



Kate's Report from the Chair December 2021

As this is my first year as Chairman, I am proud to report all that has been achieved. Hopefully, if you do manage to read all of it, there may be some consensus that this year has been a GREAT year for Island cricket.

*After a stuttered start of winter training, we managed to overcome the limitations of group sizes, the ventilated sports hall, the one-way system, the risk assessments, the sanitization breaks and the wearing of masks and were able to achieve **180** children receiving winter training. A new group of F1 coaches were fresh from their course increasing the workforce to assist the sessions for children ages 9 to 18.*

Many clubs participated in National Programmes such as All Stars & Dynamo Cricket. Extending the sessions through the summer keeping the children keen to continue playing cricket at clubs.

*Looking at our **Five major strategy points** I am very pleased to report that we are achieving in every area: -*

1. TRANSFORMING THE WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' GAME

- *U13 girls team playing in league*
- *More girls' teams pledged next year at Arreton, Ventnor and Freshwater.*
- *Indoor youth leagues including 2 girls' teams from Ryde CC*
- *Dynamos girls matches for Ryde, Arreton and Ventnor*
- *Women's hardball team.*
- *The Southern Vipers at Newclose*
- *Women & Girls Open Day at Newclose*
- *Girls U12 league proposed for 2022*
- *Women's CDO (cricket dev officer) plan to hire 2022*
- *IOW has been recognised by Hampshire for developing the Women & Girls game has been invited to become a Regional Performance Centre alongside four centres already established on the mainland.*
- *County representative matches played against Cambridgeshire (two-day tour), Dorset & Hampshire RPC all-star team.*

2. ENGAGE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- *All Stars and Dynamos: **362** participated including **100** girls*
- *Chance 2 Shine: **3861** children participated even though delivery was delayed until after Easter*
- *Number of Schools reached: **23** schools*

3. DEVELOP TALENTED PLAYERS

- We currently have **5 boys and 2 girls** training in Hampshire & **2** training in Worcester this winter.
- In 2021 we played **78 CAG fixtures** proving to be our most successful year with wins for all ages from u10s to u18s. The u18s had a fantastic year with **7 wins**.
- A wicket keeping master class in November by L4 coach Eddie Burke was delivered to our upcoming boys & girls at Ryde School
- Coaches workshop with head coach Andy Woodward.

***Raise self-awareness *Coaching philosophy *Share best practise**

was well attended and included **6 women** involved in coaching for IOW.

4. SUPPORTING THE GAME & COMMUNITIES:

- The Disability squad will soon be starting winter training at Ryde School
- Table Cricket has been delivered to **120** children at St Georges, St Mary's Primary, Niton Primary and The Bay Primary.
- A plan to invite NHS staff and their children for **FREE** cricket at Ryde Indoor is being developed.
- Created the IOW Cricket Foundation which is now functioning independently to support cricket communities across the island.

5. SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTS

There have been several grants available to the clubs this year. I am very pleased that we have managed to help many of you receive extra financial help. The most exciting of these grants has to be the **County Grant Scheme** which will run for 3 years and Stuart is on hand to assist with your questions. Please do not hold back on your ambition to improve your club. This scheme is available to all affiliated clubs and those actively involved with W&G or disability cricket or registered for All Stars or Dynamos. Good luck!

- Creating welcoming environments
- Enhanced facilities
- Tackling climate change

Links with Hampshire:

As part of the County Partnership Agreement (CPA) the Isle of Wight Cricket Board must have in place a contractual link to Hampshire CCC. This also qualifies us for funding from the ECB for the Emerging Player Programme (EPP). It is expected that satellite EPPs will be attended by a small number of players with the potential to progress to first-class county academy programmes. This results in some of our better players being invited to play for Hampshire.

Fringe players from Hampshire will or can be given opportunities to play county cricket for the Isle of Wight.

All National counties do this and this system has been in place since 2017 and was agreed contractually with ECB in November 2019 by the IWCB.

A great example of how this works is Tom Cheater. A 16 year old in the Hampshire set up was sent over to gain experience and to play for the IW u18s during the summer. He performed very well and has since been offered an Academy contract with Hampshire.

2021 Governance.

The IWCB directors this year have worked tirelessly to put in place new policies. Some of the changes implemented this year: -

- *Coaches pay now regulated and graded*
- *Umpires pay increased*
- *Qualified scorers pay*
- *Coaches code of conduct*
- *Coaching as a team 'The Isle of Wight' way*
- *Financial monthly report overhauled and simplified*
- *New IWCB website. Linked to social media sites and easy to navigate.*
- *To provide governance for recreational and representative cricket based on the Isle of Wight*

Sponsors:

I am also very grateful for the sponsors who have given so generously this summer to help the development of our youngsters.

