

COLORADO CRICKET LEAGUE

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CCL News

While we are in the middle of winter, the league has started planning for the season in earnest. The first issue we have to tackle is the ball selection for the season. At the AGM it was decided that ball selection would be left to the LMC. The EC and CACU have conferred with the ball committee and narrowed down the choices to a couple of balls. January 19th turned out to be a gorgeous day and the LMC decided to test the Kookaburra Special Test as a replacement for the two Kookaburra Practice balls used last year in the Premier League. The white 4 piece KB Special Test is being used by NCCA in their 50 overs league matches. All clubs were asked to nominate players to play two practice matches, one in the North and one in the South. The North match was played at Lower Garden Acres and the South match was played at Memorial Park. As first reports indicate, the ball did not live up to expectations. A more detailed discussion will be initiated in the LMC.

Next, the plan is to test the Newbery SPS ball as a possible replacement for the Dukes Special Match in the T20 league. The Newbery is a white 4 piece ball that will cost almost 30% less than the Dukes ball we used last year. It was tried at the 2018 RMSG.

The Enrollment forms have been sent out the clubs. The league secretary has requested all clubs to schedule their AGM prior to returning the forms. Deadline to send in the forms is Mid February.

CCL EC will reach out to new clubs that might be interested in joining CCL this year. If you know of any club that is contemplating joining the league, please direct them to CCL EC.

CSCC has sent out their proposal for the 2019 RMSG. They have taken an interesting approach that will combine the RMSG with the CCL T20 league. As a result, CCL will not lose two weekends in July to the RMSG and the RMSG will be able to count all the T20 teams as participants in the RMSG. A win-win situation for both !!

The EC is currently working on team tasks that will be released to the LMC. All clubs will be asked to take up at least one task to work on during the year, either as a club activity or jointly with other clubs. This is your way to help and promote Colorado Cricket.

Watch out for more exciting things to happen in February.

CACU's Corner

Even though we are still away from the start of the season, the activities within CACU has started with full force. There are few things CACU has done this month.

1. Thanks to all the clubs, CACU was able to test a new ball for P40. The Kookaburra Special Test white ball was used to play two P40 practice games. One at Longmont and the other one at Colorado Springs. Even though the result was not what we expected, but we got some valuable data points to compare this ball

with other balls.

2. CACU has started updating the game rule document as per the AGM proposals passed this year. This is still in progress and should be done in next few days. Once done, we shall ask all the clubs review this document to familiarize with the rule changes for this year.
3. CACU has spent some money from its budget to get the practice balls. There is discussion going on about how to spend the remaining CACU budget.

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Secretary speaks



“Working on the CCL website has been my passion”

My name is Kervyn Dimney, CCL Secretary for 2019. I've played in this league since 2003, representing OWCC, now known as CSCC.

I'm from Secunderabad (Hyderabad's twin city) and lived near Paradise Hotel which is famous for it's Biryani, but went to Little Flower school in Hyderabad as my aunt was a teacher there. Cricket has always been my passion, and I played to the very last month I left for the USA. Then there was nearly a five year gap in the US and I really was not actively looking for it, until I came across a flyer in a grocery store in Colorado Springs, that Raymond had put up, searching for players, and the rest is history as this 2019 season will be my 17th year in the CCL and in OWCC/CSCC colors.

I've been the CCL President in 2008, 2010 and 2011; and I've enjoyed working with the other officers, LMC members and players contributing to the success of the League, and will continue to do so in this new Secretary role of mine in the CCL.

Working on the CCL website since its inception in April 2004, has been my other passion for CCL, and we are always looking at ways to improve on it with content and functionality. I'm very thankful for the help I've received over the years in fixing/maintaining it from friends, and volunteers from the CCL working late into the night.

I'm big on lists and using my Calendar, so we've created a calendar of CCL events which will be shared shortly, so that EC & LMC are all aware of the tasks at hand and get them accomplished in a timely manner. And while I'm the voice/communicator of the CCL, I'm hoping to pass on all communications to your Club leadership and in turn would like them to do so too, to keep you all - the entire CCL membership, well informed.

