

1992 Presidents Message

The Executive extends its best wishes to all cricketers and cricket-lovers as yet another Season gets under way. It will be a Season highlighted by the fourth Victoria International Six-a-Side Competition, VISAS, several Intercity games at various age levels between Victoria and Vancouver, and - perhaps the most important of all to the greatest number of cricketers - the local League and Knockout Cup Competitions.

One Victoria Team, Cowichan XL, had an early start to the 1992 Season, being fortunate to have played in the Golden Oldies Festival in Christchurch, New Zealand, as well as playing few friendly games in both North and South Islands.

Many of our cricket fans will have enjoyed newspaper and television coverage of the Benson and Hedges World Cup or Cricket Tournament, held in Australia and New Zealand; and with the advent of warm and dry weather so early in the year, they will be eager to set foot upon the green to do battle with bat and ball.

Before the Season has aged - at the time of VISAS - the Executive will be renaming Beacon Hill Pavilion to honour one of cricket's greatest friends, F.P.G. (Fred) Maurice, a gentleman respected and admired by all, and revered by those who knew him well.

Before his own Innings ended, Fred Maurice guided and encouraged his club, Albion, to its Centenary; in addition, he provided leadership and kindness to the Colts players - indeed, to everyone.

It is my sincere wish that all players will this Season play their cricket in the serious but benevolent spirit and with the philosophical forbearance and optimism personified by Fred Maurice. Then, win or lose, we shall all be able to say that "1992 was a Good Season!"

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