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ICC Americas Newsflash

2008 Pepsi ICC Development Programme Awards

Please be advised that the 2008 Pepsi ICC Development Programme Awards has been launched on the ICC website. An online form to submit nominations has been developed and can be accessed at the following address <http://icc-cricket.yahoo.com/development/icc-development-awards.html>. Nominations will close on 10 February.

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ICC launches ICC Cricket Hall of Fame in association with FICA

2 January 2009—ICC Chief Executive Haroon Lorgat today announced the formation of the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame, in association with the Federation of International Cricketers' Associations (FICA), as part of the ICC's centenary year celebrations.

Speaking in Sydney on Friday at the launch of those celebrations, Mr. Lorgat said the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame would provide the chance for the game to recognize its greatest achievers.

The initial intake of inductees are the 55 players* named in the FICA Hall of Fame, which ran between 1999 and 2003, and their career statistics and biographies can be found at the new ICC centenary website, also launched today, at www.catchthespirit.com. This will be supplemented by a select group of inductions each year, starting in 2009 when the newcomers will be announced during the LG ICC Awards ceremony.

The launch of the ICC Cricket Hall of Fame forms part of a range of events during the ICC's centenary year of 2009. The year is intended to be a global celebration with numerous events taking place to reflect all that is great about the game.

A Century of Cricket

100 years of cricket will be celebrated in 2009 by all 104 members of the ICC. Each country will hold a special event to mark the occasion.

ICC Cricket Hall of Fame – initial inductees (55):

Sydney Barnes, Bishan Bedi, Alec Bedser, Richie Benaud, Allan Border, Ian Botham, Geoffrey Boycott, Donald Bradman, Greg Chappell, Ian Chappell, Denis Compton, Colin Cowdrey, Kapil Dev, Sunil Gavaskar, Lance Gibbs, Graham Gooch, David Gower, WG Grace, Tom Graveney, Gordon Greenidge, Richard Hadlee, Walter Hammond, Neil Harvey, George Headley, Jack Hobbs, Michael Holding, Leonard Hutton, Rohan Kanhai, Imran Khan, Alan Knott, Jim Laker, Harold Larwood, Dennis Lillee, Ray Lindwall, Clive Lloyd, Hanif Mohammad, Rodney Marsh, Malcolm Marshall, Peter May, Javed Miandad, Keith Miller, Bill O'Reilly, Graeme Pollock, Wilfred Rhodes, Barry Richards, Vivian Richards, Andy Roberts, Garfield Sobers, Brian Statham, Fred Trueman, Derek Underwood, Clyde Walcott, Everton Weekes, Frank Woolley, Frank Worrell.



Belize

Belize Cricket Team Wins Central America Cricket Championship (Easter Cup)

The Belize National Cricket Team defeated Costa Rica by 109 runs to clinch the Easter Cup on Sunday, 14 December in San Salvador, El Salvador. Belize advanced to the final match after they eliminated Mexico, and Costa Rica eliminated El Salvador in matches played on Saturday, 13th December.



In the match on Saturday, Belize batted 177 runs in 20 overs to defeat Mexico. Flowers scored 81 runs for Belize while the captain, Dirk Sutherland, took 4 wickets. Wicket Keeper, Winston Flowers, who was brilliant behind the wicket, scored 37 runs for Belize.

In the championship match which was played on Sunday, Belize scored 212 runs to defeat Costa Rica by 109 runs.

The Man of the Match was Andrew Banner who scored 52 runs and took 4 wickets. Warren Anthony scored 45 runs for Belize.

Dirk Sutherland

The Belize National Cricket Association wishes to thank Hon. Marcel Cardona who was the main sponsor of the Belize National Cricket Team. The association also thanks the other sponsors who were the Belmopan City Council, Airport Concession Company, Marelco Limited, Richard Price, Atlantic Bank, Buca Shell and Belize Port Authority.



Belize: Tournament Winners

Bermuda

BCB Level I and Level II Coaching Courses - 2009

The BCB are pleased to announce that they are conducting FREE Level I and Level II Coaching Courses. The Programmes will be instructed by West Indies Cricket Board (WICB) Development Officers, Mr. Wendell Coppin and former West Indies Test Player, Ian Allen. They will be teaching the new WICB coaching ACCREDITATION system. Coaching, Level I will take place from February 7 - February 10, 2009 and Coaching Level II will follow from February 12 - February 16, 2009. Both courses will take place at the Berkeley Institute and will run from 9.00am-5.00pm. Contact the Bermuda Cricket Board for applications.

Bermuda A Squad Argentina Tour

Bermuda secured the BAIMAX Cup over Argentina by three games to one. Due to heavy rain there was no hope in starting a fifth game on 21st December. The series was decided the day before with Bermuda's Glenn Blakeney as the top scorer with 72 and Irving Romaine with 71. Bermuda scored 281/8 after Argentina had scored 269/9. Hamish Barton was the top scorer with 151 and Gary Savage scored 51.

