

Devon Cricket Board



2012 has been another very busy year for the CA. As part of improving communications your committee has met with the District CAs. Your Chair has also attended the ECBCA Regional Meetings. Unfortunately due to pressure of work your Chair has not been able to produce the normal ENewsletters or update the website as frequently as in previous years but it is hoped that the District CAs and/or District Development Group Chairs are disseminating the necessary information.

On the Coach Education front 40 people attended Level 1 courses, 50 Level 2 and 23 including from our neighbours Cornwall and Somerset the CDWs. The 2012 programme is underway with Level 1s in Exeter and Plymouth in the New Year, a Level 2 and CDWs in Exeter again attended by coaches from outside the County. Paul Farnham, Alex Carr and Callum Whittaker are just about now completing their Level 3; Matt Hunt, James Bogue, Matt Cooke, Scott Chappell and Trevor Griffin have attended ECB Tutoring and/or Assessor courses and we welcome back to Devon James Carr and Ross Farrer who will also add to are C Ed workforce. 2013 will see the roll out of the new Coach Education Programme. Devon's C Ed tutors and assessors will be fully briefed during the year and the courses rolled out starting in the autumn.

We very sincerely thank the Devon Cricket Youth Foundation for their support of both coaches completing their CDWs/ Club Coach Award and the revised DCBYA winter coaching programme successfully rolled out and run by Matt Wood, Jon Pitts and Julian Wyatt. With the need to raise standards and the County encompassing skills acquisition, it is disappointing that certain Districts are not supporting their young players by also undertaking SA or have decide to revert to previous system of coaching. It is appreciated that some Districts may not however have the expertise which is why it is hoped that coaches, supported by the DCYF, may be available to help outside their own areas. The DCYF also generously supported the Chris Read coaches' wicket keeping workshop.

Andy Fairbairn who has given great service to Devon Cricket and C Ed has moved onto Somerset as their CDM; we thank him sincerely for all he has done and wish him well. Matt Cooke, a familiar face, who has come up through the Youth system and is a Level 3 coach, replaces Andy as GDO. Congratulations Matt on your appointment. Congratulations must also be given to Tim Western who has been involved in C Ed since 1996 or there about, on his appointment as DCCC Lions High Performance Director and most recently we must congratulate Keith Donahue on his appointment as Director of Cricket of the DCCC; Keith is a Level 2 coach and is attending his bowling CDW shortly.

During 2012 the Devon's coaches pay roll including for Districts has been centralised. It is hoped in due course that there will be a structured review of the DCBCA and Districts. The managers/coaches code of conduct is to be reviewed to state that alcohol should not be consumed in the presence of younger persons under his/ her charge. Due to a number of problems in the county, recommendations with regard to young players changing clubs and coaches behaviour have been made. Coaches are also reminded again of the County's recommendations with regards use of Facebook, Twitter, emails, mobile phones etc.

Martin Webb our Secretary and Chair of the ECBCA has stayed on in his post as Chair ECBCA for a further 12 months to try and get National Representation through, which has been supported by all but one County Boards.

The delayed ECBCA National Conference, "Unlocking Potential" will be held at Warwick University the weekend 26th January 2013. In January 2014 the South West Conference will return, a one day event held in Taunton.

Please do not forget to keep your CRB, First Aid, Safeguarding and ECBCA Membership up to date?

Once more my considerable thanks to Martin Webb, Matt Theedom and Matt Cooke for all they do for Devon cricket; to Claire Colman for her assistance and to all of you, the coaches, for what you do for Devon cricket too.

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