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Welcome to Issue 36 of the ICC European Development Programme newsletter. Please continue to send us press releases, reports on events or details of forthcoming events for the diary at any time - we look forward to receiving your information soon! E-mail alison.davies@mcc.org.uk

NEWS

ICC Development Conference - Nairobi, Kenya



The ICC global development team (including Andrew Eade (ICC Global Development Manager), Bob Woolmer (High Performance Manager), all 5 Regional Development Managers, Development Officers and central office Project Officers) gathered for a week-long conference in Nairobi from 22-26 September to evaluate the impact of the programme over the past year and to plan for the future to ensure that the key objectives of the ICC's development plan are advanced.

The conference addressed a number of ongoing projects and issues, and included noteworthy contributions from Temba Mkhosana (on secondment from Zimbabwe) on the completion of the ICC administration manual, club

strengthening guidelines and the [ICC resources](#) section on the website. Jenny Fairlamb (Projects Officer) highlighted the annual awards scheme and called on all regions to submit nominations to their respective regional offices. Chris Briers (Development Operations Manager) presented on the ICC research and member audits, highlighting the importance of individual countries completing, by the deadline of 28 November, the surveys that had been sent out.

On the Wednesday afternoon, more than 80 children and teachers from schools within the Nairobi province gathered at the Parklands Sports Club to receive coaching and advice from the visiting



development staff. The session, led by Tom Tikolo, revealed an abundance of talent together with an infectious enthusiasm for the game. The experience left the development team in no doubt

that Kenyan cricket is indeed well placed to prosper, with so many naturally talented youngsters with a clear passion and desire to succeed in the game.

After the conference, some delegates took in a tour of the city, a local game drive or an overnight stay in the Masai Mara. Whatever the chosen

For the full story, [click here](#).

COACHING & UMPIRING

European Development Program Coaches Forum

The University of Warwick played host to a



meeting of the European Development Program coaching staff on Friday 19 September.

The Europe Office staff (Ian Stuart, outgoing European Development Manager, Richard Holdsworth, incoming EDM, Philip Hudson, incoming European Development Officer, and Alison Davies, Project Officer) were joined by sixteen coaches who have worked in Europe over

option, all will have left Kenya with an increased awareness of the challenges faced by each region but also of the significant impact the global Development Program has made, and will continue to make, across the diverse range of member countries (now 89) since its inception in 1997.

the past year to review activity over the 12-month period and discuss the future direction of the European coaching programme. ECB Coach Education Manager Gordon Lord also joined the party to outline forthcoming changes resulting from the development of the new National Coaching Certificate and the ECB's Long Term Athlete Development Programme, which is based on the premise that to develop better players at all levels of the game, coaches and those responsible for designing junior programmes must plan for the long-term rather than focussing on short-term success.

EVENTS FROM THE REGION

Twenty20 Hits Hamburg

Cricket lined up alongside a host of other classic British pastimes Hamburg's British Days on 30-31 August. The two-day fundraising event, organised by the British Chamber of Commerce in Hamburg and run by the non-profit making

organisation British Day eV, has generated considerable sums of money for local charities over the years, and this year the Norddeutsche Cricket Verband, in the form of Alster CC, decided to get in on the act by organising a

Twenty20 tournament, also involving Oldenburger CC, Kieler CC and Buxtehuder CC, to run over the course of the 2-day event. Everyone involved enjoyed themselves immensely, with participants and spectators enjoying the fast pace and excitement of the Twenty20 format. And with over 20,000 visitors attending the show, many of whom tried their hand at cricket in the net provided by Alster CC, the event was an excellent opportunity to promote the game. As a result, further

For the full story, [click here](#).

GCA Development XI in Tangier

A GCA Development XI combining experience and youth travelled to Tangier over the weekend of 21/22 September to play a couple of matches



against the Royal Moroccan Cricket Federation.

The matches were played at the magnificent, and relatively new, Stadium in Tangier on grass wickets. Cricket is in its infancy in Morocco, though

For the full story, [click here](#).

Gibraltar Cricket Association Seeks Development Coach

Due to the imminent departure of Philip Hudson to join the team at ECC, the Gibraltar Cricket Association will soon require a full time Development Coach. Whilst the GCA have yet to

discussions have already taken place, and British Day organiser Peter Rogers has offered the Deutscher Cricket Bund a tent to house an exhibition stand and plenty of space for matches, demonstrations and nets for next year's event.



developing fast, and this was an opportunity for Gibraltar to assist in that process. The first match was scheduled for the Saturday, and before the start the teams were lined up for the playing of the National Anthems. Gary Cozier, former Australian Test player and now in charge of the Moroccan team, won the toss and opted to bat first. It was a decision he was soon to regret as Steven Gonzalez, Chris Phillips and Karan Aswani ripped through the top order to send the locals reeling to 39/5 after fifteen overs.

well as coaching and accompanying the various youth squads when they attend ICC and ECC tournaments. It is likely that GCA Vice Chairman Ian Wood will conduct interviews in London over

the weekend of 25/26 October. Interested parties should contact him by e-mail on iwood@bakertillygibraltar.gi, attaching their CV or by fax on (350) 75141.