The following awards were given out:

Most Valuable Players:

Game 1 Chris Douglas

Game 2 Oronde Bascome

Game 3 Lucas Paterlini

Game 4 Hamish Barton

Twenty/20 Tamauri Tucker



Best Overall Development Player Kavon Fubler & Gary Savage

Best Overall Batsman Hamish Barton

Best Overall Bowler Tamauri Tucker

Player of the Series Tamauri Tucker



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

Canada

Cricket Canada is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Ingleton Liburd as the new Development Officer. Ingleton is a former Canadian Captain, past President of the St. Kitts Cricket Association, served as a member of the Local Organizing Committee for the ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 and has been with the West Indies Cricket Board Inc., as Territorial Development Officer.

Mr. Liburd brings with him a varied background from the business and cricket world. He holds a WICB Advance level coaching certificate and is currently pursuing a Management degree at the University of Leicester. Please join us in welcoming Ingleton and wishing him success in his new venture.

<http://www.canadiancricket.org/>



Chile

Local Government Backs Beach Cricket Tournament

In mid-December, the Chilean Cricket Association was formally invited to participate in the opening ceremony for the Playa del Deporte (Sports Beach) in Viña del Mar. Approximately 20 representatives from the Association, including juniors, women and senior players, met with the mayor of Viña del Mar and gave a short demonstration of the sport as the city looks to host the second Annual Beach Cricket Festival in early 2009.

The planning for the Festival is as follows:

Saturday 21st of February: junior competition involving players from Chillán, Viña del Mar and Santiago.

Saturday 28th of February: international competition featuring eight teams.

As a sign of the Mayor's appreciation of the Chilean Cricket Association's efforts to promote the sport in Viña del Mar, the Beach Cricket Festival was assigned the above dates as they coincide with the city's hosting of an international music festival, which annually attracts enormous press coverage.

The Association would therefore like to thank once more the Municipality of Viña del Mar for their support of cricket during such an important time of the year for the country.

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



El Salvador

On the week-end of 13th and 14th December 2008 four Central American nations met on the fields of Academia Britannica Cuscatleca (aka British School) in El Salvador to compete for the **2nd Easter Cup Cricket Tournament**. The tournament started with Belize v Mexico. Great batting from the Belize opening pair in the very first over indicated the teams were in it to win it. The Mexican reply started equally impressively but couldn't maintain the momentum and Belize in the end finished comfortable winners. Against El Salvador, some tight bowling and careless batting had the Costa Ricans posting a modest total as they opened with the bat. El Salvador recovered from a first over loss, then a combination of nerves and improved bowling turned the tables and Costa Rica won to preserve their 100 % record against El Salvador. On day two Belize won easily over Costa Rica. The final game saw aggressive play by the Mexican opening pair and a bewildered El Salvador struggled to stem the flow of runs. Mexico won easily.

Results from the 2nd Easter Cup

Final table :

	P	W	D	L	P
Belize	2	2	0	0	4
Mexico	2	1	0	1	2
Costa Rica	2	1	0	1	2
El Salvador	2	0	0	2	0



Suriname

Spangenbergsschool Softball Cricket School Champion of district Nickerie

In the final, the Spangenbergsschool team defeated the opposing team, the Openbareschool 3. In 9 overs the Openbareschool 3 was bowled out for 37 runs. The Spangenbergsschool beat the score in ten overs with the loss of 4 wickets.

This project helps the Suriname Cricket Association work towards their goal of encouraging cricket in schools. During the matches the performances of good players were recognized, who with required training can be top cricketers.



A short comment on Suriname in Americas Division 1

The USA team, with a lot of talent and depth, both in the batting and bowling departments, deservedly won the Americas Division 1 and our congratulations go out to them. Suriname's performance was far below the standard they set back in Division 2 largely due to the absence of key players, as well as a lack of cohesion in a squad that was hastily put together. Nevertheless, their debut in Division 1 looked to be competitive at times against the best in the Americas. Charles Douglas, Arun Gokoel and Mohamed Bhoelan were those who stood out with the bat for Suriname.

All in all the tournament was a learning experience for Suriname and they will take away the lessons of what it is to compete at this level. They will identify weaknesses and their strengths, and look to approach tournaments with better strategies. The more exposure, the more they will improve their cricket, there is definitely talent and potential present. Praises to the ICC for their global development program which allows countries such as Suriname to develop their cricket and for amateur athletes to pursue their dreams. Thanks to the ICC, they are back in action in the World League 7 in May, and with a full first selection team, which contains several very talented and young players, Suriname will be looking to win that tournament and advance to World League 6, and maybe duplicate Afghanistan's run.

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USA

USACA will hold their AGM in New York on 24th January 2009. The California Cricket Academy U14 will tour India playing 8 matches in 12 days.