



# Tails 4 Wales

## Cricket Board of Wales Newsletter

## Bwrdd Criced Cymru

### Welcome

This has been one of the wettest summers since records began and a very frustrating time for everyone involved in the game. It has been particularly difficult for our volunteer groundsmen who have worked extremely hard to ensure as much cricket as possible has been played in between the showers. The volunteers underpin cricket in Wales and

ensure it continues to flourish despite the poor weather and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all concerned. On and off the pitch there has been lots going on and we hope you find some of the articles of interest. Further details on these and other matters can be found on our website [www.cbw.org.uk](http://www.cbw.org.uk) which received over 50,000 hits last month.

### National Squads



Wales U15's ECB County Champions 2007

2007 was another successful season for our Wales squads with 5 of our sides reaching the ECB finals. Our U13 girls and U14 boys won their respective groups and play off matches to reach their finals and our U13 and U15



Wales U13's ECB County Cup winners in 2007

went one better and were both crowned ECB County Champions. Our U16 hope to follow suit when they play their final in mid September. Full details of all squad results can be found on our website - [www.cbw.org.uk](http://www.cbw.org.uk).

### International Honours

Congratulations to David Lloyd (North East Wales Region and Brymbo CC), Imran Hassan (Gwent and Newport CC), Daniel Roberts (West Glam and Pontarddulais

CC) and Gareth Thomas (Carmarthenshire and Carmarthen Wanderers CC) on their selection for the England U15 side.

### Glamorgan Debuts

Congratulations to James Harris, Will Bragg and Tom Maynard who have come up through the CBW age group sides and made their Glamorgan first team debuts this season. James hit the national headlines in May becoming the youngest bowler to take 7 wickets in an innings and 10 wickets in a match in the County Championship.

### Stephens & George Print Group

This has been the second year of our sponsorship deal with the Stephens & George print group and we would like to thank Group Managing Director, Andrew Jones for his generous support of Welsh Cricket.



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## Club News

We have recently introduced some real benefits to clubs who achieve Clubmark accreditation.

- **£1000 Junior Development Grant**
- **Opportunity to apply for ECB machinery Grant**
- **£1200 funding for Club School links programme**
- **Priority on Coach Education Courses**

Accreditation is open to any club with a junior section and those interested should contact their local CDO who will be happy to assist.

## England and Wales Cricket Trust Machinery Fund Grant



The machinery grant is available to accredited clubs and Groundsmans associations and has been a tremendous success with 19 machinery grant applications submitted to purchase machinery valued at just over £80k. The ECB has confirmed a second year of machinery grant funding will be released in October which is great news for all concerned!

## England and Wales Cricket Trust - Interest Free Loan Scheme

The scheme is open to affiliated clubs with a junior section who are willing to complete, deliver and update a simple development plan and work towards clubmark accreditation. Whether it is a sightscreen or a changing room the England and Wales Cricket Trust will consider interest-free loans of up to £50,000 over a repayment period of up to ten years to clubs that meet set criteria. Clubs would need to contribute a minimum 25 per cent of the total cost through partnership funding or from their own funds. Full details are available on [www.ecb.co.uk](http://www.ecb.co.uk)

## Club/School links programme

While we are still excluded from the Cricket Foundations Chance to Shine scheme the SCW has agreed to fund a club/school links programme of our own. By linking schools with a local club, the aim is to encourage youngsters at school to continue playing cricket within a club environment. This will embrace club development by offering the potential to increase club membership with additional opportunities to develop and enhance training for coaches and volunteers. Available to accredited clubs and those interested should contact their CDO for further details.

## ECB -N-Power Urban Cricket

Test match sponsors N power will fund 5 inner city cricket facilities in the UK and the ECB has agreed to locate one of these in Cardiff. The concept is similar to the outdoor basketball courts in the US where kids can just turn up and play. The cost of each facility is around £140k and these are met in full by the sponsor.

## Tom Cartwright Memorial Game



Since our last Newsletter we have suffered the very sad loss of Tom Cartwright who played a hugely significant role in the development of cricket in Wales and he will be sadly missed. There will be an annual memorial fixture with Coventry District Cricket Association in Tom's memory and the inaugural match was held at Bronwydd CC

on Thursday 23rd August. Tributes to Tom can be found via our website <http://cbw.org.uk/currentnews.html>

## Increased Participation in Grassroots Cricket

'Cricket has jumped markedly in popularity – up seven percentage points amongst both boys and girls.'

This is an extract from an independent survey of sports commissioned by the SCW and matches our own findings following an audit of all clubs in Wales. The increase in junior participation is even higher at nearly 14% and the introduction of U9 softball cricket immediately after the ashes series was a significant factor.

