



Devon Cricket Board Coaches' Association



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After the success of our "Leading the Field" 2009 Coaching Conference, to celebrate the opening of the Ondaatji Devon Cricket Centre, which was a huge success and was attended by coaches from all over the South West and beyond, it was always going to be a difficult year to follow. I believe as an Association we have, however, continued to make significant progress and we are still the envy of many other Counties, including First Class Counties.

30 Devon coaches attended the ECB National Conference "Character, Captaincy and Leadership" in January the most of any County. Our secretary and Chair ECBCA opened proceedings. It was a fantastic weekend and enabled Devon and other coaches to interact and network. The resultant Newsletter compiled from our coaches' reports was outstanding.

In the ECBCA National Coaches' online survey competition we were third in the Country; the winners being the Isle of Wight who only have 11 ECBCA members!

Our excellent 2009-2010 Coach Education programme was successfully completed. The numbers are UKCC2: 48 candidates - of which 13 are still outstanding (CRB, First Aid, SPC, Logbook, Assessment, Referral); UKCC1: 62 - of which 16 are still outstanding (CRB, First Aid, SPC, Assessment, Referral); Club Coach: 8 - all certificated; Cricket for Teachers 30 teachers (Attendance course only); Young Leaders 42 (Attendance course only); Working in School Module 13 - all certificated (Attendance course only). Converting those who have yet to complete their courses is in hand. The 2010-2011 programme is finalised and there will be UKCC1 courses once more in the North and West Districts. Your DCBCA Tutor/Assessor team has met and is to meet again before the winter coach education programme commences. James Carr, Ross Farrer and Matt Cooke attended an UKCC3 course and Tim Ward and Adam Parker will be attending this autumn. Matt Hunt and James Bogue are to shortly attend their Tutor/Assessor course and will add to our team. Martin Webb and your Chair have attended the ECBCA regional meetings and are attending an ECBCA residential weekend at Lords in October to hear and see the major changes which are to occur to the ECBCA coach education programme, in 2011 – Howzat goes online!

Congratulations to James Carr who won the 2009 regional Sky Sports Rewards and Recognition junior coach award; Ross Farrer has been nominated for 2010, Brian Champion for the Outstanding Coaching Award and Mark Overton, Martin Brice, Jan Witheridge and Andy Davis for their Outstanding Services and Contribution to Cricket Coaching; your Chair was awarded an ICC Centenary Medallion for services to cricket and our Development Manager, Matt Theedom was awarded a prestigious ECB Development Award.

We wish James Carr and Ross Farrer well in their new development jobs in Hertfordshire and Gloucestershire respectively and thank them for what they have done for West Devon and Devon cricket.

Girls and Ladies cricket coaching continues to flourish under Warren Carr and his teams' guidance.

Your Association is in discussions with various parties to see how they can help to raise the standards of cricket, particularly youth cricket and subsequent knock on effect, in Devon and guidance has been given to coaches with regards to the suggested use of player lead logbooks and better communications when undertaking one2one coaching.

Finally and once again my very considerable thanks to Martin Webb, Matt Theedom and Andy Fairbairn 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