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KOOINDAH WATERS

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VISIT TO KOOINDAH

Three HK&HDCA representatives, Geoff Hasler (Senior Vice-President), Bruce Wood (President, Coaches' Association), and Ben Gussey (Executive Officer), visited the Kooindah Waters Residential Golf and Spa Resort at Wyong on Friday, 26 August 2011 to meet with the key managerial staff at the golf course and to check out the facilities. HK&HDCA appreciates its sponsorship from Kooindah Waters and is keen to actively pursue opportunities to increase the visitation from our cricket community. Graham Monk (Investa Consultant) arranged for our HK&HDCA representatives to meet with the key Kooindah Waters staff, including Jessie Sheehan (General Manager), David Lulham (Director of Golf), Kerri Bullard (Conference Sales Manager) and Kate Wooden (Sales & Marketing Executive).

We were highly impressed with Kooindah Waters' unique resort lifestyle, which includes its spectacular 18 hole championship golf course, tennis courts, large outdoor swimming pool, indoor heated lap pool, gymnasium, conference facilities, fine dining restaurant, wine bar and luxury accommodation - refer to photos:

<http://www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/sponsors/Photos%20of%20Resort%20August%202010.PDF>

Located approximately 45 minutes north of Hornsby, not far from the major Westfield Tuggerah shopping centre, Kooindah Waters would be an ideal get-away for cricketers and their families. I am arranging a big HK&HDCA golf day at Kooindah Waters on a Friday in November and will shortly be writing to the clubs through Ben Gussey, calling for nominations to attend this day, which is sure to be most enjoyable for all concerned. I encourage the clubs to pass on this opportunity when it is released to their senior players so that the planned inaugural HK&HDCA golf day at Kooindah Waters is a great success.

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Photos

(L to R) Ben Gussey, Kerri Bullard, Jessie Sheehan, Bruce Wood, Geoff Hasler, Kate Wooden & David Lulham.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE

From Nathan Tilbury on behalf of the 2011/12 HK&HDCA Executive.

We now have a full HK&HDCA Executive committee in place for season 2011/12 with the roles spread across many clubs. We have a few new faces that have brought many fresh ideas but we still have the old heads to ensure solid continuity for your Association which is an excellent balance. We are really pleased with the team that has assembled. The new Executive have already met twice to go through a number of issues and we will hold a third meeting prior to season's start.

I personally am very much looking forward to making the transition from "club land" and, with the new Executive, getting stuck into this season for the Association.

THE NEW EXECUTIVE

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	Col Griffin	
	Scott Burrows	

EXECUTIVE FOCUS FOR 2011/12

We will be keeping things pretty simple and I see the HK&HDCA Executives main focus for this season being:

- Promoting HK&HDCA cricket at all levels
- Supporting our existing clubs
- Promoting possible new clubs
- Protecting the grounds we currently use
- Looking at the possibility of accessing new grounds
- Working in partnership with our sponsors

This focus will help us not only attract both new players and new clubs to our competitions but also retain our current players and clubs.

When we are settled into the season the Executive will be looking at tidying up a couple of areas in the Association that we think need updating. In particular the Disputes and Disciplinary process and the HK&HDCA constitution will be carefully reviewed.

The Executive will also be working closely with our "cricket partners" including;

- Our 2011/12 HK&HDCA sponsors
- Northern Districts Grade Club
- The two neighbouring Shires clubs in Pennant Hills District CC and Epping CC
- The 3 Councils we deal with
- Cricket NSW

FROM THE EXECUTIVE

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS

The Executive are giving some early focus on the Senior Representative teams in;

Durham Shield – U/19

Telegraph Shield – U/23

Martin Shield – Open Age

Where we have been caught out in the past 2 or 3 seasons is we have just nominated teams at the start of the season blindly. This season we want to ensure we have the playing numbers and strength coupled with appropriate management before nomination. This will save us potentially many headaches down the track.

For the first time we have recruited the services of a senior representative coordinator in Justin Epthorp to assist with the organization and management of the senior representative teams this season. Justin will be in touch with most clubs' representatives shortly asking for nominations for potential players or even inviting selected and eligible club members to the senior representative teams. **If you have questions or even suggestions for the HK&HDCA senior rep teams this season please contact Justin on 0435 406 317 or justinepthorp@hotmail.com**

NEW CLUBS

I know there has been a lot happening amongst our clubs in preparation for the 2011/12 season. This includes two new senior clubs and a new Milo centre;

Ku-ring-gai District (A2 & B2 senior nominations)

North Shore CC (D1 & possibly D2 nominations) around since 2004/05 (7 seasons)

A new Milo centre to be run by the St Ives CC banner, named Wahroonga Junior Cricket Club

A new Milo centre to be run by Galston-Glenorie

GROUND

It is fair to say that the greater majority of sports grounds in the district are in an appalling state after the wet winter we have had. Ben will be sending out a request to clubs requesting them to take photos of specific local grounds in their area and send back. These will be filed and referred to in future conversations with Council.

