

2016 Presidents Message

Welcome to this the 2016 VDCA Cricket season.

Let me take this opportunity to thank every person who contributes to our cricketing community, players, their families and clubs. Let me also thank VISCUS who have done an amazing job in contributing so many qualified Umpires who work hard every time they are called upon to help our game grow in Victoria. Finally I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers both on the executive & at large, who go about doing their work to add value to cricket and the VDCA.

We have had a banner year in junior cricket with representation in both the BC U19 and BC U16. We had Vatsal Shah & Trenton Schulz-Franco represent BC U19, where BC defeated Alberta after a gap of many years to win the Jack Kyle Tournament. Trenton as captain led the tournament in scoring the most number of runs overall in the tournament. We had 4 players from the VDCA represent BC at the National U16 Tournament held in Winnipeg, Qaiam Cheema, Ben Edwards, Amrit Saini, and Jamison Schulz-Franco. The captain Jamison scored the most runs for BC in the 50 overs format. We also have had a lot of success with Rick Gardner and Darren Buhr running a very successful West Shore junior cricket programme. Kudos to all their hard work & dedication.

Victoria and its cricketing community open their doors once again this year to visitors from all parts of the world for the 16th Victoria International Six-a-Side festival, from July 30 to August 06. I have enjoyed this event for the last years ago and I hope this will continue on for many more years. Since David Billingham and his committee organized their first event in 1986, VISAS has become as the event to look forward to around here. Many are returning teams or visitors, as we hope those arriving for their first VISAS experience will become in the future. In addition to the VISAS, we are also hosting the ~~2015 Tomalin Cup~~, BC U17, BC U19 & BC U23 games this year. I sincerely hope the cricketing community in Victoria will come out to support cricket and these events.

To all cricket lovers, I wish you all the sunniest of cricketing days for 2016.

Thanks,
Alphonso Franco