

VDCA President's Report November 2nd, 2023

Welcome to the VDCA AGM of 2023.

I want to acknowledge everyone for showing up even especially when no elections are being held as all positions are being acclaimed.

My sincere thanks to volunteers who were not part of the executive but did a lot of work to help us with this season.

We started off the year with VISCUS umpiring courses being offered and a number of new umpires being successfully validated.

We had the Victoria team winning the Tri-Cities Cup beating Vancouver and Seattle in Vancouver.

We had a very successful junior camp run by Shawn Siegert, Head Coach of Root Academy from the UK. We did have juniors from Victoria and Vancouver attending.

We had the Canadian Men's National Cricket Team Head Coach Pubudu come for a two-day camp in Victoria. We had close to 60 players attend the camp over two days.

I congratulate all the folks involved in junior coaching; you have been dedicated to helping kids play cricket. Rick Gardner, Darran Buhr, Jim Wenman, Rob White, Rajeev Dhawan, and Dave Harding amongst others who helped out.

Manrick, Jim and Gaurav who helped form the Victoria men's team that played in the Tri-Cities Cup. Thank you, Gaurav, the captain and

Manrick, the vice-captain and all the players as well as Sahil who went as the manager of the team.

Congrats to Campbell River CC for winning the T 20 Tournament.

Congrats to Islanders CC for winning the regular season with a 11-0 perfect record.

Congrats to Albion for winning the Knockout Cup.

Both these teams seem to be going back and forth winning every year.

The Victoria Patriots won the BC Super League T 20 Tournament beating 9 other teams. This tournament is spread over a few months, these games are entirely played on a turf ground in Surrey. Victoria Patriots had a combination of 8 Victoria and 8 Vancouver players.

What has not worked in the VDCA this year has been the late release of the season's schedule, the moving of fixtures for playoffs. The Playing Conditions are the same since 2019. The confusion by some between Bylaws and playing conditions have caused a whole lot of unnecessary grief for many in the VDCA. If you don't like the playing conditions, Bylaws etc., all of us have a chance to improve upon it for the next season. We are volunteers here in the VDCA, personal attacks in various forms only proves the small mindedness of some individuals. We must do better on all fronts.

Here is an appeal to all our members to treat each other with kindness rather than tearing each other down. This will improve the spirit of cricket in more ways than words can express. We might all be competitors on the field, but this is a very small community.

Finally, the VDCA is pleased to announce that Stanley Paul performed very well against Australia, England, and the US. He has been chosen to play for The Canadian Men's Over 60's National Cricket Team in the World Cup to be held in February 2024 in India.

On the recognition part, I would like to acknowledge two individuals who were not on the executive but decided to help tremendously. Doug Delamare and Manrick Singh.

I am appointing the following as Life Members of the VDCA for their extraordinary contributions to the VDCA in no particular order, David Billingham, Tony Cordle, Howard Martin, Jim Wenman and Gurmit Sandhu. These esteemed members of the VDCA to be awarded Life Member Status is a small token of our appreciation for all their hard work done for decades in the VDCA.

Here is to a better 2024 season for all of us.