

Youth Cricket News

With so many things happening at ICCA, we thought it would be a good idea to inform all members of our progress in recent times.

ICCA Presentations

This event was held in September and was an overwhelming success. It was gratifying to see so many of you attend this annual event to celebrate the success of our boys. The next Annual Presentation is scheduled for **Sunday, 13 September 2009**. Please make a note of this in your diary and make a special effort to attend.

City District Presentations

This was a well attended event held in November at Trent Bridge to give honours to the successful Summer '08 season teams. ICCA was well represented at this function and we are pleased to say that we had a clean sweep, a first for the club, of the winner's trophy in the U11, U13 and U15 age groups. Well done to all the boys.

ICCA Cricket Academy – Autumn Special Training Programmes

During the Autumn '08 months, ICCA continued to provide special training sessions aimed at boys attending the various trials; we are pleased to say that 26 boys participated in this programme and we have already seen some notable successes, listed below, at the County level. We are hopeful that more successes will follow at the City District level in January '09.

ICCA Cricket Academy was delighted to have the services of Andy Pick, England U19s & Elite Youth Development coach, who undertook several training sessions in different age groups. 34 boys participated in this extensive 'Pro' training programme; we were also pleased to see some boys from other clubs taking the opportunity to join our training programme.

As far as we know, this type of training is not offered at any local Nottinghamshire club and ICCA was privileged to avail Andy's services. Andy is one of the finest coaches in the England cricket set-up and he delivered the training with tremendous enthusiasm. We look forward to continuing to offer such training with Andy in the future.

[2008 Notts County Trials](#)

The junior Notts County trials completed in December '08 and we are pleased that more of our boys have been successful in getting selected for the Winter Training squads. Our congratulations to the following individuals for their successes:

Ajay Karval, U10s development squad & U11s; **Jay Mistry**, U11s; **Sanat Kulkarni**, U12s; **Arjuna Thakker**, U13s

Special congratulations also go to **Anuj Dal** for being selected, after a seven week trial programme, for the prestigious Notts County Junior Cricket Academy.

[2009 Notts City District Trial Nominations](#)

The junior age group trials are began in January 2009. We have entered 30 boys for these trials, a club record. We hope that many of the boys will be successful and represent the City District in the 2009 season.

Indoor Leagues

All our indoor junior teams are progressing well in the Indoor League at John Birch. The U15s have already won the Autumn '08 season. The indoor season continues to end March '09.

We have now also entered an 'Adult' team in the weekday league. This team has so far won 4 out of its 5 games and are providing stiff competition in their division. There is a 15 member strong squad and so competition for places is healthy!

January Nets

The Indoor training commenced on January 10, 2009 at John Birch and will last for 13 weeks. Up to 85 children from the age of 5 years upwards are currently taking part.

To increase our Junior membership, everyone is encouraged to promote our club to friends and anyone who may wish to receive a high level of training in the Junior age groups.

Any parent wishing to help in the coaching is encouraged to participate; please contact either Hemant Patel or Kailash Dal.

Specialist Equipment Funds Appeal

A special appeal was launched in January 2009 to raise funds for purchasing certain specialist equipment to exponentially enhance the quality of training we offer.

Forthcoming Continuing Special Training

The following programmes are planned to be offered during the next four months:

- one-on-one half hour batting improvement sessions at John Birch
- fitness and fielding training session for one hour at John Birch
- Andy Pick Pro wicket-keeping session at the England Academy premises in Loughborough
- outdoor Pro training sessions (4/5) with Andy Pick; only open to boys who attended the Andy Pick indoor sessions

For more information contact Kailash Dal.

Down the Road – India Tour

We are pleased to report that ICCA have opened discussions with Sunil Gavaskar's ex-coach to develop an 'Academy' type training programme together with an opportunity to play some competitive cricket in Mumbai. An event like this will expose our players to sub-continental conditions and a challenging training environment.

This tour is planned for mid October 2009 during the school half-term holidays and will initially only be open to boys who participated in the Andy Pick Pro Training programme in 2008. If there are places left, it will be opened to other boys who may wish to participate. Any boys wishing to join this tour are encouraged to register their interest early - please contact Kailash Dal.

More details will be circulated following a visit to India in Feb/Mar 2009 to finalise the arrangements.

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