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### BOTSWANA

In effort to bring Cricket to all areas of the country, The Botswana Cricket Association had a triangular cricket tourney that featured women from the surrounding schools and the community at Francistown Sports and Recreation Cricket Club on the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2011. The participating teams were Selepa, Shashe and Mater Spei. The Botswana Cricket Association is seeking to enhance and further develop its women's cricket program within the national cricket regions of Botswana. This is a spirited effort to reach out to eligible female players of all ages interested in participating in our women's cricket programs nationwide.

Girls also play Kwik Cricket, a shortened form of the game, which introduces youngsters to cricket and promotes their interest in taking up the sport. The women's game at junior level now runs on the same age groups as the men's. The League competitions are now for teams at U15, U17 and U19.

There were a couple of young ladies who showed a lot of promise from the three participating teams with Thatayaone Moloise, Gosaitse, Comfort Motlhobi and Nanty Phaphidzo. It is anticipated that with time, the ladies can form the core of Botswana Women's team. They showed a lot of agility on the ground in their fielding skills and Tshabadila Ontlemetse had a field day with the ball. There has been a very great improvement in their physical fitness and technical awareness.



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As part of the on-going process of creating awareness about the dangers of doping in sport, the Botswana National Olympic Committee (BNOC) Programmes Manager, Mr Andrew Kamanga delivered a presentation to a group of coaches and umpires from the Botswana Cricket Association (BCA) on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2011. The brief but informative presentation covered, amongst other things, the role of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA), National Governments, National Olympic Committees (NOCs), National Anti-Doping Organizations (NADOs) and National federations. The strategic role of sports coaches due to their constant and direct interaction with young sports people was also discussed. It was generally agreed that sports coaches can play a significant role in influencing the behavior of young sports people.



Although Cricket is not yet an Olympic Sport, its role in spreading anti-doping awareness cannot be underestimated. The BCA is an Associate Member of the Botswana National Olympic Committee. The BNOC looks forward to continue working with the BCA and other national sports federations in spreading awareness about the dangers of doping in sport.



On the lobatse ground in Botswana, BCA has commenced with Saturday clinic's from 9 am to 12 pm. The idea is to give kids an opportunity to play and enjoy the game. BCA currently has kids in the age group of 9 -13 who have shown an interest in the game. Nearly 40 kids participated in the Saturday clinic.

## GHANA

Ghana Cricket Association hosted an Umpires level 'A' course at Obuasi, Ashanti region from the 27<sup>th</sup> of May until the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2011.

As part of the preparation of the delegates that were to attend the course, the GCA held a 1 day Introduction to Cricket course on the day preceding the ICC-Africa event. This entailed preparation of course materials, classroom work and drills and demonstrations.

The first day was spent taking the delegates through the rudiments of cricket, and the various aspects of the game. Also, the roles of team management, players, and officials including umpires, scorers, match commissioners and the like were highlighted. Thereafter, J. Gomez launched into his presentation, a detailed module giving the participants a visual collection of umpiring rules, laws of cricket and pictorial representations of different scenarios. The presentation was carried out with clarity and purpose, Gomez showing his passion for teaching the module at all times. All the participants were made aware that they would be tested on their proficiency and assimilation of the course as presented on the third day.

Throughout the course, interaction between the participants and GCA staff was ongoing. The aspirations of the various participants were made known, and discussions on the way forward after this course was also held. Basically, there was unanimous recognition that the follow-up to this Umpire's course would have to be a coaching course, to deliver further tools for the tutelage of cricket in their respective schools. All the participants were keen to continue with the momentum gained once they had departed, and we on our part need to ensure that contact is maintained and follow up with clinics and courses being slotted into the development programme by technical and events/competitions committees.

The benefits of this course were immense. The location chosen was also an eye-opener, in terms of the readiness of the management and administration of Anglogold to provide whatever they can in the expansion of the game.

## KENYA

Cricket Kenya hosted a Scorers Training Course in Mombasa on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011 which was conducted by David Odhiambo. This course attracted 22 candidates whom were mainly made up of school teachers. The teachers were not alone, as scorers, volunteers and the development officer for the province were also in attendance.

