

# *West Indies Cricket Umpire Association*

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## *President's Quarterly Report*

*My esteem colleagues*

*Season's greeting to you all.*

*It is with a deep sense of pride and utmost satisfaction that we can all associate ourselves with this historic moment in the life of WICUA.*

*This is our first publication of the 'President's Quarterly'. This is the brain child of our Web Master umpire Robin Ford of Barbados.*

*It has been for years the ambition of WICUA to have a Web Site, in order that we can reach the general membership and others outside of our arena in a tangible way, so that the information flow keeps abreast of these modern times.*

*It was at our 25<sup>th</sup>. bi-ennial convention held in St. Lucia July 16-23, 2011 that we finally came up with the 'goods'. Though unsuccessful in their efforts, I do appreciate the attempts made in earlier times by other members to have a site launched.*

*Since the launch, we have made significant strides in sensitizing our members to utilize to the fullest this facility. Although we are not off on a rapid start members have made steady use.*

*The Web Site protocol dictates that all materials to be published shall be directed to the Hon. Secretary of WICUA for vetting and approval. It is also important and crucial that Area Vice Presidents in each designated area be brought into the 'loop'.*

*All Area Vice Presidents have been sensitized as to the getting of information from the territories in their area and to direct same through the proper channel for publication. It is with some feeling of disappointment to know that the majority did not get on board.*

*I have recognized and have been sufficiently aware that when a situation changes the expectation of all to move apace, is sometimes derailed by teething troubles, among other things. Hopefully, in short order those who are left behind will be inspired by the trendsetters and will take their rightful place in the overall scheme of things.*

#### Managing Committee

*WICUA'S 25<sup>th</sup>. bi-ennial convention is behind us. I take time out however to congratulate all persons who were elected to serve in different capacities. Some were returned while some are new faces. Much work is expected of all. Already the energy brought to the fore by some, offers encouraging signs, which is an indicator that we are moving in the right direction.*

#### Full Membership

*Heartiest congratulations to the Cayman Islands, having been accepted as a full member of WICUA. It is my hope that they will continue to display the type of organizational skills that they have become accustomed, so that their capabilities would be further enhanced as time progresses.*

#### Secretariat

*The job of a good secretary in any organization is critical to its success and WICUA is no different. Honorary Secretary Umpire Vivian Johnson has over the years been doing a fantastic job in such regards. It is with sincerity of purpose, hard work, commitment and a good knowledge of what is expected that have motivated him, to effectively execute the mandate. Such unselfish devotion to duty I have*

*recognized and appreciated. It is with gratitude most sincere that I, on behalf of WICUA acknowledge the role he has played and continue to play.*

### *Donations/Pledges*

*Heartiest congratulations to umpire Billy Doctrove of Dominica, for his monetary contribution to offset the cost of getting the Web Site up and running. Thanks to umpires Goland Greaves of St. Vincent, Ram Ragoo of the USA and Lloyd George Hill of Jamaica for their monetary pledges to take care of the cost for the next three years cost to keep the site running. Such benevolence is what we need to inject a new sense of purpose as we chart the course.*

### *Patron*

*Mr. Joseph 'Reds' Periera is WICUA's Patron. This is a new dimension to our existence. Mr. Periera who lives in St. Lucia is a well known and respected gentleman. He is quite knowledgeable in several sporting disciplines. He brings to us a fresh air of expectations. His vast experience and know how, will be tapped into, thus ensuring that his tenure will be fully utilized.*

### *Umpire's Training Manual*

*The matter of training is critical to the improvement and development of our umpires, more so, constant training is crucial to the survival of all aspiring umpires. For years a training manual has been promised to come on stream, but to date things remain the same. A special effort has again been made to have this promise delivered. While we wait expectantly let us in our own way utilize the technology that is available to assist in personal development. WICUA is committed and determined in one way or the other to come up with something tangible, in order that our umpires are exposed to modern techniques.*

WICB

*On behalf of WICUA I say sincere thanks to the WICB. I do applaud the efforts of President Julian Hunte and the team he leads. We have been the recipient of WICB's generosity over time and while we look forward to the sustainability, of the fine tradition, which has been established and cemented by our constant interaction, it is my hope, that new areas of interest which would be of benefit to us, be explored, within the context of mutual and respectful deliberations.*

Regional Cricket

*Congratulations to all the regional cricket teams who have been competing over the years for trophies and supremacy. Special congratulations to the Jamaica team who in the recently concluded competitions, won all, but one of the trophies up for grabs.*

ICC

*Hats off to Ms Steffanie Taylor of Jamaica for copping the 2011 ICC Women's Cricketer of the Year Award. Also to Mr. Devendra Bishoo, of Guyana he been Awarded the Men's Emerging Player of the Year.*

Resignation

*It is with much regret that Umpire Ernest Hinds of Guyana, the elected Area 4 Vice President could not find it possible to serve. He indicated in his letter of resignation that work demands did not afford the necessary space and time to effectively discharge the mandate. Now that he has relinquished the post, it is my hope that he will be able to satisfy his obligations elsewhere.*