HORNSBY TURF GROUNDS

The Northern Metropolitan Cricket Council met with Hornsby Shire Council staff last Thursday evening regarding turf grounds in the Shire. The HSC staff are now putting a recommendation to Councillors for consideration at the Workshop Meeting (involving staff, Councillors and the cricketers) on Wednesday 31st August where a final decision will be made on the future of turf grounds in the HSC for this year. Whilst we are expecting a positive outcome, you just never know for anything sure.

This season the Executive will also be working closely with the three Councils and local schools in an attempt to access more astro cricket grounds for our juniors and lower grade senior teams.

HK&HDCA SPONSORS

This season we once again welcome back our valuable sponsor partners;

- Kooindah Waters (Executive members went up to visit the location)
- Triforce (funding prize money for the season launch T20 day)
- Kookaburra (continued ball rebates)
- Representatives of Hornsby RSL met to discuss sponsorship, along with arrangements to host Council and Executive meetings, as well as Association functions. The feedback from Hornsby RSL after the meeting was very positive from and we are very confident of being able to announce a new partnership shortly.

Finally I would urge all our members clubs, players and supporters to get behind the Triforce HK&HDCA Cup for which we are using as a season launch of Sunday 4th September at the Montview grounds. This should be a very entertaining day and a great way to start the cricket year. It is the intention for both the Association and Triforce that enough interest is created this season that this turns into an annual event where the qualifying clubs (top 4 in the previous season's senior club championship) are rewarded for their strong overall senior results leading into a new season.

With senior team numbers up on last season it looks like we are all looking forward to a really good 2011/12 season across the board.

TRIFORCE HK&HDCA CUP 2011

Triforce Sports have generously offered their support for a HK&HDCA “season launch” event the weekend before the official HK&HDCA season starts.



Details

When: Sunday 4th September 2011

Time: Game 1 & 2 start at 10.00am. Game 4 should finish around 5.00pm.

Where: Montview Oval

Format: Twenty20 (as per the Senior Competition Rules) and Cricket Ball Throwing Competition.

Prizes

Twenty20 Prize Pool: \$1,800.00

1st Place: Prize/s to the value of \$900.00 plus the Triforce HK&HDCA Perpetual Trophy

2nd Place: Prize/s to the value of \$450.00

3rd Place: Prize/s to the value of \$270.00

4th Place: Prize/s to the value of \$180.00

Cricket Ball Throwing Competition Prize Pool: \$200.00

1st Place: Prize/s to the value of \$100.00

2nd Place: Prize/s to the value of \$60.00

3rd Place: Prize/s to the value of \$40.00

All prizes will be presented to the respective clubs, not the individual players involved.

Teams

To qualify for entry into this tournament, a club must finish in the top four positions in the Club Championship of the preceding season. If that club does not wish to field a team/participate, an invitation will be extended to the 5th placed team and so on.

Fixtures

Game 1 and 2 will be played simultaneously.

- 10:00am – Game 1 (1st in Club Championship vs 4th in Club Championship)
- 10:00am – Game 2 (2nd in Club Championship vs 3rd in Club Championship).
- 1:30pm – Game 3 (Losers of games 1 & 2)
- 1:45pm – Game 4 (Winners of games 1 & 2)

Players

Clubs can nominate between 11 and 22 players to participate in the tournament.

To qualify to play in this tournament, a player must have played in at least four (4) matches for the club he represents in the preceding season.

TRIFORCE HK&HDCA CUP 2011

Umpires

The HKHDCUA will invite four umpires to participate in the event.

Cricket Ball Throwing Competition Rules

1. Will take place between Twenty20 Games 2 & 3.
2. Each club may nominate up to two (2) throwers. The nominate players must qualify as above.
3. All throwers will use a cricket ball of the same size and weight.
4. The throw may be from either a standing position or on the run.
5. Throwers are permitted one (1) run-up without releasing the ball. Failure to release the ball on a second run-up shall constitute one of their throws.
6. Each thrower will be allowed two (2) throws. The longest three (3) throwers will be considered the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.
7. In case of a tie, the contestant whose next best performance is better than the second best performance of any other competitor tied for that place shall be declared the winner.



Photo

(Above) Direct hit - contender for the throwing competition? (Courtesy of Ben Fogarty)

BEECROFT CC

Beecroft Cricket Club's inaugural season in the senior competition was 1972/73, though the club fielded junior teams as early as 1956/57.