Two New Clubs for Slovenia

Ljubljana CC's Alasdair Green reports on recent developments

A second club was recently launched in Slovenia's second city - Maribor - at an event sponsored by the British Ambassador. The new club got off to a flying start due to the emergence of a group of about 15 Slovenes (who, unknown to Ljubljana CC, had already been playing cricket informally for some time in their village of Smarje pri jelsah) and is now in the process of securing a site in Maribor for practice facilities. They hope to play their first competitive games next summer. Two club members are also planning to break away from Ljubljana CC and form their own club in Skofja loka. They have already secured land for building nets in the local primary school, and

have had meetings with the mayor about getting a decent-sized piece of land for a ground. This will mean a total of three active clubs in Slovenia next year.

Our schools programme in the Ljubljana area has been formalised with the start of the new school year, and cricket is now on the sports curriculum at 4 primary schools in Ljubljana and one at Grosuplje, with one other waiting in the wings. The schools will all send teams to the inaugural National Junior Championships on 19 October, where the prizes will be presented by Olympic sprinter Merlene Ottey, who is now a Slovene national and a leading sporting figure here.

For the full story, [click here](#).

Bob Barber inaugurates new Swiss Pitch



Bob Barber, former Lancashire, Warwickshire and England opener,

honoured the Swiss Cricket Association and

Cossonay Cricket Club by officiating at the special inauguration match at the 'En Marche' ground set in the picturesque Jura Foothills. Although the new Notts D[®] strip had already been tried and tested (not least on the previous day for the Swiss Cup Final at which Bob presented the cup and medals to champions Zurich United) Sunday 21st

was set aside for the 'official' opening. The President's XI rattled up a handy-looking 205 for 5 off 35 overs but this was bettered by the Captain's XI who reached the target with three balls to spare scoring 207 for 7. All corroborated the previous



day's verdict on the new playing surface: "smooth, good bounce, nice for batsmen and bowler". Bob Barber declined the offer of a batting place, instead choosing to umpire and present the trophy. The new ground at Cossonay is fully dedicated to cricket and the SCA is looking forward to staging important encounters there in the future.

India take on Pakistan... in Bulgaria

On Sunday 28 September, Bulgarian CC (a club made up of Pakistanis living in Sofia) took on a team of Indian medical students living in the Bulgarian capital in a match organised as a protest against terrorism. Bulgarian CC's Saif Ur-Rehman explained: "We want to tell the world that we want peace, and although Pakistan and India are enemies on the border, the cricket players from both nations are friends on the

cricket ground - they shake hands with each other, they support each other in the game, they respect each other on the field." The Bulgarian Cricket Federation and the South African Embassy in Sofia supported the initiative and helped arrange the match, which started at midday in perfect weather. The Indian students won the toss and decided to bat first.

For the full story, [click here](#).

NEWS IN BRIEF

- Paris University Club (241-10) beat Dreux (215-9) by 26 runs in the 2003 French national club final held at the Standard Athletic Club's ground in Meudon on 21 September. Dreux defeated Eymet by 6 wickets in the semi-finals the previous day, while PUC saw Monte Carlo off with a 169-run victory. Monte Carlo will take on Cabris in the final of the South-East Cup at Entrecasteaux on 18 October.
- German Champions 2003 are Berlin Stragglers, who won the final on 13 September against Pak Orient Munich. National Coach Stan Mortensen attended the match to get an impression of the best players in the teams.
- Swiss Champions, meanwhile, are United CC, who beat Bern CC by 61 runs in the final of the league playoffs at Cossonay on 20 September.

- Poland's newest cricket club, Polonia CC, based in Gorzów Wlkp, about 30 minutes drive east from the German border, has just been granted permission to use the rather splendid city sports stadium as a venue for practice matches. Interested in playing them? [Click here](#) for further details.
- Planning is already under way for next year's Tallin Sixes in Estonia. If you're interested in taking part, [click here](#) for further information.
- Surrey & ex-England cricketer Adam Hollioake is currently trekking 2000 miles across Europe to raise money for the Ben Hollioake fund, established in memory of his brother who died in a car crash 18 months ago. Having set off from Edinburgh on Friday 3 October, Hollioake and his colleagues will travel through France, Spain and Gibraltar before arriving at their final destination, Tangiers.

ADMINISTRATION

Newsletter to get Birthday Facelift

The newsletter has reached its third birthday, and we've decided to give it a bit of a facelift, partly as a result of feedback from this year's survey. We cannot implement all the suggestions made, but there were a number of recurring themes, and we hope the changes we are planning to make will go some way towards addressing those issues. The layout and presentation of the newsletter will be improved, and the content will also change, to include fewer, but more carefully selected and diverse articles. In this way, we hope to present a more representative picture of what is going on across Europe, as well as differentiating more between the stories which appear on the website and those which appear in the newsletter.

Please continue to send us all your newsworthy stories, including any good photos, as we will continue to post everything of interest on the website as it comes in, before selecting the most

interesting items for the newsletter at the start of the following month. For information, we usually circulate the newsletter on the 7th of the month to comply with ICC deadlines, so any articles and pictures need to arrive with us by the 3rd at the latest.

One result of the changes is that we will be unable to continue attaching an unedited text-only version of the newsletter when we circulate the link to the online version. Remember, you can download the Acrobat Reader software required for the newsletter from www.adobe.com if necessary, and if at any time you are unable to access the newsletter via the link circulated by Alison, you can find the entire newsletter archive, including the most recent issue, on www.ecc.cricket.org under Visitor Services, Newsletter Archive.

DIARY OF EVENTS

28 October: ECC Executive Committee meeting, Lord's Cricket Ground, 1pm (lunch from midday)

Coaching & Umpiring

1-2 & 14-16 Nov: Level II Coaching Course, Netherlands: Richard Cox & Roland Lefebvre

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