## U13 & U15 National Knock out Cups U13 Final

Congratulations to Gowerton, Northop and Miskin who were the winners of the Western, Northern and Southern zones.

Unfortunately the final was cancelled due to bad weather.

## U15 Portman Cup Final



Newport - U15 Welsh Club Champions

Congratulations to Gowerton, Northop and Newport who won the Western, Northern and Southern zones at U15 level. After a few cancellations we eventually completed the final at Northop Hall CC. This was a very exciting day of cricket and Newport were the eventual winners who went on to represent Wales in the UK finals and finished as runners up in the Portman Building Society U15 National Club Championship.

## Museum of Welsh Cricket



Plans are being finalised for the Museum of Welsh Cricket at the Sophia Gardens ground in Cardiff. The first phase of Glamorgan's heritage project has recently seen the creation – thanks to a generous grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund - of a Glamorgan Cricket Heritage Gallery along the corridors and in the public lounge areas of the National Cricket Centre, celebrating the feats and achievements of the Welsh county and its players. (See [http://www.glamorgancricket.com/museum\\_heritage.php](http://www.glamorgancricket.com/museum_heritage.php))

The next phase of the project, with the support of the CBW, will be the creation of the Museum, due for opening in Summer 2008, which will focus on club cricket throughout Wales. Already several clubs have contacted Andrew Hignell, Glamorgan's Archivist and Heritage Manager - who is co-ordinating the project – offering the loan of material and other artefacts for the opening of the Museum, and in the lead-up to the summer of 2009 when the Cardiff ground will host one of the Ashes Test matches.

Andrew is eager to hear from any other club, individual or organisation who would like to get involved with the project, either through the loan or donation of items, or by taking part in an innovative scheme whereby images and other items are digitally copied, and the memories and recollections of individuals are filmed as part of an oral history project.

If you want to participate, please contact Andrew by ringing 02920 419383, sending an e-mail to [higgers@glamorgancricket.co.uk](mailto:higgers@glamorgancricket.co.uk) or by writing to him c/o Archives Department, Glamorgan Cricket, Sophia Gardens, Cardiff, CF11 9XR.

You can also find out more about the Museum and its associated projects by visiting <http://www.glamorgancricket.com/museum.php>

## WACD (Wales Association of Cricketers with a Disability)

The WACD enter sides in both the ECB hard ball and incredibal National County Championship and will contest the hard ball final on the 16th September after topping the southern group. The incredibal side narrowly missed out on a final appearance after finishing in second spot to Somerset in the southern group. Congratulations to Steve Dancer and Ian Crumplin who were selected for the England squads this season. Bill Higginson is coach to the national side and anyone interested can contact him on 07776067350

## Kwik Cricket

We owe a huge thank you to the many volunteers who organise and coordinate the kwik cricket and provide opportunities for around 700 schools and 7000 boys and girls to take part. The festivals took place during June and July and Sir Garfield Sobers was the special guest at the Vale of Glamorgan event held at Penarth Cricket Club.

Congratulations to Sageston Primary School, Tenby and Ysgol Owen Jones, Northop who were the winners of our finals held at St Helens Swansea and Aberystwyth Cricket Club. Both went on to represent Wales at the UK final in Headingley.



## Inter Cricket

58 secondary schools in Wales took part in the 2007 Nat West Inter cricket competition and the final was held on Thursday 8th March at the indoor cricket centre Sophia Gardens. Simon Jones was on hand to present the trophy to Greenhill School (Tenby) who won a very exciting final against Cowbridge off the very last ball.

## Regional Cricket 2007 Competition Winners



U11 Regional Champions – Gwent



U15 Regional Champions – North East Wales



U13 Regional Champions – Gwent



U14 Regional Champions – Cardiff & Vale

Regional Cricket is a stepping stone between club cricket and representing Wales and we have 9 regions running sides from U10 to U15. Special thanks to the clubs who hosted games during the 2007 season and congratulations to the winners of each age group.

# COACH EDUCATION PROGRAMME 2007/8

The Cricket Board of Wales recognises that Coach Education plays a pivotal role in the overall development of cricket within the country and will run various courses throughout the winter months of 2007/8 to expand and improve its existing coaching base.