Birthday

*WICUA extends birthday greetings to all umpires who have celebrated birthdays during the period July to September 2011.*

Anniversary

*WICUA extends heartiest congratulations to all umpires, who have celebrated wedding anniversaries during the period, July to September 2011*

Condolences

*WICUA extends sympathies and condolences to the bereaved, who have had loved ones passed away, during the period, of July to September 2011*

*Umpire Clyde Duncan late of Guyana, passed away on July 27t.*

*Umpire Audley Bailey late of Jamaica, passed away on September 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Umpire Jerry Kishun of the USA, passed away on September 15<sup>th</sup>.*

*May their Soul, Rest in Peace.*

Panel

*It is important that all umpires strive for excellence. This can only be achieved through hard work, dedication, knowledge of the laws and the conditions of play, a high level of sustained concentration, a super fit body and a burning desire to succeed. In this regard, on behalf of WICUA I challenge all those who are on the various Panels to remain focused, setting sight on the bigger picture, that is to make it to the ICC Elite Panel and to remain there, until age become a factor. We*

*know that not all will make it, but one thing is evidently clear, is that the opportunity to do so exists. It means therefore, that those of you with ambition to succeed should be persistent in your efforts.*

*Umpires come and umpires go, such is the reality of life. To those who came and went, WICUA applauds you for the service you have rendered. May you find peace of mind and satisfaction in the fact that you have played your part.*

### *Territorial Activities*

*During the period July to September 2011 some territories have engaged themselves in various activities. This Quarterly without hesitation finds real pleasure in bringing to your attention reported matters as they unfold.*

### *Guyana*

*Not much has taken place in Guyana during this period. Of most significance has been the passing of Umpire Clyde Duncan. His passing has been seen as a tremendous loss to WICUA. Umpires from across the region converged in Guyana and paid their last respect to this fine individual. Tributes from WICUA, WICB, Jamaica and several other entities were given.*

*Guyana was well represented at the just concluded WICUA's 25<sup>th</sup> Convention. Umpire Ernest Hinds was elected Area 4 Vice President.*

*Guyana's local examination for new candidates who are desirous of becoming umpires, will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup>.*

### *Jamaica*

*Executives: The Executive members of the JCUA are:-*

*Umpire Norman Malcolm      -President*

*Umpire Cecil Fletcher      -First Vice President*

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*Umpire Vivian Johnson      -Second Vice President*

*Umpire Hugh Fogo          -Third Vice President*

*Daniel Warren Kidd -Hon. Secretary*  
*Umpire Terrence Richards -Hon. Treasurer*  
*Umpire Desmond Edwards - Assistant Secretary*  
*Umpire Everton Mc.Intosh -Assistant Treasurer*  
*Umpire Carliston Mc.Leod -Recording Secretary*

*Examination: At the conclusion of a period of extensive training, 13 candidates sat the local umpires' examination, on July 13<sup>th</sup> and 10 were successful.*

*Convention: Twenty five umpires from Jamaica attended WICUA's Convention in St. Lucia on July 16-23. Some were re-elected to serve in various capacities and one was elected for the first time. The names and positions are:-*

*Cecil Fletcher -President*

*Vivian Johnson -Hon. Secretary [re-elected]*

*Norman Malcolm -Assistant Secretary/Treasurer [re-elected]*

*Maurice Chung -Publicity Committee [re-elected]*

*Christopher Taylor -Disciplinary Committee*

*Audley Bailey -Auditor [re-elected] Deceased.*

*Lloyd George Hill -Legal Council [re-appointed]*

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*Fun Day: Jamaica celebrated its annual fun day at the famous Alpart Sports Complex in St. Elizabeth on Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>. Over 200 umpires and their*

*families attended and participated. The playing of dominoes, cricket and music were the main attractions. It was indeed a social with a difference, the relaxation and the entertainment were captivating.*

*Cricket Competition: The JCUA is divided into four zones. The zones are Eastern, Western, Northern and Central. On Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> the inaugural launch of the zonal competition took place. This competition is a Limited Overs affair. It is been played on a round robin format. Two rounds of matches have already been played. All four zones have won one match each to date.*

*Umpires Week: The Northern Zone celebrated their Umpires Week from September 18<sup>th</sup> to September 24<sup>th</sup>. During the week they conducted umpiring seminars in several schools and clubs. Courtesy calls were made on several prominent persons in their locale.*

*Examination: Preparations are in high gear for over 31 umpires who are scheduled to sit WICUA's Final Written Examination on the 25<sup>th</sup> September.*

### United States Of America

#### *Executive Members:*

*Fitzroy Hayles -President*

*Hammy Reid -Vice President [New York]*

*Babu Venkatachalapathy -Secretary [Texas]*

*Ravishankar -Assistant Secretary [California]*

*Victor Mangal -Treasurer [New York]*

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*Mohamed N.Baksh -Chairman Training & Examinations [New York]*



