

ECB COACHES ASSOCIATION Newsletter



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National Conference time again, Warwick University January 2010

The ECBCA Coaches Conference is to be held at Warwick University on January 23rd and 24th 2010 at Warwick University.

The cost is likely to be around the £180 mark and includes all workshops and presentations, overnight accommodation on the Saturday night plus all meals during the conference, including the Annual Gala Conference Dinner and Presentation on Saturday night.

There will be a number of guest presenters during the weekend these are likely to include:-

- *Ian McGeechan (British Lions Rugby Union Head Coach)*
- *Andy Flower (England Cricket Head Coach)*
- *Charlotte Edwards (Captain of the England Ladies Ashes winning team).*



National Conference

If you are a current ECBCA member you will be receiving in the post soon details of how to book on the National Conference and how to go about choosing the sessions that you wish to attend.

There will also be full information about the various workshops and presentations during the two days.

The weekend is really well organised and good value for money. As well as being informative and educational, it is an opportunity to socialise with other coaches from around the country and meet up with old friends.

LCBCA working for you

The LCBCA aims to help members in Lancashire :-

- By communicating through a regular newsletter
- Creating email links with as many members as possible
- By putting on special events to help coaches' personal development
- By keeping coaches up to date with all new initiatives in coaching
- By passing on information received by us from ECBCA
- By offering news and information via the Coaches section on the LCB website



Your County needs you – CRB Renewals

Many of you will be receiving soon your reminder to renew your CRB Disclosure because the 3 years will be up. Please renew your CRB immediately, If you leave it until December your ECBCA membership may become invalid and you will have to re-join when your disclosure arrives. Your Safeguarding and Protecting Children and First Aid certificates will also be due for renewal after 3 years but you will receive no reminders about these.

Please search out your certificates and check the dates. You can find information on how and where to find courses on our website and also on your local authority website.

Sky Sports Reward and Recognition

We are delighted to announce that long serving coach and tutor John Roberts from Bolton, after coming through the Northern Group nominations, has been short-listed for the National Award which will be presented at the Conference Dinner next January.

John was nominated in the Outstanding Contribution and Services to Coaching category and he will be royally hosted by the ECBCA at the Presentation Dinner.

Our other two nominees John Steele and Christian Slinger did not reach the final stages but can be commended for being nominated and enjoyed their day out in the sun with the ECBCA.

The nominations for 2010 are due in January so if you know of anybody who has gone over and above the call of duty in the world of cricket coaching please contact Tony Potter 01612824021 tpotter@lccc.co.uk with their details.

The categories are :-
Outstanding Contribution and Services to Coaching
Outstanding Coaching Achievement
Young Coach of the Year

LCBCA members have success in the International Arena

Two of our members Terry Holt and Bobby Denning have both recently taken on the coaching of two International sides, Cyprus and Spain.

Cyprus coached by Terry won the European Division Four Championship on net run rate. They have been promoted to Division 3 previously but this time plan to stay there. Terry has been working with Cyprus teams for the last two years. At first with the juniors and for the last 9 months with the senior team.

The hosts tied with Switzerland at the top of the table, after both teams won four of their five games, and the earlier finish to the Swiss' game against Luxembourg meant Cyprus knew exactly what they had to do to win the tournament.

If they restricted Finland to 135 or less, then their run-rate would be superior to the Swiss and they duly bowled out the Finns for 99 to win the game by 94 runs and win promotion to Division Three. Our congratulations to the Cyprus team and Terry who does all this work in his spare time on their fine achievement.



Bobby Denning has now been the Spanish National Coach for 12 months. They are in Division 3 of ICC Europe and after a successful tournament needed to beat the Isle of Man in their final match in order to get into the play-off for promotion to Division 2. Unfortunately Spain lost by 100 runs in Sporting Alfas to miss out on this opportunity. Spain had already beaten the eventual winners of the tournament (Israel) earlier in the week.

Bobby was approached by ICC Europe to work with Spain on completion of his Level 4 qualification and is now in discussions with Cricket Espana regarding the squads winter preparations prior to next seasons Iberia Cup v Portugal and Gibraltar.

Both Spain and Cyprus hope to become Associate members of ICC in the near future. They are currently Affiliate members.



Above – Bobby with Phil Beale Chairman of Cricket Espana.
Left – Terry with Cyprus captain Michael Kyriacou

Lancs County Coaches to present Specialist Sessions

The LCBCA have managed to engage the skills of Mike Watkinson and Peter Moores and they will present sessions for any of our members to attend. Mike will do his bowling presentations at three venues around the county within the next two months and Peter will be on in the new year.

Any coaches who attend both of the presentations will receive a free ticket for the LCBCA Coaches Dinner which will take place immediately following the AGM on April 14th 2010.

Mike Watkinson - The Coaching of Bowlers

Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Blackburn
Thursday 12th November 7.00pm

St James High School Farnworth
Thursday 26th November 7.00pm

St Margaret's, Liverpool
Monday 23rd November 8.00pm

Peter Moores
TBA

Please find booking form for these sessions attached to this email.



Dave Cooper demonstrates his Coaching Mat at Clitheroe CC

Following on from last year's LCBCA conference, Clitheroe CC were delighted to invite Dave Cooper to one of their winter indoor junior practice sessions so that he could demonstrate its versatility to all the coaches at the club.

Dave would be quite happy to do the same for any other clubs if they so desire.

Please feel free to contact him at cooper.david6@sky.com

LCBCA Membership tops 1000

We are pleased to announce that the number of members of ECBCA in the county has passed the 1000 mark for the first time. Thanks to all members who have chosen to pay by Direct Debit which amounts to over 80% of the membership.

We hope that you are getting value for the yearly subscription.