A majority of these participants had gone through the coaching and umpire introductory courses but had lacked the knowledge on scoring. The course emphasized on accuracy on the entry processes in the different sections of the scorebook; as the recordings will have a bearing on the team's final scores and the sides will be guided by the recordings made by the scorers to determine the winner of a game.

A considerable amount of time was spent on the extras and mostly the entry of 'no balls' and 'wides' which the group found to be challenging as they differ with those on byes and leg byes due to the fact that they have to be repeated and their effect on the makeup of an over.





The several ways of dismissals were covered especially the most common ones of bowled, caught, lbw, hit wicket, run out and stumped and most of these were able to be shown from the recordings of past matches with the exception of hit wicket – a non frequent method of dismissal. The rare ways of getting out were only explained as most of them are so rare that they hardly occur in matches. Most of the scorers at the course acquired the basic knowledge of scoring but lack field experience but should be able to come good after scoring in a number of matches.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2011, it was Nairobi's turn to get their course on scoring going and the gathering brought together 20 participants to try their hand at learning the important components that make scoring an integral part of the game. The attendance included several interested persons working in cricket related areas such as, playing, coaching, volunteering and the teaching fraternity who found this venture key to their own personal development on the game.



There has been a steady growth of scorers in Nairobi than the rest of the regions but being a hub of the sport in Kenya, continuity will have to be part of the process as some seek to be able to

keep up with the increased number of schools joining cricket and the many cricket matches that are organized locally.

Kenya Cricket Umpires and Scorers Association successfully hosted the National Umpires Seminar at the Nairobi's Pride Inn Hotel on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2011.

Umpires and scorers had a very good day at the seminar as they enhanced their umpiring and scoring skills and all the members felt it was a mind blowing seminar and it should be held annually for the betterment of the umpires and scorers as there is always something new to learn - Laws of cricket, playing conditions, finer points of umpiring, confirmed Subhash Modi, the convener of the Seminar.

The Seminar was very well attended by 33 members of the Association and was graced by the former Kenya Cricket Captain, Aasif Karim, NPCA Chairman, Bipin Vora, NPCA Match Management Secretary, Sandeep Shah, and a former Kenya player Kennedy Obuya, sponsors and media.

The Main presenters of the Seminar were Subhash Modi, Lalji Bhudia, Rockie De Mello, Hannington Ochieng, Shabbir Tayabali, David Odhiambo, Kutub Gulamabbas, Aasif Karim and Bipin Vora. KCU & SA are grateful to sponsors - Crown Berger, Kenafric Industries, KensMetals, Filmline, Osho Chemicals and helpful support coming from ICC, ICC Africa, Africa Cricket Association, Cricket Kenya, NPCA, CCA, RVCA and ICC Elite Panel Umpire, Tony Hill of New Zealand and management of Pride Inn Hotel and Professional Photographer Z.A. Mehar.



*Seminar Organising Committee  
L to R: Kutub Gulamabbas, Dennis Angara, Moses Owesi, Hannington Ochieng, Subhash Modi(Convenor), Rockie De Mello, Shabbir Tayabali, David Odhiambo, Lalji Bhudia(Co-ordinator) and Kanubhai Patel.*

*Group Photo of the participants, members of the organising committee and former Kenya Cricket Captain, Aasif Karim.*



## RWANDA

St Joseph kabgayi is a secondary school found in the southern region of Rwanda. It is one of the schools which now have big number of students playing the game, in the development process the development officer visited the school and donated one full kit for the school .some of the sports teachers now they are helping the school team using the skills got from CWB coaching trainings which was given to them months ago. After the school team played a mini cricket game as a way to introduce the game to everyone in the school.



Ami des enfant is secondary school found in the outskirts of Kigali .As school administration requested RCA to go and visit the school and assist them with some cricket equipments , development department visited the school and introduced cricket in the school most of them already knew the game because they were coming from different schools that play cricket



Above the school team receiving the equipments from RCA

Kagarama ss cricket team came up with a good idea and invited Apredi boys and girls team to have a friendly game on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2011. The girls started - Apredi batted first 58 runs all out and Kagarama won by loss of two wickets with 19 not out by Delphine Kagarama. After lunch boys team played and Kagarama won by 10 runs after putting 100 on board. This is a good initiative by school administration which helps to spread cricket in different schools.



