



NewsFlash NewsFlash

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Regional Coaching Seminar

The second annual coaching seminar of the Americas will be held October 2nd to 7th in Mexico City. The Reforma Athletic Club will again be the venue. Fourteen coaches will be put through the ICC Introduction to Cricket course by our RDO Grant Dugmore. Later in the week, Philip Service (Jamaica) and Kumar Rampat (Trinidad) will conduct a WICB Level 1 course.



Joseph Williams ,Development Officer (Chile) is a graduate from the Americas Coaching Seminar (2004). He is pictured above with Grant Dugmore ,ICC Americas RDO and another group of new coaches in Chile.

ICC AMERICAS Associates Special Meeting

Four Associate countries – Bermuda(Neil Speight), Canada (Ben Sennik), Cayman Islands (Theo Cuffy) and Argentina (Ricardo Lord) together with the region's Affiliate representative Greg Taylor (Bahamas) will hold a special one day conference on October 8th to discuss future development plans for the region. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the coaching seminar at the Reforma Club , in Mexico City.



ARGENTINA

Visiting Team

The Argentine Cricket Association had the pleasure of hosting the Travelers Cricket Club from Bloemfontein, South Africa in the first week of September where they played two matches against some composite club teams.

Old Philamanthians win annual Derby

The St. Albans Old Boys pulled off an exciting six wicket victory against the St. Albans College team in a match played on September 17th at Corimayo.

St. Albans College batted first and managed a respectable total of 142/4 in their allotted 20 overs.

The Old Philamathians responded in aggressive fashion with Juan Benitez (71) and Guillermo Nelson (27) guiding them to a six wicket victory with 3 balls to spare.

Regional Coaching Seminar

The Argentine Cricket Association has nominated their Chief Executive Officer, Gary Savage to attend the regional coaching seminar which will be held in Mexico City from October 3rd to 8th.

Forthcoming Events

Argentine Cricket will celebrate its **200th anniversary** in 2006. The first recorded match dates back to October 1806 played by the British soldiers in San Antonio de Areco.

The 200 years festivities will kick off in the 2005/06 season with numerous touring teams visiting Argentina. The South African Country Districts, MCC, Hampshire Hogs, and Wanderers Cricket Club are scheduled to tour Argentina from November to March 2006. They will prove some strong competition for the Argentine National team as they prepare for a busy season ahead of them.

The season will also include a number of matches for the junior leagues and various visiting teams that will take part in the **Second Pampero (U16) Tournament** to be held in Buenos Aires from December 3rd to 10th.

The famous three day **North vs South** will be celebrating its 107th match this next season. The game is scheduled to be played at the Hurlingham Club which acts as the National ground for the Argentine Cricket Association.

The **Carcamanes (over 40s) Festival** is also one of the annual highlights in the Argentine cricket season. This year marks the 3rd festival which will be held from March 18th to 25th and will attract, so far, teams from England, Argentina, Namibia and New Zealand.

Other News

Cricket currently forms part of fifteen schools extra curriculum activities. There is an active schools league which will be held in October and November for a U15 and U18 age group. Cricket is mainly played in the Buenos Aires area, however there is some cricket played by the Rosario Athletic Club along with a new project

that has just been undertaken by the Association to develop cricket in Mar del Plata.

Argentina boasts three picturesque grounds with turf wickets and eight artificial pitches. These clubs also boast excellent training and net facilities for visiting teams.

Visit the Argentina Cricket Association website at www.cricketarгентina.com

BERMUDA

BCB signs Gus Logie to a 4 year contract

The Bermuda Cricket Board announced today the successful completion and signing of Gus Logie to a 4 year contract as National Cricket Coach beginning October 5th, 2005. Gus had originally agreed to serve for a 6 month period from April this year and has been a key element in the success of the senior team this year. Under his guidance, Bermuda has qualified for the Cricket World Cup in West Indies in 2007 and has also reached the semi-finals of the ICC Intercontinental Cup to be held in Namibia next month.

The funding for the contract comes from a number of sources, including the Bank of Bermuda Foundation, Government and the ICC.

BRAZIL

With winter weather restricting outdoor activities in Brazil, the focus in the past two months has been on expanding the sport at the junior level. Curitiba development officer Paul Tobitt, who currently trains about 200 kids per month, is off to Mexico City in October to attend the ICC Regional Coaching Conference. Paul will be busy when he gets back, readying a team to play against an Argentina U12 development side that his counterpart Gary Savage will be bringing to Curitiba in June. As far as we know, this will be the first junior cricket match ever played between the two countries.

The senior season resumes in October with Sao Paulo and Curitiba visiting Brasilia for two games each, while in November all three clubs will clash in Curitiba in South America's first ever 20:20 tourney. ICC Regional Development Officer Grant Dugmore not only plans to attend, but also to conduct a day-long development seminar. The tourney will also be an excellent chance to select candidates for the national team which will be competing at the Division 3 Americas tournament in early 2006.

