

In this issue of the Bulletin, we give more details on the mid-season club forums, the return of the NCU Annual Dinner, plans for ECB coaching courses and ask for your help in locating a missing trophy.

## Mid-Season Club Forum

The NCU are holding a series of Forums for clubs and their members to share learnings from the 2022 season and thoughts on the 2023 season and beyond. These meetings will help the clubs shape what our game looks like going forward and ensure that we continue to progress and evolve in line with all our aspirations.

The forums are focused on getting views on the game from every area of the game. To start the discussions, the NCU are particularly keen to gather views on the following topics:

- Gameday and NV Play System
- League and Competition Structures
- Relationships with schools in your area and the potential for use of their facilities
- Grounds and facilities concerns
- Running the NCU - the club's role.

These Forums are being held on a regional basis throughout August 2022 at the following venues. Please share with your members and encourage all who care about cricket and its future to come along and share their views.

- Tuesday 9/08/22 South Area - Laurelvale CC
- Tuesday 16/08/22 East Area - Saintfield CC
- Wednesday 17/08/22 North Area - Templepatrick CC
- Thursday 18/08/22 North Down Area - Hollywood CC
- Thursday 25/08/22 Belfast Area - Cregagh CC

All Forums will commence at 18:30.

## Have you seen?

During the rather interrupted Covid period the Junior Cup has gone missing. The Cup has a significant place in the NCU's history, and we are keen to trace its whereabouts. If you have seen it, please contact the office to advise.

## Annual Dinner

We are pleased to announce that our end of season awards dinner is making a welcome return this year. The dinner is scheduled to take place in the Hilton Hotel Belfast on Saturday 8 October 2022. Tickets will go on sale soon.

## Return of Trophies

Could all Clubs please make arrangements to return Trophies to the NCU Office at the earliest opportunity. We are looking to carry out a valuation exercise for our insurers in advance of the Annual Dinner where trophies will be presented to the winning Clubs, Teams and Captains.

## ECB Core Coach Course

Cricket Ireland is running an ECB Core Coach Course (previously Level 2) in November 2022. The face-to-face element of this course will be held at Campbell College Belfast. This course is aimed at those who have already completed a Coaching Kids Course (level 1) and are actively coaching at present.

The Expression of Interest Form is now live and will close on 1 September 2022. Places are extremely limited, and we would encourage all interested coaches to get their application in as early as possible.

If you feel you are now at the level required to participate in an ECB Core Coach Course please complete the expression of interest form [here](#).

Further courses will take place in March 2023 and November 2023 with applications going out pre-Christmas 2022.

## Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Survey

Cricket Ireland and the Provincial Unions have been engaging closely with the Irish Centre for Diversity to ensure that we are developing and adopting appropriate policies and practices to ensure our game is welcoming, inclusive and friendly at all levels. The recent spotlight on this area around the cricket world only underscores the necessity and urgency of this work.

As part of this process, a fact-finding survey, developed by a working group which includes Provincial Union staff and club volunteers, has been put together and is available [here](#). This will help us develop a true picture of this theme for Irish cricket and will mean we can share best practice where it exists and identify solutions where there are gaps.

We would like as many cricket club members as possible to respond to this survey as its outcomes will help us improve Irish cricket for everyone.

## Sponsorship

There are currently several sponsorship opportunities available with the NCU.

If you know of any business who would be interested in partnering with us, please get in touch and we can explore the possibilities.

## Can you help?

We are always looking for people to help us improve what we do. If any of your members have a background in **Accountancy and Finance, Web Design or Marketing, PR and Comms** and could offer us some of their time to help shape the future of cricket please ask them to get in touch.

## Comments or Suggestions

If you have any comments or suggestions on the Bulletin, please do not hesitate to contact us