As our motto says that growing with every step, the game is spreading in all regions of the country; the game was inaugurated in G S Matimba a secondary school in the eastern province in Mutara. Here the big numbers of students who are participating in the game are girls as the school sports master told RCA.

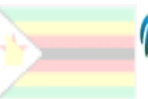
## SEYCHELLES

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011, the Seychelles U-17 team played their first international match against Indian Navy ship Shardul at Roche Caiman.

Batting first the Indian navy ship got off to a horrifying start as they were stumbling at 20 for 5 in 5 overs. However Deepak and Abhinav provided some resistance putting on 30 runs for the 7<sup>th</sup> wicket. The Indian Navy innings never lasted long as they were bundled out for 92 runs in 17 overs. The Seychelles U-17 bowlers did a fantastic job and their fielders were superb on the field as they took 4 outstanding catches.

For Seychelles Dharmesh picked up 3 for 21 and Hessel got 3 wickets and conceded just 21 runs. The Seychelles run chase was off to a tragic start as they lost Milind, Byron and Nayan cheaply in just 2 overs reeling at 5 for 3. The innings was brought back on track by Dharmesh and Anthony who put on 36 runs for 4<sup>th</sup> wicket. Anthony scored 13 runs with 1 four and a six and Dharmesh scored 15 runs with 2 fours and a six.

Seychelles registered their second straight win by 2 wickets with 7 overs to spare. Raj, Abhinav and Pal had upset the Seychelles batsmen sharing 7 wickets amongst them. Raj picked up 2 for 4, Abhinav picked 2 for 20 and Pal claimed 3 wickets for 16 runs. After the match a memento was presented to the Seychelles U-17 captain Dharmesh by the captain of the Indian Navy ship cricket team.



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The Seychelles Cricket Association is organizing a cricket tournament for the young boys and girls, which commenced on the 11th of June. Out of the four teams participating in the tournament, one team is from La Digue. The interest of playing cricket has grown to such a level, that the La Digue boys will travel every weekend to participate in the tournament. This is the first time that a team from other island will travel to Mahe to play cricket. The tournament will carry on till 9th of July 2011, and all the matches will be played at Freedom Square, on every Saturday, starting at 10 am. The name of the teams participating in the tournament are Mahe Master Blasters, La Digue Dashers, Silhouette Seamers and Praslin Pinch Hitters.

The involvement of ICC and the effort of SCA are developing the game of cricket in this island country. As a result the training sessions on Thursdays and Saturdays at Roche Caiman sports complex are flooding with kids from the age of 6 yrs till the age of 17 yrs. SCA is trying to spread the game among the youths of Seychelles, and to achieve that, two local school teachers of Mont Fleuri and Plaisance school took part in the one week Cricket Education and Coaching course held at the SFF auditorium from 16th to 20th May 2011.



## SWAZILAND



The Swaziland U13 Cricket Team participated in the Eastern Junior Club Cricket Association U13 Cricket Festival from the 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at the Sahara Park Willowmoore Cricket Grounds in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The Team drove five hours from Benoni, Johannesburg in absolute jubilation as they brought home the runners up award. Swaziland participated with six development players and six beginners who are ready to be roped in to the development side thus

compromising the strength of the side.



The Eastern U13 Cricket Festival chaired by Mr. Mark Kingham was a resounding success. Swaziland succumbed badly from the first game against the Easterns U12 side but the number of runs scored got better in the second game against the Easterns U13 and even better than the latter in the third game in the T20 match as the first two were 30 overs.



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## REMINDERS

### CAP COURSE MODULE 3 – ALL MEMBERS

Reports to be submitted!

### PEPSI ICC AFRICA T20 DIV 1 TOURNAMENT – UGANDA: 9-15 JULY 2011

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