

# **West Indies Cricket Umpires Association**

**March 30, 2012**

## **President's Quarterly Report #3**

**Colleagues All**

**Season's greetings**

**This is the third edition of the President's Quarterly. It is remarkable how time passes by so quickly. Since then not much activity has taken place in the association. Notwithstanding however it is important that the little be reported on, so as to keep the association constantly informed as to what has been happening.**

### **Equity in appointment:**

**The association continues to advocate for the best for our umpires. We have dialogued with the WICB in regards to equity in appointments to officiate in matches. This came as a result of concerns in how matches are apportioned.**

### **WICB Cricket Committee Meeting:**

**On February 12, 2012 WICUA President Cecil Fletcher attended the WICB Cricket Committee Meeting in Antigua, acting as a replacement for Hon. Secretary Vivian Johnson who is the WICUA representative on the committee, but who was unavailable due to Regional cricket match duties.**

### **WICUA 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary:**

**WICUA's 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary celebration will take the form of a church service in June 2012 throughout WICUA's domain. Other activities are being planned for the period as well. WICUA are on high alert to effect the program. Already plans are far advanced as they relate to the secretariat work in this regard. It is important that our umpires support the effort wholeheartedly. Fifty years is a long time and as an association we have come a long way.**

### **Finance:**

**It would be an understatement to mention that the association needs money. It is a given that funds are needed to plan and execute matters of grave concern to the association. The matter of exposing our umpires to constant training is at the top of a raft of things to be done. The land scape has changed dramatically, it is now a technological world, we need to keep abreast of modern innovations and practices, with a view of enabling our umpires by having them been kept constantly in the 'loop'. It takes money to be competitive and to be informed. It is money that will guarantee the constant flow of information. Against such background we are planning to use the next WICUA Convention Brochure as one source of revenue by selling advertisement spaces therein. This venture may require an input from some of our umpires in selling ads in your community.**

### **WICUA Report to WICB:**

**Since the last publication a significant task was undertaken by the Secretariat in submitting to the WICB a comprehensive Report which**

was being requested as a follow up to the WICB Umpires Committee Meeting held in September 2011. Some of the matters reported are :-

- Request to WICB to facilitate WICUA Mid Term Meeting.
- Request to increase funding to host WICUA Convention
- Request for WICB to fund territorial umpires training
- Request for WICB to train Umpires on the Senior and Emerging Panel at the H.P.C
- Empowering of women umpires enabling them to do WICB Regional matches
- Requesting that match passes be allocated to former and present regional umpires and to include WICUA current Executives.

#### Training Manual:

A guide to training is the ideal way for anyone in a uniform and structured way to approach a given task of learning or teaching material that are as complex as the laws and conditions of play of cricket. WICUA has seen the need for a uniform approach to the execution of training within our ranks. On January 22, 2012 WICUA's official document called " WICUA Training Manual" was officially rolled out and has been accepted as the official training manual. It took some time to be a reality. It is now with us. Heartiest congratulations to Clyde Cumberbatch and his team, who despite the odds, have come good and have delivered. It is for us all to utilize the document. It is my hope and desire that it will be found to be useful, informative and helpful.

Please note that a copy of the training manual in our website:[www.wicua.com](http://www.wicua.com)

**WICUA Examination:**

The result of the recently held WICUA Practical and Oral Examination has been made public already. I pause to congratulate the successful candidates. The hard work that you have put in has finally paid dividend. It is now for you to bring this achievement to your games, the knowledge of the laws and conditions of play that you achieved. Do not rest on your laurels, it is not yet over, there is much more work to be done. Best of everything as you journey onwards. Those of you who were not successful this time, I know you have tried, but sometimes it is just not your day. I implore you to soldier on, do not give up as the next time it could be you.

**Territorial Report:**

It is customary that activities within the Territories that have been made known be communicated, as such in keeping with custom I do report.

- **Leeward Islands:** There were not much activities in the Leeward Islands. Plans are at an advanced stage to meet in St. Kitts for the holding of their Bi-ennial General Meeting. A church service will be held and all available umpires are expected to attend.

- **Barbados:** The BCUA was fairly active during the period of which this report covers.

Long serving Secretary of their association Hensley Robinson resigned his post. Robin Ford was elected as the replacement. The BCUA continues to hold meetings on a regular basis.

Four of five umpires that did WICUA Practical and Oral Examinations were successful. Seven of twelve candidates that did the BCUA local examinations were successful.

Umpires Vincent Bullen, Ricardo Brathwaite and Johnathan Blades officiated in the match “ Past England X1 Vs Past WI X1” in a competition known as “Clobi Cup”.

Gregory Brathwaite officiated in the ICC tournament in Canada. Vincent Bullen and Gregory Brathwaite officiated in the recently concluded Regional T/20 Competition. Vincent Bullen, Gregory Brathwaite, Ricardo Brathwaite, Jonathan Blades, Ryan Willoughby and Leslie Reifer officiated in the Regional four days competition.

- **Guyana:** The GCUC had little or no activity during the period.

