



ICC Americas Newsflash

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New Regional Project Officer for the Americas

The ICC Americas Development Office is pleased to announce the appointment of Miss Natasha Walcott as the new Regional Project Officer (RPO).

Miss Walcott holds a Bachelor' Degree in Political Science from the University of Windsor, and has an educational background in Event Management and Tourism and Hospitality Management.

I know you will all join me in welcoming Natasha to the ICC Americas Family.



World Cricket League Division 4

Afghanistan and Hong Kong qualified for the PEPSI WCL Division 3 to be played in Argentina January 2009. The top two will qualify for the World Cup Qualifying Competition later in 2009. Americas hopefuls will be teams Argentina and Cayman Islands.

ICC Diversity Day

The ICC will be celebrating Diversity Day on 20 November . We are organizing a number of Full Member player related activities around the day, which will focus on how cricket can help contribute to a number of diverse social causes, provides opportunities for people to travel and mix with different cultures that may not otherwise have had the chance to, and showcase that the game is played by people regardless of their age, gender or disability.

Our thanks this month to:

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Calvin Clarke

Roger & Jean Diggle

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World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day is the 1st of December. All Full Member matches around World Aids Day and the Americas Championship, taking place in late November, will see players wearing red ribbons as a show of support for people living with HIV.

We are also organizing player visits and interactions for players from South Africa, India and England's men's teams with people affected by HIV/AIDS next month, while we are planning a project

visit for England's women to a project in Bangalore in November.

These will be used in a video news release, which will be distributed across the world, which may also contain footage of the visits that took place in Tanzania during the ICC World Cricket League Division 4. This will be supported by media releases and a pr campaign.

At a Development level, please send details of any HIV/AIDS awareness activities that are

planned on World AIDS day. They will be promoted through ICC media, such as the website and v programming, and in our pr campaign around World AIDS Day.

More information on World AIDS Day can be found at

<http://worldaidscampaign.org/>



ICC announces Intercontinental Cup 2007-08 Team

Six countries represented with Ireland providing the most players

The International Cricket Council announced the Team of the Tournament for the group stage of the ICC Intercontinental Cup 2007-08. The final of which takes place between Namibia, making its first appearance, and defending champion Ireland at St George's Park, Port Elizabeth from 30 October to 3 November. "The idea of the ICC Intercontinental Cup is to give players from Associate teams the opportunity

to play more of the longer form of the game and the four-day format has been very successful .

To be nominated, players must have appeared in at least four out of their team's seven ICC Intercontinental Cup 2007-2008 round-robin matches. The coaches and captains were also asked to nominate a captain from the players they picked.

Congratulations to two players from The Americas; Sunil Dhaniram (Canada) and Dwayne Leverock (Bermuda).

Team of the Tournament 2007-08

Niall O'Brien (Ireland, wicketkeeper)
 Saqib Ali (UAE)
 Andre Botha (Ireland, captain)
 Gerrie Snyman (Namibia)
 Kevin O'Brien (Ireland)
 Thomas Odoyo (Kenya)
 Sunil Dhaniram (Canada)
 Kola Burger (Namibia)
 Louis Klazinga (Namibia)
 Hiren Varayia (Kenya)
 Dwayne Leverock (Bermuda)
 12th man: Peter Connell (Ireland)

The selection panel consisted of:

Richard Done (Chairman)
 Ian Callender (Europe)
 Russell Tiffin (Africa)
 Mazhar Khan (Asia)
 Martin Vieira (Americas)



Argentina

South American U15 Championships:

Argentina hosted the Chilean U15 team as they took part in the 2nd South American U15 Championships. The event took place at St Georges College on the 10, 11 & 12 of October and was kindly sponsored by Multi-mar. Chile were out to try and win back the trophy won by Argentina in 2006 when the event was staged in Santiago Chile.

Match 1. Argentina 151/8

Chile 124

Match 2. Argentina 201/8

Chile 114

Match 3. Rain

20/20. Indoor Chile won by 48 runs.

First Division T20:

The 2008/09 season officially kicked off with the First Division T20 event held at Longchamps and Barker. The event consisted of two semi finals and the final and 3rd/4th play off taking place the same afternoon. The Loman Eagles defeated the Hurlingham Hawks to win the 2008/09 T20 First Division title. St. Albans Sharks defeated the Belgrano Cavaliers for third spot.