CANADA

Women's Cricket in Canada (as reported by Lenore Davis)

Women's cricket is alive and thriving in Victoria, British Columbia. Under the captaincy of Helene Gaffney, the Wicket Maidens played a full season in the men's evening league. Using a handicap system for tallying runs scored, a full women's side takes on the men in a limited overs format. The team managed to win two league games and two playoff games. In addition, they played three 35 overs with Lenore Davis at the helm – again using the handicap system on offence and, in two of the three games, managed to bowl the other side out before they used up their allotted overs. Victory comes in small steps at this stage!

The finale to the season was participation in a 4 team, two-day festival – once again against men – and a record of 1 win against 2 losses.

There are roughly 15 women actively playing cricket, and another 10 or so on the fringes.

Plans for 2006 include continuing recruitment, indoor practices starting in mid January, and outdoor practice starting in early April. The more experienced women have been invited to put a team into a men's weekend league – scheduled to play at least one 40-overs game a month from May through August. The goal is to field a full 11 women in the weekend matches. In addition, it appears that the weekend men's teams are starting to include some of our women cricketers in their regular sides for 45 overs experience.

Summary of Events in September (reported by Marcus Akhtar)

Toronto played host to an MCC team that included former England test player Richard Illingworth. MCC played 3 games in Toronto September 18th to 20th. They lost a close 1 wicket game to the provincial side Ontario but easily defeated Canada "A" the next day. The three day match against Canada ended in a tame draw. After Toronto, the MCC traveled to Ottawa, Montreal, Calgary and Vancouver to play other games.

The Canadian Cricket Association appointed former West Indies test batsman Larry Gomes, Coach of the Canadian team for the games against MCC.

The position of National Team Coach was posted on the ICC website and the CCA is accepting applications for that position.

Academy Training

Canada will be sending three players to the Special HP Academy training session in South Africa. Fast bowlers Umar Bhatti, Henry Osinde and Qaiser Ali have been selected to attend. Richard Done and Andy Moles will oversee the 10 week sessions.

CHILE

ICC Course held at Craighouse

Craighouse became the fourth school in Chile to host an ICC Introduction to Cricket course last month, as eleven members of the Sports department gained their basic coaching qualification. The two-day course took the number of ICC Introductory level coaches in Chile to over 50, just ten months after the initiative was first introduced by the sport's governing body.

Colegio Enchaurren joins ACC Development Program

A group of children from the Santiago school began training with ACC Development Award winner Miguel Angel Hernandez in June 2005 and are now looking forward to their first games with local schools Pedro de Valdivia and Lincoln International over the coming weeks.

Following a two-hour coaching session with the group of enthusiastic youngsters, the NDO presented the school with a Rapido Cricket set, as Enchaurren were welcomed onto the ACC's development program.



RAPIDO CRICKET

ICC AMERICAS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

New Executive Committee

The ACC Executive Committee for 2005-2006 was elected at the Chilean Cricket Association's Annual General Meeting held at the Prince of Wales Country Club on September 29th. There were a few significant changes as the President, Treasurer and Secretary were all re-elected. However, Paul Wollocombe was chosen as Vice President to replace Bruce Phillips, and Julian Dowling came in for the outgoing John Trenchard as a General Member.

The 2004-2005 Executive Committee did much to see that the 6th South American Championship was a resounding success and it is expected that this hard work will continue as Chile pushes for Associate Member status with the ICC.

ACC to host Development Meeting with ACA

The ACC will host the CEO and President of the Argentine Cricket Association on October 10th to discuss possible joint development initiatives. Among the items on the agenda are the possibility of Chile competing in the Robin Stuart Shield, coaching exchanges between the two countries and financial support from the ACA for the Chilean development program.

PANAMA

The 2005 season ended in Panama in September with 20 Clubs - 18 Seniors and 2 Juniors - taking part in regular competition.

Bhattay Cricket Club defeated Muslim CC in the final in what was a well played match. Bhattay made 195 runs in the allotted 35 overs – Muslim in reply could only manage 145 all out.

The League Champion Trophy was presented to the winners on October 2 at the final award night

School children in Chile enjoying a game of Cricket- Right Chile U13 National Team



SURINAM

RDO Grant Dugmore visited Suriname from August 26th to 29th. Although a short visit he was able to visit 5 cricket playing fields in 4 districts and participated in the official start of the final match between the youths of Paramaribo and Nickerie. The RDO stated afterwards that he was very impressed with the ability of the junior players.

Meetings were held with the Board of the Surinamese Cricket Association and the Directorate of Sports Affairs with specific emphasis on the development of cricket in Suriname, especially among the youths.



RDO Grant Dugmore at presentation with youth players in Nickerie

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