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[Breaking News – Anuj wins the 2009 Nottinghamshire Junior Sports Person Award](#)

We are delighted to report that **Anuj Dal** won the 2009 Annual Nottinghamshire Junior Sports Person of the Year Award. The award was presented to Anuj by Rebecca Adlington at the Nottinghamshire Sports Review Ceremony held at the East Midlands Conference Centre on 5 February. Anuj made the nomination list of five among a list of contenders exceeding 40 and then made the cut for the final three contestants for the award. This is a prestigious award given by the County Council to recognise outstanding sporting achievements by young Nottinghamshire sports persons. ICCA is proud and honoured that one of its members has won this recognition. Well done to Anuj.

[January Nets](#)

Our regular indoor training programme started on Friday, 8 January for a 13 week period. We are pleased to say that another record number of children have registered for the programme. It is also pleasing to see many new members joining the programme this year for which we thank many existing members for passing the word around and encouraging others to join our club.

[County Trials](#)

All age group trials were completed in December 2009 with many players from ICCA attending the trials in different age groups. Congratulations go to the following players for being selected to the County Winter squads:

Deep Desai, Nikhil Sahdev & Rohil Shah – Notts County U10 Development squad
Krutharth Dave & Sukhdeep Sidhu – Notts County U11s winter squad
Aum Parekh – Derby County U13s winter squad
Arjuna Thakker – Notts County U14s winter squad

These players join our 3 other established players, **Jay Mistry** (U12s), **Sanat Kulkarni** (U13s) and **Anuj Dal** (U14s) in the County Youth Cricket Structure. Congratulations also to **Anuj Dal** for being re-selected to the Notts County Emerging Player Programme for 2009/2010.

We are also proud to see one of our girl members, **Riya Desai**, selected for the Notts County Girls U13 squad. Riya is only 11 years old so it's a fantastic achievement and a great advert for the many young girls to take up cricket as a main sport.

The Central Zone sub-county trials for the U12 & U14 age groups are expected to commence in March 2010; more details to follow. Success at this level will enable the boys to participate in the following year's County age group trials.

[Autumn/Winter Special Training](#)

Various sessions were held during August & September 2009 with many boys taking advantage of the special training offered to preparing them for the different age group County trials. One-on-one batting sessions are currently being offered to accelerate a player's batting performance. For more details of the training availability, please contact Kailash Dal.



[Autumn/Winter Indoor League](#)

ICCA continue to participate in the NCSL Indoor League at all the age groups from U11s to adult divisions. In several of the age groups, we have two teams participating hence expanding the opportunity for more players to participate in competitive matches. We even have two girls participating in the U11 matches!

The first half of the indoor season completed in January with our U11s topping the league, U15s coming second and our Adult Div 3 team coming a close second. Well done to all the players who continue to represent ICCA and providing competitive performances. The adult teams are developing strongly with a lot of interest from newer players wanting to play this format of the game. Our thanks to Arvind Patel & Jayesh Jani for managing the teams.

[ICCA Cricket Presentation Evening](#)

This was held in September 2009 with a record attendance of around 180. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening with 24 individual awards presented at all levels of participation. Arvind Patel's cricket quiz kept everyone engrossed after a sumptuous dinner; the DJ's entertaining music kept the party alive until late evening.

[Anuj at the 2009 Indoor Cricket World Cup](#)

As many of you are aware Anuj Dal played for the England U16s at the Indoor Cricket World Cup held in Brisbane, Australia in October 2009. His individual performance was outstanding and topped the contribution statistics from the England squad. He was also honoured by the Team England contingent to be the 'England flag bearer' at the opening ceremony.

Reports of the tournament together with photographs are posted on the ICCA website.

[2009 R-O-T Quick Cricket Festival](#)

This was held in July 2009 with ICCA represented by two teams. Both our teams did well in the early league stages and met each other in the semi-final. The King Cobras team won through to the final and achieved a convincing win in the final. This is the second year we have won the tournament and hope to return next year for a 'hat-rick' of wins.

[Summer 2009 Season](#)

In July 2009 we moved to our new training facilities at Grove Farm. The enhanced facilities made the training a much more enjoyable experience for all the players and coaches.

ICCA teams were again well represented in the City District League with our U11s winning the league. The softball quick cricketers also played in the Sunday leagues with the King Cobras team winning their respective league.

[ICCA Clothing Kit](#)

In 2009 we introduced our own branded cricket clothing for both indoor and outdoor cricket. This is now worn by all players representing ICCA in competitive matches. We have also introduced our own branded high quality cricket pads and gloves for the 10 to 14 year age group. All the items are available for purchase at the current indoor training sessions.

With the Summer 2010 season not too far away, please ensure that you get your white kit by March if you wish to represent ICCA in the various leagues.



2010 India Tour

We are anticipating arranging this tour during the school holidays in December 2010. It is hoped that we will be able to take two age groups, 12/13 year age group & 14/15 year age group. The options we are looking at are to either do a one city tour to Mumbai or a three city tour (Mumbai, Delhi & Agra – with an overnight train journey to Delhi); both options to include matches and training. A visit to Agra will include the Taj Mahal.

Discussions are on going to finalise an itenary and get some outline costs. More details will be available in March/April.

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