TAPNELL FARM

WILD WICKETS

STAINLESS GAMES

RYDE SCHOOL who helped us with training facilities and a ground to hold matches.

WIGHTLINK & RED FUNNEL for our cross Solent travel discounts and concessions.

Loss of Friends:

I am sure many of you have been touched by the sad loss this year from our cricketing family.

DOMINIC HILLYARD, BILL JENKINS, KEITH MITCHELL, JOHN HANNAM.

May they rest in peace.

Looking to the Future:

- ❖ *Isle of Wight playing in National Counties (formerly Minor Counties) cricket is very much a possibility in 2022. We are still in discussions with the ECB and hope for confirmation very soon. Something we have been working towards for many years.*

- ❖ *Core Coach course coming in the new year. Continuing Professional Development (CPDs) for our coaching staff. An ECB Core Coach will be qualified to lead coaching sessions independently and without supervision.*
- ❖ *New Web site address: www.isleofwightcricketboard.co.uk*
- ❖ *IWCB Commitment to help clubs tackle climate change*

Game Wide Commitments:

A couple of weeks ago I attended a meeting with representatives from ECB, MCC, PCA all county chairs including First Class Counties and the Recreational County Cricket network. Following the meeting, the whole game agreed to be committed to a 5-point plan with 12 tangible actions to help create a culture which will help eliminate discrimination. The IWCB fully supports these pledges and will work hard to fulfill this commitment. This can be read in full on our website.

And Finally:

There have been many challenges this year and I am honoured and proud to have been given the opportunity to work with the Isle of Wight cricket community and also with the elected directors and staff. I would like to end this report with some words of thanks and a desire to continue with new ideas and improvements in 2022.

A mention now for ALL the volunteers involved in Island cricket. Teachers, grounds staff, scorers + umpires (ACO), minibus drivers and helpers. The many of you that 'help get the game on'. THE PARENTS especially are a massive part of any cricket community and I sincerely thank you ALL.

Many thanks to directors Claire Everard, Hugh Wells, Martyn Richards, Hugh Griffiths, Dave Cox, Ben White and David Pratt for not only their commitment and hard work, but also for guiding me as the new chairman. I would also like to thank Duncan Mills who stepped down from the board earlier this year, but his contributions were immeasurable. Also big thanks to Stuart, Richard Webb, Jasper and our current treasurer Ross Whyte and Andy Day (PSSC LTD) who ran the Chance to Shine programme this year. I cannot finish this part of my report without some words of thanks to Andy Woodward our head of performance and EPP coach. Without his drive, commitment, passion, and high quality of coaching, we would not have reached this far in our development.

The Roll of Honour this Year:

2021 Junior Winners

- **U11 Cup** Winner: **East Cowes CC** / Runners Up: Ryde CC
- **U11 Plate** Winners: **Shanklin & Godshill CC** / Runners Up: Ventnor CC
- **U13 League** Winners: **Ryde CC Ridgebacks** / Runners Up: East Cowes
- **U13 Memorial Cup** Winners: **Ventnor CC** / Runners Up: Ryde CC Ridgebacks
- **U13 Plate** Winners: **Arreton CC** / Runners Up: Shanklin & Godshill CC
- **U15 League** Winners: **Ryde CC Raiders** / Runners Up: Porchfield & Bakeries CC
- **U15 Cup** Winners: **Ryde CC Raiders** / Runners Up: Newport CC
- **U13 September Cup** Winners: **Ryde CC** / Runners Up: East Cowes CC

Isle of Wight Cricket League

- **Division 1** Winners: **Northwood CC** / Runners Up: Newport CC
- **Division 2** Winners: **Shanklin & Godshill CC** / Runners Up: Northwood
- **Senior Cup** Winners: **Newport CC** / Runners Up: Northwood CC
- **Memorial Cup** Winners: **Carisbrooke High School Old Boys (CHSOB) CC**
 - Runners Up: Arreton CC
- **September Cup Div. 1**
 - Winners: **Ryde CC**
 - Runners Up: Ventnor CC
- **September Cup Div. 2**
 - Winners: **Northwood CC**
 - Runners Up: Freshwater CC

Special mention to:

Ventnor 1st XI promoted into Southern Premier League Div. 1

Ryde 1st XI promoted to Hampshire League Div. 1

Thank you,

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