*Deepak Katte* -PRO [New Jersey]  
*Alfred James* -Immediate Past President  
*Jerry Kishun* -Chaplain [Deceased]  
*Partap Bachan* -Trustee [Connecticut]  
*Lincoln Champagnie* -Trustee [New York]  
*Ram Ragoo* -Trustee [Maryland]  
*Sylvester Mulcare* -Sergeant of Arms [new York]

*Membership: The USACUA has on roll over 343 umpires, of this number 104 are placed in the category of “inactive members”*

*WICUA Convention: Seven umpires, along with their families attended the convention in St. Lucia. Two were elected to serve in different capacities.*

*Umpire Fitzroy Hayles was elected Area 1 Vice President and Umpire Mohamed Baksh to the Training and Examination Committee.*

*Examination: Forty two umpires are scheduled to sit WICUA’S Final Written Examination on September 25th.*

*Appointments: In July The USACUA provided umpires for and who officiated in the USACA Women’s 50 overs competition, held in New York, also in the Under 15 Tournament held in Connecticut. Umpire Steve Kalloo, Sylvan Taylor and Hubert did duties in the ICC Americas T/20 Men’s Senior Tournament in Florida in July.*

*Obituary: Jerry Kishun died tragically on September 15<sup>th</sup>*

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*Canada*

*Executive Members:-*

<i>Frederick Leacock</i>	<i>-President</i>
<i>Bisham Singh</i>	<i>-Vice president</i>
<i>Azad khan</i>	<i>-Secretary</i>
<i>James Persaud</i>	<i>-Assistant Secretary</i>
<i>Austin Foote</i>	<i>-Treasurer</i>
<i>Basdeo Dookhie</i>	<i>-Certification Officer</i>
<i>Farouk Ali</i>	<i>-Director</i>
<i>Rabindranauth Budhoo</i>	<i>-Director</i>
<i>Ivan Pierre</i>	<i>- Director</i>

*Acknowledgement: The Ontario Cricket Association has acknowledged the CCUA as the legitimate Umpires Association in Canada.*

*Recruitment: The CCUA has embarked on a recruitment drive in an effort to get more persons attracted. There has been slow, but steady progress in this regard.*

*Training & Examination: The training and examination committee have been doing an excellent job in uplifting the status and the image of umpires in the CCUA. All umpires who were successful in the CCUA's levels 2 & 3 examinations are scheduled to sit WICUA's Final written Examination on September 25<sup>th</sup>.*

*Appoinment: Umpire Ashook Brijcoomar officiated in the ICC matches held in Florida in July.*

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*Bermuda*

*Executive Members:*

<i>Walisfort Manders</i>	<i>-President</i>
<i>Steven Douglas</i>	<i>-Vice President</i>
<i>Richard Austin</i>	<i>-Secretary</i>
<i>Kent Gibbons</i>	<i>-Treasurer</i>
<i>Roger Dill</i>	<i>-Training officer</i>

*50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: The BCUA has modified its plan, in order to effectively commemorate its 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Anniversary, which has been scheduled for this year 2011. The new concept will be communicated as soon as it is finalized.*

*Sponsorship: The Bermuda Telephone Company and the BCUA have signed a sponsorship deal. The signing which took place in July covers the period 2011 to 2013. This corporate intervention will go a long way in enhancing the capacity of the BCUA, in the delivery of quality service to the people and organization they serve.*

*Appointments:- Umpires Roger Dill and Steven Douglas officiated in the ICC Americas division 1 T20 Tournament in Florida July 17-25.*

*On July 28<sup>th</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup> Umpire Roger Dill officiated in the ICC Under 19 World Cup Qualifiers.*

*On July 28-29 Umpires Steven Douglas and Richard Austin officiated in the Bermuda 109<sup>th</sup> Classic.*

*On behalf of WICUA I do extend congratulations to all umpires that are due to sit the upcoming WICUA's Final Written Examination. It is my wish that you be successful.*

*There is much work to be done if we are to be dynamic and purposeful. There are plans to move the Association forward, but these are incumbent on all of us to play a part in the development process.*

*Training, Exposure, Inclusiveness, Just Rewards, Proper Remuneration, Fundraising and the Recruitment of persons in the 17-19 years old bracket, are some of the areas that much attention will be focussed.*

*Congratulations to the Windward Islands and more specifically St. Lucia for hosting the 25<sup>th</sup>. Bi-ennial Convention. You did well.*

### *Closing*

*I challenge all to visit the WICUA Web Site with regularity and to send material through the proper channel that can be posted thereon.*

*I do hope that you have found this publication interesting and informative.*

*As we strive for excellence each and every day, I leave you with the words of "J.B. Priestly who wrote " I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN DELIGHTED WITH THE PROSPECT OF A NEW DAY, A FRESH TRY, ONE MORE START, WITH PERHAPS A BIT OF MAGIC WAITING SOMEWHERE BEHIND THE MORNING".*

*May God's Richest Blessing Attendeth Your soul.*

*Regards and Best Wishes.*

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*Sincerely*

*Cecil Fletcher*

*President*

*WICUA*