

HKHDCCA – Summary of 2010-11 season

The **Hornsby, Ku-ring-gai & Hills District Cricket Coaches' Association (HKHDCCA)** was established in 2010 and is responsible for:

- promoting the objective that all club & rep. coaches attain the Level 1 accreditation (minimum);
- enhancing the ongoing development of our accredited coaches;
- raising the profile of coaching and giving coaches a collective 'voice' within the Association;
- facilitating a future pathway for club and representative coaches;
- organising Junior Coaching Clinics in partnership with Northern District CC during the September / October and January school holidays;
- developing and implementing a structured development coaching program for the players nominated to attend the HK&HDCA U/10 off-season program for potential Foster Shield representative players;
- providing HKHDCCA members with professional coaching opportunities at the Junior Coaching Clinics with Northern District CC and at the HK&HDCA U/10 off-season development program;
- co-ordinating the annual Ross Turner Cup and Glenn Hourigan Cup representative fixtures;
- assisting the HK&HDCA Representative Secretary with coaching matters relating to the *Northern Knights* representative teams;
- devising a scholarship scheme designed to provide financial assistance to a limited number of candidates nominated to attend a Cricket NSW accredited coaching course (Level 1, 2 or 3);
- identifying potential outstanding young coaches and providing coaching opportunities for these individuals through the Glenn Hourigan Cup and other initiatives;
- providing a mentor service to coaches as required, especially new or young coaches seeking guidance;
- conducting an annual Level 1 accredited coaching course for HK&HDCA and NDCC members;
- maintaining relevant information in the HKHDCCA folder in the library of the HK&HDCA website; and
- enabling the Association to maintain a record of all Level 1, 2 & 3 accredited coaches.

The HKHDCCA Executive Committee for 2010-11 comprised Bruce Wood (President), Mark Rushton (Vice-President), Mike Burgin (Secretary), and David Bennett (Treasurer). All four are Level 2 accredited coaches. The HKHDCCA President is a member of the HK&HDCA Executive Committee in the role of Development Officer.

HKHDCCA was honoured to have Ross Turner as its Patron. Ross played his early cricket with Pennant Hills CC in the HK&HDCA competition and went on to captain Northern District First Grade to two premierships. In later years, Ross worked for Cricket NSW, pioneering development activities, before going to London to work on cricket development for the ICC. Currently he is involved in the development of cricket in overseas countries such as Bangladesh, China, Malaysia, Afghanistan and India. Ross has made a huge contribution to cricket on a worldwide basis, but is still keen to help out with cricket development in our local district. In accepting the appointment of HKHDCCA Patron, Ross wrote *"I welcome the prospect of working with you and the executive of the Coaches' Association to undertake key initiatives that will lead to the highest quality coaching, which in turn, will serve to develop the standard and enjoyment levels of players throughout the Association."*

Rod Hokin did a terrific job as the HKHDCCA Coaching Co-ordinator (Head Coach). Rod plays First Grade for Northern District CC and is a talented and vastly experienced coach. He spends his off-seasons playing professional cricket and coaching in Ireland, UK. Rod assisted Bruce Wood in developing a Centre of Excellence within HK&HDCA to effectively accelerate the development of accredited coaches.

HKHDCCA works in partnership with Northern District CC to promote and run junior Coaching Clinics during the September/October and January school holidays. The first of these Clinics took place in September 2010 at Waitara Oval, which was followed by two more Clinics in January 2011 at Waitara Oval and Kenthurst Park. The coach / player ratio was approximately 1 : 6 and the feedback from the players and their parents was excellent.

The clinics included video analysis of the bowlers' actions; specific coaching on batting, bowling and fielding skills (and wicket-keeping drills where applicable); training in the nets (including turf nets at Waitara); batting against a bowling machine (at Kenthurst); a wide range of coaching drills and games to reinforce the cricket skills learnt and to develop team work; plus a Cricket 'Olympics' event and Super Sixes competitions.

The accredited coaches engaged at the HKHDCCA / NDCC school holiday Coaching Clinics included Rod Hokin (Head Coach), Bruce Wood (Co-ordinator), Jono Whealing, Dave Lowery, Nick Cheadle, Andrew Lowe, Irfan Baig, Tim Matson, Jamie Matson, Mike Burgin and Justin Epthorp.

HKHDCCA also provided coaching opportunities for some outstanding young coaches, with Josh Miller, Daniel Anderson, Nathan Tanner & James Madden being appointed to coach teams in the Glenn Hourigan Cup competition in 2011. This was an exciting new direction for coaching within HK&HDCA, which will also strengthen our band of coaches in charge of our junior *Northern Knights* representative teams in future years.

HKHDCCA appreciated wonderful support from the Association's major sponsors, Triforce Sports and Kooindah Waters. Special thanks to Abbas Aly from Triforce Sports for generously supplying complimentary playing shirts for the Ross Turner Cup and Glenn Hourigan Cup representative players and officials, as well as polo shirts for the HKHDCCA coaches at the school holiday clinics.