

President's Message

As a new season approaches it is time to take a quick look back at the 2019 season before looking forward to the coming season. There were a number of positive developments, none more important than junior cricket under the leadership of Rick Gardner. Kanga cricket is now being played at five venues on Saturday or Sunday mornings. The program is growing with the help of current and former cricketers and one venue, Saanich which practices at SMUS, has been able to move some of their Kanga cricketers to hard ball. Other venues are not far behind and our goal is to continue the Kanga until the youth are sufficiently skilled to move on to the hard ball game. Then we can have all five venues playing hard ball as well as Kanga on weekend mornings. This can be achieved if the clubs climb on board with coaches and managers. Many of the parents have a cricket background and it is important that their enthusiasm is put to good use. From this program will emerge the next batch of youngsters which will feed the next Colts side and I hope make their way into the playing ranks of Mid-Week and Weekend teams both male and female.

The past season ran smoothly and I would like to thank the many volunteers behind VISCUS, responsible for organizing, umpiring and scoring. Together with the Disciplinary Committee all these volunteers have helped raise the level of cricket and kept a lid on passions that can boil over.

The number of cricketers involved in the VDCA continues to grow and this is not only reflected in junior cricket. This year Mid-Week competition will field sixteen sides and the Weekend League for the first time will field twelve teams. All this puts pressure on our resources particularly field resources. We need more field space and continue to work to this end with help from the Mayor of Saanich, Fred Haynes.

Finally as this season approaches I wish all players a summer of fun, friendship, good cricket and good sportsmanship. To those players retiring, please consider helping out or just show up to watch a match and socialize with old friends.

- Jim Wenman