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# ICC Americas Newsflash

## Centenary Week in London a fantastic experience



All 104 members of the ICC gathered in London to celebrate the ICC Centenary. The Americas Region took advantage of the occasion to hold their Annual Regional Forum on Thursday and Saturday. The feedback from all members was extremely positive.

Highlights of the forum was a planning session on future tournaments , a new structure for the U15 and U19 was announced and plans to implement a Division 4 for Senior Men will mean all 17 countries will now have a pathway to the WC. ICC policies on funding, membership criteria and collect data was explained by the new Member Support and Compliance Department including Global Manager Sarah de Rozario and Americas Region Aaron Collins. For the first time in six years the Region has a new Affiliate Rep in the likes of Matt Featherstone ( Brazil) who replaces long serving Greg Taylor of the Bahamas. Ann Browne-Browne was the recommended candidate to serve on the Women’s Committee . Seventy five Centennial Medals were presented to individuals across the region And the chance to watch both the Women’s and Men’s T20/20 final was the highlight of the week.



## Canada and USA advance to U19 Global Qualifier





## ARGENTINA

### ARGENTINA TEAM READY FOR AMERICAS U19 CHAMPIONSHIP

The Argentina U19 squad have all but completed their preparations for the ICC Americas U19 Championship in Toronto, Canada, from 6 to 12 July, and will be looking to perform at least at the level they expect of themselves.

Captain Alejo Tissera commented: *“Probably the main goal for the team is to form a group where friendship and support will make us succeed, especially in our own goals. Of course our natural mentality is wanting to win every game, but for me and the team success will be that we show the best we can.”* The inclusion of the Arrighi brothers Pedro, Thomas and Mateo, must be a reasonably rare occurrence.



Alejo Tissera in action

### ARGENTINA U13 SQUAD PREPARE FOR SOUTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP

The Argentina U13 squad will participate in the South American U13 championship, to be played in Curitiba, Brazil, from 16 to 18 July. The tournament, will be the first formal tournament, with the inclusion of the hosts Brazil, Chile and Argentina in matches will be played in the T 20 format over three days. At the conclusion of the tournament, Argentina U13 play Brazil U13 in a one-off challenge match.

The full U13 squad includes is: Patricio Cores (capt), Teo Diaz Luzzi, Ramiro Escobar, Matias Fennell, Gonzalo Husain, Lucas Lukac, Martin Munton, Felipe Nogues, Martin Peralta, Ignacio Pizzo, Juan Schmidt and Valentin Tumusa. The team will be managed by Billy MacDermott, and coached by Rodrigo Scioscia, assisted by Hernan Fennell.

The inclusion of Lukac and Munton marks a welcome return to Argentine cricket for the historic Buenos Aires Cricket & Rugby Club, after the recent re-introduction of cricket in the famous club.



**DOMESTIC CRICKET ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED DUE TO INFLUENZA A (H1N1) SITUATION IN ARGENTINA.** In compliance with national and city government recommendations, and in line with actions being taken by other national sporting bodies, the Argentine Cricket Association has suspended all domestic cricket activity at least until 31 July.

### NEW NATIONAL COACH

The Argentine Cricket Association have embarked on a recruitment campaign in order to identify a new National Coach, following the departure of the popular and successful Hamish Barton. In a statement released by the ACA, the following was highlighted: *“The successful candidate will have two major challenges within the next twelve months, the World Cricket League Division 4 tournament, and an ICC Americas Division 1 championship. In addition to coaching the senior men’s national squad, the position will also include managing Argentina’s high performance program.”* Applications for the vacancy close on July 17<sup>th</sup>, and all enquiries should be addressed to [admin@cricketargentina.com](mailto:admin@cricketargentina.com)

## BERMUDA

### U-11 League

The BCB is pleased to announce the Hiscox the success of the U 11 all star event. The West won the event by 8 runs. Charles Dupplin, CEO, Hiscox Insurance Company, said "it has been heartwarming to see the enjoyment and enthusiasm this year in what is hopefully the nursery for the future of Bermuda Cricket"

"Mr. Reginald Pearman, President of the BCB stated, I am pleased to see so much talent in Bermuda amongst our young players. Every year the standard of cricket seems to improve. I would like to thank Hiscox, the sponsors of the 11&U League and all the coaches who volunteer their time to assist our young players. This is one of our biggest leagues and without the sponsors, coaches and parents it would not be such a success."