Throughout our history we have had many causes for celebration. We can boast 3 club championships, 37 premierships, a peak of 9 teams in the senior competition, and some incredible individual performances. To name a few: most sixes – 219, Geoff Findlay; most consecutive grand final appearances – 10, Michael Van Nesch 90/91 – 99/00; highest partnership – 427, between Adam Nash (329) and Scott Reid (212*), scored in the storied 90/91 B reserve grade grand final at Parklands.

Amongst our current playing ranks we're lucky to have club legends such as Geoff Findlay, who has scored 9,347 runs @ 22.98 and 538 wickets @ 17.34. Pete Hunter and Michael Woodward, fiery quick bowlers, are both closing in on 300 wickets for the club. Jamie Allen, who has 91 not outs, carrying the bat on 6 occasions, and 11 premierships across 5 grades. And Scott Reid, who scored 4,280 runs before hitting a six, and once compiled an innings of 76 without hitting a boundary.

We pride ourselves on having a fun, genuine and inclusive club culture. For this we rely on the dedicated support of a number of volunteers and players, not least the tireless efforts of Scott Reid in compiling the Club Almanac.



Photos

(Above) 09-Runners up.jpg "C Grade Premiership runners up 2008/09", (Page 7 - top) "Club legend Michael Woodward accepted his bowling award adhering to official club dress code", (Page 8 - bottom) "2003/04 C3 Grade Premiers".

BEECROFT CC

In 2009/10 we received the Integrity Cup in recognition of our redevelopment of the junior club and sportsmanship displayed by the B2 / C grade team, particularly as reported by Berowra Cricket Club.

Our home ground is Cheltenham Oval, though we played there for the first time ever only last season. We celebrated this by taking part in Pink Stumps Day – raising in excess of \$1,000 on behalf of the McGrath foundation.

We're currently rebuilding the club by investing in facilities at the oval, focusing on junior development, and bringing the club into the 21st Century with online registration.

This year we will field junior teams in U9 though U12, as well as Milo In2Cricket and a powerhouse senior team, packed with penetrating bowlers, dynamic batsman and agile fieldsman.

For more information please visit beecroftcricket.com, or contact Club President Vince Connor via president@beecroftcricket.com.



REPRESENTATIVE

A new season and a new Representative Secretary. As an interim Representative Secretary Abbas Aly set up and chaired the new Representative Committee. The committee is made up of 1 nomination from each club and are as follows:

Peter Watts	BEROWRA
Harvey Anchique	CASTLE HILL RSL
John Barker	GALSTON-GLENORIE
Greg De Kort	HORNSBY DISTRICT
Allan / Simone Murray	KENTHURST UPPER HILLS
John O'Loughlin	KISSING POINT
Bruce Parker	MT. COLAH
Peter Johnston	NORMANHURST-WARRAWEE
Mark Harvey	PENNANT HILLS
Mick Dolly	REDFIELD LIONS
Lachlan Reynolds	THORNLEIGH
Rod Stockwell	WEST PENNANT HILLS CHERRYBROOK

Following the Association AGM, Abbas was elected as the Representative Secretary.

Preparation for the 2011/12 season has already commenced with all junior representative teams except the Under 10 Foster Shield team having been selected and in training.

We have for this season Independent Coaches in all age groups of the shield teams. The coaches are as follows:

Shield Sides

U10 Foster	Marisa Levitt
U11 Creak	Suji Dissanayake
U12 Cawsey	Josh Miller
U13 Gee	Peter Watts
U14 Moore	Peter Dick
U15 Weblin	Mark Holden
U16 Watson	Andrew Lowe (ND's)

Presidents Cup

U11	Peter Johnston
U12	Craig Hodges
U13	Todd Williams
U14	Abbas Aly
U15	Justin Epthorp
U16	Andrew Porvaznik

Following a recommendation by the new Rep. Committee, the Association has decided to return to our traditional name and colours for all of our representative teams.

It promises to be an exciting season for our Association's representative teams and we look forward to seeing the results on the pitch.

COACHING CLINICS

The Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA) conducts popular junior coaching clinics in partnership with Northern District Cricket Club (NDCC).

Following the success of these cricket clinics during 2010-11, two more have been arranged during the September / October school holidays, as follows:

- **Kenthurst Park – Wed. 28th, Thurs. 29th & Fri. 30th September 2011**
- **James Park, Hornsby – Wed. 5th, Thurs. 6th & Fri. 7th October 2011**

Both clinics will run from 9.00am to 12.30pm each day and Level 1, 2 & 3 accredited coaches led by Rod Hokin (Head Coach) will provide a comprehensive coaching program for boys & girls (6-14 years).

