



Newfoundland and Labrador Cricket Association – Quarterly Newsletter

September 2012

Hello,

Hope you all had a great summer and are in the process of enjoying the last summer weekend for 2012 and the associated Labor Day festivities.

Post AGM, we have coordinated and participated in number of activities and want to provide you with an update that includes the following:

1. Key News from Cricket Canada
2. National Cricket League Tournament
3. Summer T20 League
4. Beginners Session
5. NLCA Financial Transformation
6. What is next?

Cricket Canada News

1. Cricket Canada (CC) has a new President, Ravin Moorthy. Ravin and along with his team is bringing in new exciting changes. CC has a new coach Gus Logie and a High Performance Manager David Patterson. I had good discussions with Gus and David about continuing to build talent in our province and will be reflecting that on to our teams and resources.
2. Ravin Moorthy who spent a portion of his time in NL has agreed to play a part in continuing to develop cricket in our province.
3. The big challenge we have currently in Canada is funding, this is a concern across the provinces and CC is working towards addressing this via some key strategic steps.
4. Deloitte is helping Cricket Canada to build a Strategic plan and a Governance structure. It is in the final stages of being finalized. I will share the summary of that after approval by CC.



National Cricket League Tournament



Kathir C Hitting a Massive Six

As you folks know, CC kicked off the inaugural National Cricket League tournament, where 5 provinces/regions participated in the highest level of Domestic Cricket tournament in Canada. The tournament was very exciting with all teams having representation from the National Players and Eastern Fury, had 5 National Players along with the current Canadian team captain Rizwan Cheema.

From our province Kathir Chentilnathan represented our region as a player for Eastern Fury. Kathir did a splendid job and made us all proud. He took some stunning catches, played some valuable knocks and was the favorite of our Captain Rizwan Cheema.

I personally enjoyed managing/coaching the team thru the T50 and T20 tournaments and worked closely with the Team Canada selectors who were present for the entire tournament.

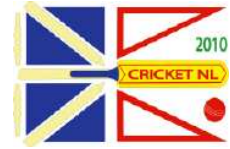
Summer T20 League

The Summer T20 League has been exciting this year with team Thunderboltz and NL Champions surging ahead. Both teams are brimming with talent and with Super Kings still in the mix it is going to be an intriguing battle for a spot in the finals.

Also, this year we received some feedback on continuing to improve the tournament and we are working on the feedback. Hope to make more improvements as we coordinate the T40 tournament. We are not perfect and with constructive feedback we aim to get better.

A big thanks for all the volunteers who have made the tournament a success. Without these special folks who help with coordinating their teams, umpiring, providing transportation, preparing the pitch and scoring, this tournament would not have been a possibility.

The attached link will provide you more details on the standings of the Summer League:
<http://www.canadacricket.com/nlcricket/?p=405#more-405>. Big thanks to Dave Liverman for this.



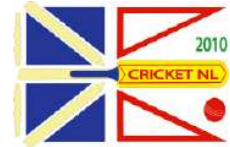
Beginners Session

We had multiple Beginners sessions and are planning to have a periodic schedule for folks to come and learn, play and enjoy the game of cricket. We are taking this very seriously will continue to foster the growth of cricket in NL. As we plan for this year we will be receiving some kits from CC and are planning to distribute them to schools and the local YMCA.



NLCA Financial Transformation

As we continue to get more members, procure gear and organize more tournaments we will need to adjust our financial processes to match the types and frequency of transactions. To this context Saad Shaifan Ahmed has created a financial summary and has created a new process for receipts. Starting next week, every Mon and Wed, Shaifan will be available at his home from 6-8 PM to provide people with their receipts. Please contact Shaifan or me if you have additional questions. Shaifan can be contacted at 749-2894 and my number is 699-8717.



What is Next?

As next steps our team will be preparing the following and ensuring that we continue to deliver on a set mandate of activities that will continue to allow folks to enjoy the game of cricket and also encourage more members to join and foster the overall growth of cricket in NL. Our team will be meeting next week to plan for and analyze the coordination of the following activities:

- Creation of Strategic Plan and Vision
 - a. What do we need to accomplish this year and what are the strategic goals over the next 3 years for NLCA?
 - b. What is our overall Vision and Mandate?
- Forming Committees for 2012-2013
 - a. We will be creating the committees for the following
 - i. Disciplinary
 - ii. Team Selection
 - iii. Sponsorship
 - iv. Memorial University – attract new talent from students joining this year
 - v. Tournaments (T40, Recreational League, Winter League)
 - b. Please let us know if you would like to be part of any committees to help. Similar to our selection committee where Kathir and Moula helped in the past, we will have an extended team to help plan and execute key activities for each committee.
- Summer/Fall T40 Tournament
 - a. We will be planning and executing a T40 league after the T20 tournament. Hopefully the wonderful weather will continue in September/October.
- Orchestrating a Recreational League
 - a. We will be planning a recreational league in September. This is meant to target current members who do not get a chance to play regularly in the summer league and will also include new comers.
- Establishing a permanent cricket ground
 - a. We need a permanent ground and will work with the Government of NL in the fall/winter to establish a new ground for next year.

I would like to sign off with a special thanks to all our members for believing in us and electing us to the board of NLCA. We will aim to do our best and continue to foster the growth of Cricket in NL.

Regards,

On behalf of NLCA,

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President NLCA