## Brazil

In the capital, Brasilia, the annual British Ambassador's XI v Australian Ambassador's XI was played on June 20. What began as an ex-pats clash has changed a little over the years with more and more local players getting involved. This year in fact there were 10 Brazilians in the match, which was won comfortably by the British XI. Set 119, the Aussies crumbled to 61 all out. That makes it four matches a piece since the trophy was presented in 2002. Further south in Curitiba, preparations are well underway for the arrival of the Under 13 teams from Argentina and Chile. Matches will be played July 18 and 19. This will be the first time Brazil has fielded a national Under 13 team and the tournament will be a great boost for the youngsters.



Brazilian youth under the watchful eye of Norman Baldwin

## Canada

### Canadians Honoured in London

Six Canadian's have been honoured for their outstanding contributions to Cricket in Canada by the International Cricket Council at the recently concluded annual conference held in London, England.

The Canadian recipients of the ICC Centenary Medals are Calvin Clarke, Clifford Cox, John Davison, Dr. Geoff Edwards, Jack Kyle and Martin Vieira. Clarke and Cox have both served the Cricket Canada for over 30 years in various capacities and have been instrumental in building the game at both the regional and national levels. Dr. Edwards and Kyle are both former presidents of Cricket Canada. Dr. Edwards presided over Canada's 2001 World Cup qualification run into the 2003 Cricket World Cup where Canada achieved its first win against a full member country. Kyle has been a stalwart of British Columbia Cricket for a half century and his work especially with junior cricket has been an unparalleled success. Arguably one of Canada's greatest player John Davison vaulted to international stardom with a century in the 2003 Cricket World Cup against the West Indies. He took 17 wickets in a first class match against the United States in 2004 and has the second fastest century and third fastest half century in the history of the Cricket World Cup.

Martin Vieira is the current Regional Development Manager for the ICC America's region but was a long time member of the Cricket Canada executive as well as holding various positions in Ontario and Toronto.

## CHILE

### National Squad Begin Training Ahead of ICC Americas Division 3

The Chilean national squad has begun a programme of twice-weekly training ahead of the ICC Americas Division 3 tournament set to be held in Santiago in October. Head Coaches Craig Andrews and Chris Emmott have selected a preliminary squad of 25 players which will train twice a week from now until September, when the final squad of 14 players will be chosen to represent Chile in this all-important tournament. Included in the squad are five members of the U19 squad which defeated the Falkland Islands in a recent visit by the islanders.

**Santiago Schools Programme Set for Historic Season** Following a meeting of the Santiago Coaches Association, a provisional itinerary for the Santiago Schools programme this season was announced by the coaches' representative Miguel Angel Hernandez. The fixtures include 9 junior tournaments, including the third edition of the successful U13 School Cricket League, a national schools cup and domestic competition at U19 level for the first time.

## USA

### New York Police Department's (NYPD)

CNN television network provided coverage of the **New York Police Department** Cricket League that has been developed in 2008 by the police commissioner and top cricket coaches and officials in New York to better integrate the game with the youth of New York communities. This is a very good bit of PR for the game by one of the most watched news networks on the planet. New York City Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly today introduced a citywide cricket league for teenagers, administered by the NYPD Community Affairs Bureau. The league is open to youth ages 14 to 19. The NYPD has long provided programs for youth while promoting positive police-community relations.

Six teams of 15 players each will play every Wednesday and Thursday, weather permitting, from July 23 until late August, when the tournament culminates in a championship game on Aug. 20. Caps, jerseys and pants are provided to players by the New York City Police Foundation, in various colors resembling international, professional team uniforms.

### Women's Invitational

The inaugural Pacific Coast Women's Invitational Cricket Tournament was held Jun 27 and 28 in San Jose, California. Two teams came together to participate in the first-ever inter-league cricket tournament held in the USA for women. They played Twenty20 matches both Saturday and Sunday.

The guest team, Chargers, came down from the Seattle area to meet the local Firebirds in the heat. Even though the Chargers may not have been accustomed to the heat, they were the more experienced team which proved to be key in the outcome.

The Firebirds are a newly formed team, having only been together for less than two months. But with their enthusiastic and dedicated energy, they have turned themselves into a respectable team. **Raj Padhi, their coach/mentor as well as the Western Region Director for USA Cricket Association**, is proud of how far these players have come. "Many did not know how to hold a cricket bat when this program was launched in the first week of May. Yet here they are, playing a two day series of matches. It's more than I ever expected in such a short time,"

## UPDATES

U15 Tournaments set for August: Central Division will be hosted by the Bahamas August 4-11th . Cayman Islands and Belize will travel to the Bahamas for the double round robin event. Northern Division hosted by USACA (New York): August 29 to September 5th

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