U15 Captains with Flag of their country

Argentina National Squad

Argentina announced their National Squad for the Americas Division 1 tournament to be held in Florida November 2008. Billy MacDermott will again shipper the squad. The team will include Hamish Barton, the former Kliwi who now qualifies to play for Argentina. Hamish will also coach the squad.



Argentina U15

Bermuda

America Champions Bermuda announced

their squad for the 2008 ICC Americas Championship taking place November 25– 30 in Fort Lauderdale. The team will consist of the same familiar faces and some new young talent. Irving Romaine will shipper their side which will include several WC players including county player David Hemp.

The BCB is pleased to announce that the National Girls Development Squad (ages 16 & U) resumed training every Tuesday at the BHS

Gym, 4:30pm — 6 pm, under the guidance of Coach Maryellen Jackson and Assistant Coach, Stacy Babb.

The training involves learning the basics in fielding, batting and other technical and mental skills and techniques.

The team will take part in various matches throughout the program and will participate in the 2009 BCB Youth League.

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

Cuba

Leona Ford, President of the Cuban Cricket Board, was invited by the Caribbean Association to do an interview on TV Channel 2 last 2 August. It was recently broadcasted on Guyana TV. She took the opportunity to explain the game of cricket as played in Cuba, the history and possible future of the game in the baseball country of Cuba. Ms. Ford expressed the desire to see Cuba one day in the Olympics playing Cricket.

Canada

It is with great sadness that we announce the untimely death of 19 year old Brendon Paltooram who lost his life to a senseless act of violence on October 12, 2008. Brandon represented Ontario at the U-19 level and was a member of the Ontario Academy.

Gene Lloyd passed away peacefully on October 12, 2008 when he lost his battle with cancer. In his administrative capacity he held the position of Board of Director representing Manitoba at the National level and Chairman of Junior Selection.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Larry Gomes, former Canadian

National Coach and West Indies test player, who lost his brother Lester in Trinidad and sister Claire in Toronto within the same week.

University/Colleges Tournament

After a couple of date changes, the 2008 tournament was finally played in Waterloo on October 04-05, at the Waterloo Sunrise cricket grounds. Four teams participated in the tournament the Universities of Wilfred Laurier, Toronto, Waterloo and Conestoga College. The tournament was won by the Waterloo Team.

AI Barakah International T20 Series

Crowds were blessed with good weather for the first international AI Barakah tournament to be played in Canada. The round robin event saw Canada taking on three test countries, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe. The crowds attending enjoyed the good weather and cricket and got to see some of their favourite players in what was said to be a truly 1st class setting at Maple Leaf Cricket Club. A crowd of close to ten thousand on the final day of the round-robin event were treated to a high scoring morning game between Canada and Zimbabwe. The tournament concluded with Sri Lanka emerging winners of the event defeating Pakistan in the final by five wickets.

Cayman Islands

The Cayman Islands Cricket Association Annual Awards Function was returned to its splendor on Saturday 25 October at the Mary Miller Memorial Hall. The hall was transformed into a venue of beauty displaying the colors of the association's main sponsors Cable & Wireless, Money Express and Clico Cayman Ltd. The function coordinated by the CICA Secretary Mrs. Merta Day was a hit from the first ball meaning dinner to the last delivery with the 2008 season outstanding players and volunteers collecting awards.

It was truly a fitting climax to another exciting cricket season as specially invited dignitaries, officials, club members, supporters, families and friends filled the ceremonial palace and celebrated the success of the outstanding individuals. Master of Ceremonies Hector Robinson kept the proceedings lively with his wide assortment of cricketing stories.

Specially invited guests included MLA Alfonso Wright who read the feature address on behalf of the Minister of Sports who was off island, MLA and CICA Hall of Fame member Lucille Seymour, Director of Sports Dalton Watler, ICC Americas Regional Development Manager Martin Vieira, Hall of Fame members Jimmy Powell and Dr. Joseph Jackman.

Top recipients for 2008

Money Express Youth Cricketer

KERVIN EBANKS

Money Express Cricketer

DAVE CUMBERBATCH

Cable & Wireless Youth International Cricketer

DALE PARKER



Dale Parker & Martin Vieira

Chile

U15

Chile U15 were off to Argentina for South America U15.

It was the first time that a Chilean U15 side has featured players from all three cricket player cities in Chile.

Women's cricket.