The coaching clinics cater for players of all standards, from beginners to representative standard players.

Children will be provided with a coaching clinic t-shirt and cap (if they don't already have them from a previous HKHDCCA clinic), a water bottle and a certificate of attendance. Drinks and sunscreen lotion will be provided. The cost for each 3-day clinic is \$145, however some discounts apply – see Registration Form at this link: http://www.hkhdca.com.au/files/2921/files/coaching/HK_ND_Coaching_Clinics_Sept-Oct-2011.pdf

The preferred method of payment is EFT into the HKHDCCA bank account, however we still require a completed Registration Form, which can be emailed to Bruce Wood or sent to the postal address on the form. Payments can also be made by cheque (payable to HKHDCCA) to the postal address on the form.

We are anticipating a very good attendance at both clinics so please get your Registration Forms and payments in ASAP and join your friends at one of these special coaching clinics, which will get you ready for the 2011-12 cricket season.

Enquiries – contact Bruce Wood, President HKHDCCA, bruce.wood@hkhdca.com.au Ph. 0412 688 629.



FROM TOM'S DESK

A CRICKET LEGEND: ALF JAMES OAM by Tom Richmond

As the new season approaches, we are reminded that cricket is a game for young and old. The youngsters will be emerging from their cricket cradles and undertaking the first steps in what could be a life-long experience of enjoyment.

At the other end of the scale is Alf James, my old opponent and team-mate from fifty years ago.

Alf's career figures are never likely to be beaten and his contribution to local cricket is also unlikely to be matched. He has played in 686 matches in our senior competitions since his debut in 1964/65. During that time, he has gathered 1178 wickets and scored 12,709 runs. He has hit 13 centuries and captured five wickets in an innings 51 times.

As befits his current mature status, Alf now plays in the lower grades, but it should not be forgotten that he was once a very effective A Grade cricketer, at a time when legends such as Dave Anderson, Bill Kemsley, George Ivanoff, Winston Leahy and Alan Taylor were competing. Alf bowled medium paced outswingers with the occasional off-break and could dip the ball sharply into the wind. His batting was of the robust left-handed variety, with a love for the off-drive.

As Alf's former captain in Thornleigh A Grade, I can assure everyone that he was a very good bowler and a useful A Grade batsman.

He has taken 197 A grade wickets, 146 in A Reserve, 286 in B Grade, 101 in B Reserve, 172 in C Grade, 119 in C2, 111 in C3 and 46 in D Grade. He played for a number of teams: Turramurra; Thornleigh; New Line; Glenorie-Hills District; West Pennant Hills; Kissing Point; Berowra; and Wahroonga. He also played representative cricket and took part in the Masters' competition.

Alf was, of course, the long-serving president of our Association. He has also been a long-serving delegate to the NSW District Cricket Association. In fact, He is has been a life member of our Association since 1982 and



Photo

(Above) Berowra CC B2 Grade in 2010-11 (Alf James OAM - back row, 2nd from right).

FROM TOM'S DESK

a life member of the DCA since 2004. In 1998, he was awarded the OAM for services to the community.

Alf has estimated that he must have attended over 2000 cricket meetings and, in consequence, missed about that number of dinners!

Alf compiled histories of both the Hornsby-Ku-ring-gai and Hills District Association and the NSW District Cricket Association. Less well known are his other cricket books, which have resulted from years of painstaking research into the nooks and crannies of Australian cricket history.

His career has yielded eight premierships, including one which must be unique. His team won the trophy named after him!

State representation came late to him. He has played for the NSW Over 60 team for the past three years.

When Alf steps onto the field for this new season, he is a reminder that ours is a sport for all ages, both genders and for a range of abilities. It is a sport for participants.



Photo

(Above) Alf James OAM holding the C3 trophy after winning the Grand Final with Berowra in 2008/09. The trophy also happens to be named after Alf; "The ABM James Cup".

JUNIOR CRICKET

The Cricket season is about to start.

The first match (Traditional) is a 1-Dayer and begins on the 10th September 2011.

We are now offering more competitions for the different player situation.

Saturday Morning Competition (Traditional)

10 matches plus (semi & Final or Kimbo Cup).

A mixture of (mainly) 2-day matches and the odd 1-day (32/32 over) match.

Structured so that everyone gets to participate and demonstrate their individual talents.

Maximum overs to be bowled in a match per player is now limited to their maximum allowable in the 1st innings plus 2.

Saturday 1-Day Competition (Participation)

To be played in the morning, or, afternoon if grounds are unavailable.

For those not wanting to be too competitive. No Representative players allowed.

Format to be determined by the managing committee.

(Separate statistics and records)

Sunday 30/30.

