

2002 Presidents Message

The 2002 Cricket season is upon us, and it is already shaping up to be an eventful one.

This season will feature VISAS (international six-a-side), a visit by a team from Toronto also by two junior teams from Cowley School in England.

The VDCA along with the usual parties will be putting on the India, West Indies and the Rest mini tournament culminating in the S&D Auto Body Trophy with a view to making it even more enjoyable.

The past season was very successful and was enjoyed by all; Players and spectators alike. Congratulations to the Incogs who emerged as league champions, and to Albion for winning the Knockout trophy, and the division 2 trophy. The MCC Code and Laws will govern.

The junior development program was vigorously pursued under the auspices of the Metchosin Cricket and Sports Association, which allowed Victoria under 14s and under 16s to give a good accounting of themselves against Vancouver; Should we be able to continue in this vein cricket will be in great shape for the future.

The schools kanga and junior development program will have to be provided by the VDCA now and in the future since funding can no longer be provided by the Metchosin organization. We will meet this challenge through fund raising and Gaming funds. The VDCA is committed to raising the profile and standard of the game and thus will endeavour to enlarge the junior development program, and also encourage spectators, players, and any interested parties to learn the laws of cricket or update their knowledge of the game.

The Windsor Park ground is now ready for use, and a sprinkler system is presently being installed at Beacon Hill. The ground should be ready for use by the beginning of the season. The downstairs area of the pavilion has been redecorated and looks in fine fettle. Thanks to the Pavilion Society and Mike Skene for the hard work he put in.

To all participants in the great game of cricket have an enjoyable season.
Allan Carter, President.