One of three umpires that did the WICUA Practical and Oral Examinations was successful. Their Bi-Ennial General Meeting was held February 19, 2012. Elected to serve were

1. Bro. D. Somwaru President
2. Bro. Shannon Crawford Vice President

3. Bro. Nigel Dugid Secretary
4. Bro. Edward Nicholls Treasurer
5. Bro. Zabeer Zakier Asst. Secretary/Treasurer
6. Bro. Zabeer Moakan
7. Bro. Clement Brusche
8. Bro. Lennie Mohamed
9. Bro. Dawchan Nagassar
10. Bro. Huvel Cunha PR

- **Trinidad & Tobago:** The TTCUASC had little or no activity during the period.

Sixteen of eighteen umpires that did the WICUA Practical and Oral Examination were successful.

- **Cayman Islands:** The CICUA had its Annual General Meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The following persons were elected as under:-

1. Mr. Sydney Moore President
2. Chabienauth Samaroo Vice President
3. Rhuel Smith Secretary
4. Leonard Prospere Treasurer
5. Livingston Bailey Member

**All umpires in the CICUA are currently officiating in the CICA local cricket competitions.**

**Five umpires from the CICUA are appointed to officiate in the upcoming ICC Americas Women's T20 Tournament, which will be held in the Cayman Islands April 22-29. Two members of the CICUA now serve on the CICA organizing committee as they prepare for the event.**

- **Jamaica: The JCUA had its Annual General Meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2012. Elected to serve were:-**

<b>1. Mr. Norman Malcolm</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>2. Mr. Cecil Fletcher</b>	<b>First Vice President</b>
<b>3. Mr. Hugh Fogo</b>	<b>Second Vice President</b>
<b>4. Mr. Dewith Coleman</b>	<b>Third Vice President</b>
<b>5. Daniel Warren-Kidd</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>6. Desmond Edwards</b>	<b>Asst. Secretary</b>
<b>7. Carlston Mc.leod</b>	<b>Recording Secretary</b>
<b>8. Terrence Richards</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>9. Everton Mc.Intosh</b>	<b>Asst. Treasurer</b>
<b>10. Maurice Chung</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>11. Christopher Boothe</b>	<b>“</b>

12. Rudolph Thomas “
13. Lloyd G. Hill “
14. Athol Hamilton Member

In order to raise funds the Eastern Zone of the JCUA will be hosting a “Fish Fry” on Friday March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The proceeds will go towards the development of the Zone.

Eleven of fourteen umpires that did the WICUA Practical and Oral Examination were successful.

- **United States: The Annual General Meeting of the USACUA was held March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Lucas Sports Club in Brooklyn. At the meeting long standing member Mr. Harris James was elected to fill the vacancy created by the passing of Chaplain Jerry Kishun. As of February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the membership of the association stood at 379 members, an increase of 36 when compared to 2011. Of the new members 19 are in Florida, 5 in California, 2 in Philadelphia, 4 in New York, 4 in Massachusetts, 3 in New Jersey and 1 each in Georgia, Rhode Island and Texas. Twenty one of twenty two umpires that did the WICUA practical and Oral Examination were successful. The USACUA continues to conduct training seminars throughout their region which has**



resulted in a high rate of success, same has been measured by the various candidates who received certificates. High praises have been extended to the individuals who carried out the training exercise over the period and from reports have done a fantastic job. They are Mohammed Baksh, Hubert Smyth, Mike Dixon, Grace Carrington, Ruthford Taylor, Cortezt Best, Wesley Mc.Intosh, Pratap Bachan, R. Rago, Deepak Katte, and Ravisankar.

- **Canada: The CCUA held its Annual General Meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> 2012. Elected to serve were :-**

<b>1. Basdeo Dookhie</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>2. Bisham Singh</b>	<b>Vice President</b>
<b>3. Azad Khan</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>4. Frederick Leacock</b>	<b>Asst. Secretary</b>
<b>5. Austin Foote</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>6. Farouk Ali</b>	<b>Certification Officer</b>
<b>7. Peter Monfort</b>	<b>Director</b>
<b>8. Dennis Ranjroop</b>	<b>Director</b>
<b>9. Jeewanlal Sookhoo</b>	<b>Director</b>

**The CCUA is progressing slowly in their drive to recruit new umpires, so far there have been moderate successes in Ontario and Quebec.**

**The training of umpires is currently progressing smoothly. This training commenced February 25<sup>th</sup> 2012 and will continue until May, 2012.**

**CCUA local examinations will be held in May, 2012.**

### **Birthdays/Anniversaries**

**Sincere congratulations to all who have had their Birth date and or Anniversary during the period January 1 to April 1, 2012. Wishing you best of luck and a long life.**

### **Condolences:**

**During the period the following person passed away.**

- **Nigel Harrison of Barbados**
- **Richard King of Barbados**
- **Parasram Ramsabag of Trinidad**

**May their Souls Rest in Peace.**

**General:**

**Yet again the Almighty has spared our lives, so that we can plan, execute and have our Being.**

**It is important that we love our neighbours as we love ourselves. This love should be exhibited in such a way that it is clear to see. In showcasing our love for humanity, it is important that we reflect on the needs of our association. Participate in our endeavour thus ensuring our viability.**

**This is a noble association and such recognition must reflect in our actions.**

**As we contemplate our celebration and commemoration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary let us do so with commitment, pride and loyalty.**

**This will be an important event and it is necessary that we do our part to make it big and significant.**

**Good Luck and best Wishes.**

**Cecil Fletcher**

**President**

**WICUA**