10 - One day matches of approximately 4 hours duration

2 Age groupings at this stage – u/18's – u/15's & u/14's – u/11's;

designed to challenge the better younger players and prepare them for higher level cricket.....grade, representative or seniors.

Anticipated 11am or 12noon start unless 2 matches need to be played on the ground.

(Separate statistics and records)

January 20/20

4 – 20/20 matches; One day matches of approximately 3 hours duration

Anticipated 3 games per ground per day

Time to give the parents a break from the kids???

To be played during school holidays mid-week.

(Separate statistics and records)

This year also sees the introduction of the “Even Talent Distribution” rule. This will create a more even and competitive game of cricket for all, which can only help our Juniors grow. Keep getting those 8's – 10's.

Thanks for all the support for the introduction of this revolutionary concept from the large clubs in our association.



SUNDAY COMPETITION

HK&HDCA Senior Sunday One-Day Competition

After two successful seasons the HK&HDCA Sunday Competition is expected to attract even more teams in 2011/12. It is hoped this season that there will be enough interest from clubs and that two divisions can be formed to allow more even contests.

The idea of this Senior competition is to attract “retired” players back into cricket by offering a competition that is played only every second Sunday with a later start and earlier finish to the season. With a long break of the Xmas holidays as well it really is a much more “family friendly” cricket option.

For those clubs that have entered Sunday teams they have found it has attracted both ex-cricketers back to their old club as well as cricketers that have moved into the local area with young families and found it an easy way to get back into cricket with their new local club without having to commit their whole summer or even every weekend to cricket.

Anyone that has had anything to do with the Sunday competition will tell you that it is good quality competitive cricket and very enjoyable for the players involved. At only half the playing fees of the Saturday competitions it makes it attractive on a financial level as well.

The Sunday competition starts in late October and the season has seven rounds of 36 over one day games on the best astro grounds available. With the games well spaced there is also the option to go back and play any washed out rounds. At the end of the 7 rounds the top four play semis then a final with black and white umpires to decide the Premiers. To keep the competition as fair as possible it is controlled by player ratings with the team total required to be over 45 rating points.

The Association encourages all clubs to get behind the Sunday comp. Clubs will find it is a popular way to grow their seniors by encouraging retired players back into the game or attracting new players to their club who would otherwise not play cricket. It also allows players to play as much (by doubling up Saturday & Sunday) or as little competitive cricket as they want.

Berowra CC is likely to field four Sunday teams in 2011/12 with each team coming from different origins;

- The Berowra Soccer team is the reigning Sunday Comp Premiers. As the name suggests this team is made up from members of the Berowra Soccer Club. It also includes several players who play Saturday cricket other clubs.
- Berowra Maroon is made of retired A graders that have young kids. Their kids all love going to watch their dads play cricket. They are supported by several cricketers that moved to the area with their young families and have found this is a great way to get back into cricket with the local club.
- The majority of the Berowra White team are mates who played together in a lower grade. They all love playing cricket together but found the cricket commitment too much for their lifestyles. For them the Sunday comp was a great option that kept them together and in the sport. They have also been boosted by several returning players.
- Berowra Coaches is the new team. As the name suggested this team will be formed with coaches and managers from the Berowra CC In2Cricket and Junior teams.

U/10 DEVELOPMENT

At the request of the HK&HDCA Rep. Committee, the Coaches' Association has been conducting an innovative U/10 development program at James Park, Hornsby, during the off-season.

Four coaching sessions have been held on Sundays 29 May, 19 June, 31 July & 14 August, with one remaining on 4 September 2011. The U/10 Foster Shield rep. selection trials will take place on 11 & 18 September 2011 at James Park.

It was decided that it would be beneficial for our youngest representative age group to have some properly structured coaching in order to learn the fundamentals of the game and the correct techniques, particularly in their transition from soft to hard ball cricket. This is an exciting new direction for the entry point into HK&HDCA representative cricket, which will enhance the youngsters' skills and confidence, whilst also increasing the awareness of and participation in our representative program.

The U/10 development program has been run by the Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA), led by its President, Bruce Wood, and has been a fantastic opportunity for U/10 players to significantly improve their batting, bowling and fielding skills in a positive and enjoyable environment. The coaching program will also help HK&HDCA to select a strong U/10 rep. team, which should perform well in the Foster Shield competition in 2011-12.