This project is becoming a reality, following the visit by Grant Dugmore and Cata Grondonito this year's AGM, which marked the opening of the 2008-2009 season in Chile.

In a meeting between Cata and Patricio Caamano (Chile's NDO) they discussed the possibility of holding international fixtures between Chile and Argentina in order to motivate more women to start playing the game in Chile. The possibility of touring Brazil, who have been running a women's program for over a year, was also considered. And so it was, having completed a successful tour with the U15 boys national team, the attention was turned to preparing the first ever women's squad with the objective of competing internationally. On October 18th, the first official training session was held on the beach at Vina del Mar.

To the women players, do not be afraid to contact the local club in Santiago or Vina del Mar in order to learn about the game.

Training sessions are held on the Playa del Sol in Vina del Mar on Saturdays from 1400 to 1600. See you there!

cricketchile.cl/en_news.php



Women's Team

Costa Rica

Youth Cricket

October was a good month for the development of youth cricket. On the 7th of October, Sam Arthur took Elizabeth Goodwin of the Tico Times newspaper to Robleato in the mountains north of San Jose. She wrote an article to commemorate the event which featured on the front of the Weekend section under the headline - Cricket More Fun Than Soccer.

October 14th saw the first unofficial interprovincial U-15 competition which was held at the baseball ground in Limon.

Our thanks and congratulations are due to William Lewin, Sam Arthur (Development Officer), and Armando Foster.

The event was to be part of the Annual Carnival but it was cancelled. Five teams were present and in all six games were played. The final between Robleato and La Colina was won by La Colina. Perhaps the main point is that there were 55 young players who took part and enjoyed the event.



Robleato

Falkland Islands

The indoor season of

junior practice sessions continues twice weekly, with good progress being made by some of our young players.

The 20-20 competition will be played between 4 teams starting now and ending by Christmas.

I am extremely pleased to report that women's cricket is beginning in the Falklands. We hope to see the women

turn up for their first training session next week and if all goes well they can field a team in the 20-20 competition.

Planning for the Falkland Cricket Festival week during the 1st week of March is proceeding well. Falkland CC from Newbury, England are visiting for 1 week before spending another week in Chile.

We are planning 3 matches v Falkland CC, the final match of the South Atlantic Ashes series and 2 junior matches during the week.

<http://www.falklandcricketclub.org.uk>

There is also the possibility that if the women's team really develops then we will encourage the military to field a women's team and then there can be a women's version of the Ashes match.



Mexico

The Mexico Cricket Association is pleased to announce effective

October 15th the appointment of Mr. Deb Choudhuri as their first Administrative officer.

Mr. Choudhuri holds a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce from the University of New Delhi, India and is currently involved in the trading of pharmaceuticals products. Before coming to Mexico he was a badminton player.

He joined the Mexico City Club in the year 1992 where he took up cricket. Ever since then he has not looked back and has been a keen player. He has over the years served in the committee in different capacities. I know you will all join me in welcoming Deb to the MCA and wishing him all the very best and success in his new venture.



October will see the start of the Brian Gay trophy with the first match putting Mexico City CC (MCCC) v Corinthians.

Four teams took part in the Sixes Festival. The current champions Lancaster, Reforma, Corinthians and Aztecs.

Reforma captured the title in an exciting bowl off against the Az-

Suriname

Three wicket-keepers, Shelton Jubitana, Akash

Jaipaul and Kemraj Hardat, were involved in the GCB WICKETKEEPERS CLINIC which was held in the national stadium of Guyana. The clinic was facilitated by GCB local coaches.

Suriname National Team Tour Of Guyana

Ryan Ramdass, with experience as West Indies opener, hit a blistering century to lead host the Everest Cricket Club, from Georgetown Guyana to a victory over the Surinamese national team.

The Surinamese national team, had earlier tallied a challenging 196-9 from the allotted 40 overs, after winning the toss and opting to bat in good light.

The Surinamese Cricket Association is making all efforts to play stronger opponents to improve on their batting, fielding and bowling in preparation for the Division I competition in the USA.

USA

Records continue to fall in the Colorado Cricket League (must be the attitude!). Shailesh Patel in a T20 match had bowling figures of **4-0-13-6**, thus creating a new record in itself. With Shailesh Patel's impressive spell he can be a record holder for "Best figures in an innings". Narayan Madabusi, Rajesh Solanki, and Kervyn Dimney, and Rohit Shah also equaled the previous Best Bowling figures.