## Level 1 Certificate in Coaching Cricket (12 hours + assessment)

ECB Coaching Assistant £180

VENUE	DATES	CONTACT
Ebbw Vale Cricket Centre	3, 4, 11 November 2007	Steve Watkins <a href="mailto:stevewatkins@monmouthshire.gov.uk">stevewatkins@monmouthshire.gov.uk</a> 07788 710188
Tenby Sports Centre	11, 18 25 November 2007	Ray Kane <a href="mailto:ray_kane@hotmail.com">ray_kane@hotmail.com</a> 01646 682106
Ruabon Sports Centre, Wrexham	19, 20, 26 January 2008	John Huband <a href="mailto:John.Huband@conwy.gov.uk">John.Huband@conwy.gov.uk</a> 07802 450661
Bryncethin Sports Hall, Ogmore	19, 20, 27 January 2008	Steve Watkins <a href="mailto:stevewatkins@monmouthshire.gov.uk">stevewatkins@monmouthshire.gov.uk</a> 07788 710188
Coed Cae, Llanelli	20, 27 January 2008 3 February 2008	Robert Green <a href="mailto:RGreen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk">RGreen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</a> 07881 864666
National Cricket Centre, Cardiff	16, 17 February 2008 2 March 2008	Peter Edwards <a href="mailto:peter@glamorgancricket.co.uk">peter@glamorgancricket.co.uk</a>
Menai Bridge Sports Centre	8, 9, 15 March 2008	John Huband <a href="mailto:John.Huband@conwy.gov.uk">John.Huband@conwy.gov.uk</a> 07802 450661
Swansea University	29, 30 March 2008 6 Apr 2008	Harry Lazarus <a href="mailto:h.lazarus@btconnect.com">h.lazarus@btconnect.com</a> 01792 202834
Llandrindod Wells Sports Centre	12, 13, 20 April 2008	Peter Brett <a href="mailto:peterbrett@tcca.fsnet.co.uk">peterbrett@tcca.fsnet.co.uk</a> 07768 552615
TBA Gwent Region	12, 13, 27 April 2008	Steve Watkins <a href="mailto:stevewatkins@monmouthshire.gov.uk">stevewatkins@monmouthshire.gov.uk</a> 07788 710188

## Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Cricket (24 hours + 10 hours supervised coaching+assessment)

ECB Coaching £290

VENUE	COURSE DATES	CONTACT
Tenby Sports Centre	6, 7, 14, 21 October 2007 Assessment 27 January 2008	Ray Kane <a href="mailto:ray_kane@hotmail.com">ray_kane@hotmail.com</a> 01646 682106
Coed Cae, Llanelli	10, 11, 18, 25 November 2007 Assessment April 2008	Robert Green <a href="mailto:RGreen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk">RGreen@carmarthenshire.gov.uk</a> 07881 864666
Ruabon Sports Centre, Wrexham	24, 25 November 2007 1, 8 December 2007 Assessment 29 March 2008	John Huband <a href="mailto:John.Huband@conwy.gov.uk">John.Huband@conwy.gov.uk</a> 07802 450661
Newport Cricket Centre	24, 25 November 2007 2, 8 December 2007 Assessment 20 April 2008	Steve Watkins <a href="mailto:stevewatkins@monmouthshire.gov.uk">stevewatkins@monmouthshire.gov.uk</a> 07788 710188

Both Level 1 and Level 2 courses will require attendance or evidence of attendance on a Good Practice Child Protection course and a minimum 3 hour First aid course as well as the enhanced CRB check. All coaches must have a clear CRB check if they are to be coaching children. Course dates are listed on our website. Please contact Brian Crockett, Child Welfare Officer on telephone number 01639 892232.

### Coach Development Workshops

In addition to the certified courses the Cricket Board of Wales will be running Coach Development Workshops for those coaches who wish to develop their own coaching skills and prepare for the ECB Club Coach Award or Level 3. There are 6 non assessed 3 hour workshops at a cost of £25 each on the following topics.

- CDW 1 – Coaching Batters 1
- CDW 2 – Coaching Batters 2
- CDW 3 – Coaching Bowlers
- CDW 4 – Coaching in the Nets
- CDW 5 – Coaching Wicket Keepers
- CDW 6 – Coaching a Team and Fielders

### Time to Listen Courses

Brian Crockett, our Child Welfare Officer is coordinating the delivery of the 'Time to Listen Courses' with League Welfare officers throughout Wales this winter. The course is mandatory for Club Child Welfare Officers and you can contact Brian on 01639 892232 for further details.

### Training for Umpires

For those of you interested in becoming an umpire several courses are run through the winter and you may apply by contacting John Owen the Regional Training Officer on 01495 785220.

### Training for Groundsmen

**The Institute of Groundsmanship** organises local courses on behalf of the CBW at various clubs in Wales. There are two introductory courses at level 1: Part 'A' Spring Preparation for the new season: **Part 'B' Autumn Renovation & winter Maintenance Aug/Sept** For all Courses please apply directly to: The Institute of Groundsmanship, 28 Stratford Office Village, Walker Avenue, Wolverton Mill East, Milton Keynes, MK12 5TW. Tel. 01908 312 511; fax. 01908 311 140.