HKHDCCA has supplied 8 or 9 accredited coaches at each session of the U/10 development program and they have done an excellent job, with very good feedback from the players and parents. The accredited coaches engaged include Bruce Wood (Co ordinator), Andrew Lowe, Nick Cheadle, Justin Epthorp, Josh Miller, Peter Watts, Daniel Wood, James Madden, Tim Matson, Jamie Matson, Marius Levitt, Tom Green & Lewis Halliday. Marisa Levitt, HK&HDCA U/10 Rep. Convenor, introduced an online booking system, which has worked well, with high attendance figures at each session. The total attendance is 212 boys across the 4 sessions to date. It is anticipated that many of these U/10 players will also attend the HKHDCCA coaching clinics at Kenthurst Park or James Park during the September / October 2011 school holidays.



Photos

(Above) Under 10 Development program at James Park, with Coaches.

LEVEL 1 COACHING

Successful Level 1 accredited coaching course held at Triforce Sports.

HK&HDCA in consultation with the Coaches' Association, conducted a Cricket NSW Level 1 accredited coaching course at Triforce Sports Training Centre, Bella Vista (see photo below), on Sunday, 24 July 2011. Thanks are extended to Abbas Aly (HK&HDCA Rep. Secretary) for providing access to his new indoor centre. A total of 17 people completed the course and the successful graduates were as follows:

Mark Holden, Sujith Dissanayake, Ben Phillips, Daniel Wood, Nathan Tanner, James Madden, John Beasley, Jamie Matson, Rizwan Rizvi, Martin Piek, Randel Pearce, Murray Cruickshank, Mick Amarasinghe, Steve Si, Mohammad Mohammadi, Idrees ul Hassan, Shams ul Abbas.

HKHDCCA (Coaches' Association) actively promotes the objective that all club and representative coaches attain the Level 1 accreditation as a minimum qualification, as this will increase the knowledge and confidence of new coaches, which will enhance the overall standard of coaching for junior players in the Association. Accredited coaches are also covered for insurance, which is a further incentive to become qualified.

HKHDCCA plans to hold another Level 1 accredited coaching course during the 2011-12 season, depending on demand. If you are interested in undertaking this course, contact Bruce Wood, HKHDCCA President, bruce.wood@hkhdca.com.au, Ph: 0412 688 629.



HKHDCUA

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Association Umpires Pre-season Report

The HKHDCUA recently held its AGM and the following persons were appointed for the 2011/12 season:

Patrons	Darren Goodger (NSWCUSA); Barry McDonald and John McQuillan
President	Geoff Hasler
Vice President	Bruce Wood
Secretary	Steve Wilson
Assistant Secretary	Scott Burrows
Treasurer	Tim Davidson
HKHDCA Delegates	Col Griffin and John McQuillan
Training Co-ordinator	Barry McDonald

With so much experience on board with the above committee and several new umpires starting their careers this season after long playing careers, the Umpires Association can look forward to an exciting season with several new innovative ideas also being introduced.

Easily the most important is the new Umpire Development Program being introduced this season where experienced umpires will assist all clubs with juniors in providing feedback and tips at grounds on Saturday mornings to help parents of junior players umpire and score confidently. To further assist, organised sessions will be held by our Training Co-ordinator Barry McDonald and others where they will present a session running for about 2 hours for all interested at various locations and covering all clubs. At the time of writing the following dates and clubs have been confirmed:

12th September	West Pennant Hills
13th September	Kissing Point
21st September	Berowra.

Clubs not mentioned should contact Geoff Hasler (9488-8718) for further enquiries or to confirm venues. Special books have also been published and will be available for a small cost through the clubs covering the course content and other useful information.

As usual a Captain's Certificate night will be held during the season in October. Dates and venue will be advised shortly.

In addition, Darren Goodger (Head of Training for the NSW Umpires) will be presenting a refresher course for our umpires which will be advertised further when the date is confirmed.

With several new umpires starting off this season, if possible, a new strategy will also be put in place to nurture these people by having them stand with more seasoned umpires who will monitor their progress and ensure they progress through the grades quickly and become very competent umpires. It should also ensure the standard of umpiring in the district remains strong and even further improved in the near future.

Further, it is hoped that we may be able to place umpires in lower grades occasionally during the season depending on numbers and availability.

HKHDCUA

The HK&HDCA will commence its official launch of the 2011/12 season with a new HK&HDCA Triforce Invitational for the top four clubs in the senior Club Championship from last season on 4th September, 2011 at Montview Oval. At this stage (subject to confirmation) four of our best umpires will officiate at these T/20 matches as a reward for the dedication and service to the HKHDCUA over many years. The umpires will be Geoff Hasler, Barry McDonald, Bruce Wood and Steve Wilson.

Any umpire who is interested in participating in the T/20 competitions commencing on Saturdays 10th and 17th September should contact Steve Wilson and advise him of their availability ASAP (if they haven't already). Steve would also like to hear from anyone qualified to umpire who would like to help out with junior representative matches for this season. Matches are played on Sundays and as a rule generally run from October to Christmas for most competitions.

