and the other under 16 yrs. Mexico has also successfully launched The Childrens University Programme which is affiliated to the University of Wales. This is an outreach programme where children from under privileged backgrounds are being taught to play cricket. The Mexican Cricket Association would like to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers and members who have made this possible. We wish them all the best.



Phillips Pavilion

### MCA Junior Cricket Tournament

The MCA hosted its first junior tournament for 2008/09 Sunday 23 November, and if the participation and enthusiasm of the kids are anything to go by, cricket really does have a promising future. All credit to Alan Downie & Yasir Patel for their efforts in organizing such a successful event. Thanks also must go to Deb Chourdhuri and Dave Grant.



## Suriname

Due to visa problems, eight key players were unable to participate in the Division I Championship of the Americas in the USA. The team improved as the week progressed scoring an impressive 190 against Argentina.

The CLA Cricket Club is champion of 2008 in the B Class of Suriname. CLA won all matches played, beating all teams including the champion of 2007, Snellenpark Cricket Club.

The Surinamese Cricket Association held an Umpire seminar in district Nickerie in the second week of November. Twelve Umpires attended this seminar with success. In January, in cooperation with the Umpire Association of Guyana they will have two seminars. One in Paramaribo and one in Nickerie. 30 Umpires will participate in these seminars.

## Turks and Caicos

### *The PPC Provo Cricket Competition*

On 22nd November, the Delicious Dishes sponsored Jamaica All Stars battled K's Tires Guyana Jaguars. After winning the toss and deciding to bat, The Jamaica All Stars could only secure a meager 121 runs all out off 26 overs. The Guyana Jaguars' bowling attack was enhanced by Beesham Bhagwandash. In what seemed to be a disastrous start for the Jaguars after losing early valuable wickets, their hopes were resurrected by the superb performance of veteran and former member of the police team Terrence Thomas. Final score -Jam .All Stars 121 all out from 26 overs and Guyana Jaguars 122 for 6 off 19.1 overs.

On 23rd November, the Atlas Electrical Jam Turk team faced off with last season's champion, the St. Lucian Hitters, sponsored by the TCI Bank. The final score Jam Turk -209 for 8 off 30 overs and St. Lucian Hitters 184 all out off 27 overs.

A comfortable 58 runs by Carlton Benjamin and an unbeaten 50 not out from Glen Campbell was enough to propel the Atlas Electrical sponsored Jam Turk team to their second consecutive win when they beat the Masters by 104 runs on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>

November. Final score for Saturday's game -Jam Turk-229 for 4 and Masters 125 all out.

The 30<sup>th</sup> November was dubbed the game of the season in so far as spectators and players alike had to hold their breath as they watched an exciting competitive game between new comers Seven Stars and the Police in the 5<sup>th</sup> game of the season.

Final score Police 257 for 4 off 30 overs and Seven Stars in reply -231 all out off 27.5 overs. The Police won by 26 runs.



Guyana Jaguars winning



Sports Minister & Jam Turk

## USA

### Ontario U15 and USA Selects U15 split series

The Ontario Select Under-15's beat the California and US Cricket Academies Select Under-15's by 5 wickets on the opening day, Thursday 27 November. USA Select Under-15's 187 for 8 wickets (40 overs), Ontario Select Under-15's 188 for 5 wickets (40 overs).

USA Select U-15 came back in the second game of the Friendship Series to draw the series in a convincing manner. USA Select won by 52 runs to win the second and last match of the series.

Pranay Suri, the US Captain was judged Man of the Match for a magnificent all round performance of 98 not out and 3/24 and a run out and a catch. Wicket keeper batsman K Talwalker deserves a special mention for his century and carrying the bat. He was undefeated at 103 runs in 105 balls. Tristan Ali of the Ontario U-15 top scored with 72 runs in the chase.

#### Scores

USA Select U-15 233 for 2 (40.0 overs) Ontario U-15 181 for 9 (40.0 overs)

The Under-15 2008 Friendship Series brings together many of the leading Under-15 cricketers in North America. It results from discussions between coaches at some of the leading cricket academies in the USA and coaching counterparts in Canada, in this instance being represented by Ontario-based players. The first US-Canada international match dates back to September 1844 in New York.

#### CEO Job Posting

The USA Cricket Association is seeking a CEO. Please visit their website at [www.usaca.org](http://www.usaca.org) for details.

*From the ICC Americas Development office....Best wishes for the Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.*