



Devon Cricket Board Coaches' Association



Chair Report 2011

It has been another highly successful year for the Coaches' Association. To improve communications your committee has set up quarterly meeting with the District Coaches Associations to which the Women's and Girls and Disabilities Coaches have also been invited and your Chair has been to East and West District meetings as well as Regional ECBCA meetings.

Coaches should be aware of the dangers of texting, emailing, using Facebook and Twitter especially where young players are involved; indeed it is recommended that no coach should contact a young player on Facebook or Twitter. If communications by email or text are to be undertaken then the parent(s)/guardian(s) must be copied in.

Our 2011-2012 Coach Education programme courses were over subscribed and 23 coaches attended the Coach Development Workshops including colleagues from Somerset and Cornwall. Hopefully more District Volunteer modules will be undertaken pre season. The proposed new Coach Education programme, which was meant to be rolled out in the autumn 2012, has been delayed until 2013. Tim Ward, Adam Parker, Pat Steward and Trevor Griffin are in the process of completing their Level 3 courses whilst Paul Farnham, Alex Carr and Callum Whittaker are currently attending their Level 3 course. James Bogue, Matt Hunt and Caroline Atkins are now part of our excellent Tutor/ Assessor workforce.

Trevor Griffin is to be congratulated on his National Chance to Shine Coach of the Year Award which he received in the Long Room at Lords. Philip Bayliss and Jan Witheridge as our Sky Sports Rewards and Recognition winners attended the Cardiff Test match. Both had an enjoyable day. Young Coach of the Year was Ashley Harvey. My thanks to those Districts who eventually nominated!

As part of "Raising Standards" Matthew Wood, Jon Pitts and Julian Wyatt's reviewed the County winter workshop programme. They then made their recommendations and presented them to the Coaches', Youth, Women, Districts and Youth Leagues meetings. Over 30 County Squad and District coaches attended the ICC in December to hear more and see their recommendation put into practice and the system has now been rolled out to the County Youth Squads and adopted by certain of Districts.

In December Charlotte Edwards and Caroline Atkins carried out a 2 day girls/ women's coaching clinic at the ICC Exeter University.

Regretfully the ECBCA National Conference, January 2012, has been postponed until January 2013. Please make a note in your diary as we wish to beat the 30 coaches who attended last time!

Howzat! the new ECB online coaching resource, available and sent out on DVD to ECBCA members in February 2011 has still not been particularly well taken up. You will find it a very useful resource so please load it and have a look. Try and use it where ever possible in your coaching. It will become part of the new Coach Education programme.

Martin Webb, our secretary, is staying on for another year as Chair of the ECBCA. With over 17,000 members, the ECBCA feels that it should have an independent voice in the consultation and decision making process of recreational cricket.

Do not forget to keep your CRB, First Aid, Safeguarding and ECBCA membership/ certification up to date! Also don't forget our Coaches' website where Newsletters, Drills, Net Performance indicator forms, suggestions for player logbooks etc can be found. Please send me your news, drills, etc for sharing!

Finally and once again my very considerable thanks to Martin Webb and Matt Theedom for all they do for the Coaches' Association and Devon Cricket; to Claire Colman for her assistance in her very important administration role and to all the coaches, throughout Devon, for what they do for Devon cricket. Thank you.

Jonathan Mears Chair DCBCA