All in all, another very busy and exciting season is in front of all HKHDCA Umpires. Further information can be found regularly throughout the season by visiting the HK&HDCA's website and looking under the Umpires section on the left hand side of the menu.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining the HKHDCUA this season please don't hesitate to call Geoff Hasler on 0412871816 or Steve Wilson on 0422141158.



Photo

(Above) HKHDCUA President, Geoff Hasler, officiating in the Ross Turner Cup match in 2010-11

CRICKET NSW

Pre-Season News

It seems the traditional “Pre-season” is getting shorter and shorter particularly for our tirelessly working cricket volunteers. In fact, I often hear around the region “What off season?”

No sooner does the season end, then presentation events, AGMs and new season planning begins.

Similarly behind the scenes, Cricket NSW has been busy setting recruitment and retention marketing campaigns in place to assist local clubs in their ongoing quest to find new players. This year Cricket NSW Development staff will visit approximately 100 Primary Schools in the Sydney North area – about 30 of which would fall into the HK&HDCA “catchment” – to introduce cricket as a fantastic past time to a new generation of potential players. Each child visited takes with them a show bag chock full of goodies exciting them about their opportunities to play cricket in your local area.

To build on the presence of our staff in schools, CNSW has also embarked on a marketing campaign featuring Shane Watson and Ellyse Perry in local and main stream newspapers, radio, television and on bus backs across the Sydney Metropolitan area inviting potential players to contact a local club and sign up for a great new season.

While registrations are currently drawing to a close, I look forward to hearing how each of our local clubs has fared in preparation for the 2011/12 season.

The Association and some individual clubs have been active in the education of their Coaching staff, by holding Level One Coaching courses during the pre-season. A fantastic way to ensure your players (and coaches) are kept up to date with the latest in coaching methods. Congratulations to the HKHDCCA (Coaches Assn) for holding a Level One accredited course at the Triforce Sports Indoor Centre at Bella Vista, where 17 coaches were put through their skills. Similarly congratulations to the West-Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook Club who have scheduled a course to be held on Sunday 18th September. Should any other Club be interested in hosting a course, please don't hesitate contacting me to arrange it for you.

The Weet-Bix Twenty20 Cup has had some tweaks during the off season, tightening some playing conditions and playing dates. To further assist Clubs wishing to enter, this year CNSW has struck a deal with Kookaburra to provide competition specific branded, white balls at a fantastic reduced rate to all participating teams.

For more information regarding these great new initiatives and details of how to register your team to participate in the fastest growing Junior cricket competition in NSW, visit <http://weetbixcup.com.au/> or email weetbixcup@cricketnsw.com.au for more information.

CRICKET NSW

Don't forget that the perfect way to get kids into cricket is to run a successful "in2CRICKET Centre". While the HK&HDCA is well sourced with i2C Centres, it is exciting to see that Galston-Glenorie CC is starting their very own centre this season. The i2C program is a great opportunity to get kids early, and hang onto them before they get excited by rival sports – for more info on how CNSW can help you grow your i2C numbers, please drop me a line and together with our enthusiastic and energetic in2CRICKET team headed by State Manager Nick Guinane we will work with you to achieve your goals.

I wish to pass on my congratulations for the fantastic job the Coaches Association is doing – without doubt "Best Practice" across Sydney North Associations – if not all of Sydney. The more people that know about its progress, the better your Association will become. The HKHDCCA is a wonderful initiative created by local coaches in and around the HK&HDCA district. The role of junior volunteer sports coaches is an often overlooked area in community sports codes, however is probably the most crucial in terms of retaining and developing players.

HKHDCCA is taking proactive steps towards formally working with volunteers to up-skill their coaching qualifications, expertise and experience. They have identified this objective as a priority and to their credit, have set about running specific programs to recruit and train prospective coaches, whilst also giving the accredited coaches practical experience at coaching clinics. The continued success of HKHDCCA will create further interest in the cricket community and hopefully will encourage other regions throughout Sydney to take on this process, with the end result being a better coaching experience for both the participants and their tutors.

I look forward to seeing how the new season unfolds in the HK&HDCA and fully expect once again that a great competition full of opportunities will be available for all junior cricketers in your region.

Should anyone have any matters that CNSW can assist with, please don't hesitate contacting me

Kind regards and best of luck for 2011/12 !

Steve Mulally
Sydney North Cricket Manager
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GALSTON-GLENORIE - I2C

First of July saw the launch of the Cricket NSW's In2Cricket Campaign and also The Galston-Glenorie Cricket Clubs push to start an In2Cricket centre at Les Shore Oval and to start a revival of juniors at the club.