I'm passionate about seeing our players being recognized for their performances during the season, and while the POTW took care of that during the season, I'm glad that we extended it to the

off-season too, and not forgetting their performances, which in turn keeps the CCL site and our Facebook page ticking with activity. I'm also planning on doing a CCL Facebook post highlighting the "Man of the Match" of all the CCL games in the upcoming 2019 season.

As Raymond mentioned in last month's newsletter, I too will support a Youth Cricket development program as I too believe, as much as we have enjoyed the game of cricket and what it is has given to us personally, we need to give back through the game to our youngsters. While some of us started by training and getting certified as Level 1 Coaches, and holding a Youth Camp in July 2018, we want to build on that and make that better this year, not only for the Colorado Springs location, but other areas too. I also promised my son that we would do a cricket presentation at his school this year.

I would also like to see a group of committed people to be part of the Team Colorado Sponsorship Committee, that could work not just once in a while, but all year around, towards generating funds for Team Colorado, so that their expenses are covered when they tour, and also have the ability to host tournaments in Colorado. Team Colorado members will not only improve their quality of cricket, but then pay it forward to their team members.

I also want to see clubs support and participate in the RMSG as this is putting cricket on the map for us, and the opportunity for our clubs to be part of another tournament with bragging rights.

I'm so happy that I get to play cricket here in the US every week of the season, and for that I Thank GOD first, and then Thank my family for allowing me to do what I'm passionate about and makes me happy, while sacrificing their time with me. I would encourage all of you to also be thankful to your families.

I have an open door policy, so you are more than welcome to communicate with me if you have any questions/concerns; and no time is a bad time, as I'm usually awake till midnight.

Howzzat Answers

1. C—Runs, Wickets and (where appropriate) overs bowled
2. B—Three times. Once for each signal.
3. A—Before the toss
4. B—At the fall of each wicket and at the start of any interval or interruption

Treasurer's report

- Transition from Satya(2018 Treasurer) to Shravan (2019 Treasurer) – Complete
- Rounding up 2018 finances:
 - o Initial Audit - Complete.
 - o Working with a couple of teams on finalizing their dues post the initial audit.
 - o Final 2018 Dues to be collected by Feb 8th, 2018
- Ordering match balls and practice balls – March 1st.
- Budget 2019: Tentatively 1st week of March.

Featured Club - Coal Creek Cricket Club (CCCC)

The Early Years

The Boulder Cricket Club (BCC) was a loosely knit band of folks from the Indian subcontinent whose love for the game would not quite wane in the not so hospitable (at least for cricket) climes of Colorado. Note that we are talking about the dark ages here. This was a never say die group of individuals that formed the core of this club during the 80s when cricket was not quite as organized as it is today. People belonging to that era (yes, they are still playing today!) regale us with stories about how there would be just 8 players that turned up on a given game day (and that would be considered a pretty high turnout) with the home team umpire occasionally winning the game for the home team! This was a bunch of people that wanted to go out and stay in touch with cricket, never mind the result of the game. It is them that we salute today. For without them, we wouldn't be a presence in Colorado (or on the web for that matter).

The University of Colorado

BCC was composed mainly of students from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Thus, it made sense that the students approach the university for funding and grounds to help promote the game. In 1993, the University of Colorado Cricket Club (UCCC) was reactivated as part of the Club Sports program at CU. That year marked a transition for cricket in Boulder. UCCC (more correctly, BCC then) would win an average of 0-1 games in a 8 game season over the last few years. In 1993, they remained undefeated in a 8 game season. Quite a turnaround! This led to UCCC being crowned the champions of the Colorado Cricket League. The following year was a repeat (not quite emphatic though, we lost a couple of games in a 10 game season). With such consistent performance, UCCC had brought a new kind of excitement and dominance into the league in Colorado.

BVCC is formed

In addition to the university students, there were a lot of regular people who wish to play as well. In keeping with the inclusive spirit, the Boulder Valley Cricket Club (BVCC) was formed in 1997 and it collaborated with UCCC to present a team representing Boulder to the Colorado Cricket League. We gratefully acknowledge the University of Colorado Club Sports support for the University of Colorado

Cricket Club (UCCC). However, in 1998, we saw a massive influx of new players most of whom work in the Boulder area. Moreover, the number of students at CU willing to participate in cricket seemed to be dwindling. As a result of this, BVCC decided to break its ties with the university, and become a club in its own right. In 1999, BVCC was able to field 2 separate teams for the cricketing season, for the very first time! Both teams were well balanced, and as it turned out, ended up with the same number of wins!

... and onto Coal Creek

From 2000, the city of Louisville provided tremendous help for the club. The club finally had its very own "home ground", at the Louisville Recreation Center. It is at this ground that the club held all its home games, and all the practice sessions. In 2002, it was decided to change the name of the club to better reflect the geographic location of the home ground, where we will spend a lot of our cricketing lives. Hence the name Coal Creek Cricket Club was born.

The club invested tremendous amount of effort, finances and energy into developing the Louisville ground. However, without more help from the city of Louisville to provide proper irrigation, it was becoming increasingly harder to maintain the ground, and was becoming a safety issue for players. Thanks to the dedicated hard work from a few motivated individuals within our club, we approached the city of Longmont for providing a ground. Not only did the city respond, they also helped install the concrete pitch. Although a bit small, the ground is fantastic. We are truly indebted to the city of Longmont for providing us with the facility to enjoy the game we all love.

Champions and Accomplishments

Over the years, CCCC has been represented on and off the field by amazing cricketers and even better human beings like Jarrar Jaffari, Rajesh Mosur, Arun Tholudur, Rohit Ramkumar, Afan Sheriff, Swadeep Pagadala, Rajesh Solanki, Rajesh Joshi, Sam George and Sandeep Bollampally to name a few. CCCC has had the honor of being crowned as the winner of a CCL championship trophy in 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007 and most recently in 2011. The club plans to pull up its socks once again in the upcoming season and get the trophy home.



CCCC Green



CCCC 2003



CCCC 2007



CCCC 2011—Champions



CCCC 2014



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OUR MISSION

To carry on the playing and the traditions of the game of cricket.

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Did you know?

- Although America's most popular bat and ball game is now baseball, originally the first game ever to be played in the United States using a bat and ball was cricket. It was a popular sport in the country between 1834 and 1914 and there were over 1000 cricket clubs across 46 states.
- History's longest cricket match was played in 1939 between South Africa and England. The single match lasted for an epic 14 days and even after two weeks the game still wasn't over with England needing 42 more runs if they were to win. However as their ship back home was due to leave the next day eventually the match was declared to be a draw.
- John Traicos has a particular distinction in world cricket. He is the only player to have been born in one country but to have played in Test cricket matches for two others. He was born in Egypt but played Test cricket for Zimbabwe and South Africa.
- Legend of cricket Alec Stewart's birthday is the 8th April 1963 i.e. 8/4/63, and the number of test runs that he scored in his career was 8463.
- Peter Siddle is the only bowler in international cricket to have taken a hat trick on the same day as his birthday (25th November 2010).

Howzaat? Laws 3 & 4 (Scorers and the ball)

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1. What specific items of the score must the umpires agree with the scorers at every interval?
 - A. Runs and overs bowled.
 - B. Runs, Wickets and which batsman is on strike.
 - C. Runs, Wickets and (where appropriate) overs bowled.
2. The umpire signals no ball, followed by Bye, followed by Boundary 4; how many times must the scorer acknowledge the umpire's signals?
 - A. Once. When the umpire has made all three signals.
 - B. Three times. Once for each signal.
 - C. Four times. Once for each signal and a final acknowledgement.
3. When must the umpires and captains approve the balls which are to be used during the game?
 - A. Before the toss.
 - B. Before the players take the field.
 - C. Before the first call of play.
4. When is the umpire required to take possession of the ball which is being used?
 - A. At the end of every over or at the fall of a wicket.
 - B. At the fall of each wicket and at the start of any interval or interruption.
 - C. At the end of every over and at the start of any interval or interruption.