Making the first steps towards starting an In2Cricket Centre at Galston-Glenorie, our Vice President and A Reserve Grade Captain Justin Epthorp was involved in promotional visits to both Middle Dural and Hillside Schools. Justin was lucky enough to see every child in each of the schools over the course of the day and gave them a little taste of cricket like they would expect to be doing if they joined the In2Cricket Program. At the end of the visits, the kids were given a Cricket NSW Showbag and a Galston Glenorie Cricket Club flyer with the details of the club.

Season Dates: 14/10/2011 (Friday Afternoon) running for 10 weeks (until 16/12/2011)

Venue: Glenorie RSL

Time: 5pm-6pm

Contact: http://www.ggcc.org.au/?page_id=78

Here is a brief description of In2Cricket:

The MILO in2CRICKET Program is Cricket Australia's entry level cricket program. This program provides girls and boys an introduction to cricket in a fun, safe, learning environment where they can develop their cricket skills, play games and meet new friends.

There are 2 levels of In2Cricket offered:

Have-A-Go is designed as a child's first introduction to cricket. These activities are for beginners to learn the basic cricket skills through modified, skill-based, inclusive games.

As participants develop their basic skills in the Have-A-Go activities, they step up to Have-A-Game. These activities incorporate all the basic skills that they have already learned and incorporates them into fun, modified games.

Please stay tuned for updates on the GGCC In2Cricket Centre!

WAHROONGA - I2C

St Ives Cricket Club met with CricketNSW twice over the previous few weeks to discuss the possibility of opening up an I2C under a new junior cricket club banner. CricketNSW responded positively and on August 29th, the Wahroonga Junior Cricket Club was (re-)born.

Over the next few weeks members of the newly formed club will target school in and around the Wahroonga area in conjunction with CricketNSW.

The new centre will be led by Mike Henderson, one of St Ives keen D-Graders. Mike has experience a swim instructor, including working with children with autism and will be a fantastic acquisition to drive forward the in2CRICKET program.

The committee members of St Ives would also like to acknowledge both Steve Mulally and Nick Guinane from CricketNSW who have been terrific in their assistance to the implementation of the new centre.

Season Dates: 5/11/2011-10/12/2011 (Xmas break) resumes 11/2/2012-3/3/2012

Venue: Turramurra Oval

Time: 8.30am-10.00am

Contact: ben.gussey@hotmail.com or 9988 4508



Girls Cricket

It is unbelievable that the cricket season is upon us again! As I'm sure is the case for most clubs, the NSGCA off-season has been an extremely busy one, with efforts having begun in April to improve our competitions for 2011-12. In preparation for the upcoming seasons, we have compiled a four year strategic plan, with a primary focus on expanding our player base to include more girls from the Hornsby, Hills, North Shore and Manly/Warringah areas.

It has been wonderful to hear from both parents and players that our competitions give all players a 'fair go,' due to our focus on participation over results. Our association gives younger girls a great opportunity to move on from junior development programs such as Milo in2Cricket, the Boy Free Zone (BFZ) or Kanga by facilitating skills development in the Cup competition. Once the girls get a bit older and more experienced, they can move on to the Shield Competition, which precludes more competitive cricket offered by the Sydney Cricket Association Women's Competitions.

In April, eight NSGCA players were selected for the NSW Emerging Breakers squads, which was an excellent achievement. Phoebe Thompson, Pippa Cary, Katie O'Sullivan, Hannah Deveridge, Jessica Howard, Annika Clayton, Noni Cole and Victoria Saville should all be very proud for their efforts. Victoria Saville also received the association bowling award, snaring 12 wickets for 85 runs in the Shield competition.

What we have found is that girls tend to continue playing cricket if they are given the opportunity to play amongst and against other female players. Whilst there is not significant disparity between male and female cricketers at an early age, it generally becomes more difficult for female players to remain comfortable in a mixed team as they get older. This is one of the reasons clubs find it difficult to retain female players and where our association has the potential to provide assistance.

Female cricket is continuing to expand and it is wonderful that there are so many opportunities for girls to play and enjoy the game, from junior to senior level. The NSGCA has received wonderful support from Cricket NSW this season, and, along with our own efforts, we hope this results in more females playing cricket across Sydney.



Photos

(Above) The u13s Reps Side played in the annual representative carnival at Eric Mobbs Reserve from Sunday January 16th, 2011.

TRIFORCE POTM

We would like to remind you of our terrific Triforce Photo of the Month competition that runs each month during the season, from September 2011. Please send entries to executive.officer@hkhdc.com.au for an opportunity to win \$100.



Photo

(Above) Our last winner from February 2011 (by Warwick Jones)



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