

KRIKETT MATTERS

HCA NEWSLETTER MARCH 2013

Welcome to the 1st edition of **Krikett Matters**, the new HCA monthly newsletter bringing you the latest exciting updates from the world of Hungarian Cricket. This inaugural edition brings information on

- the [2013-2015 HCA Board Elections](#), including the announcement of a brand new HCA President;
- details of the new [Women's Cricket Committee](#) who have big plans for women's cricket in Hungary;
- the newly appointed [League Committee](#);
- a proposed [Native Player National Team Tour of Devon](#) (SPONSORS NEEDED!);
- major online news portal '[Origo](#)' [Releasing An Exciting Article About HCA](#) on the TOP SPOT of their sports section.
- a summary of the three [ICC Cricket Education Courses](#) (Coaching/Umpiring/Scoring);
- the announcement of [Danubius Hotels](#) as a new HCA sponsor;
- the confirmation of several [Continuing Sponsors](#);
- [New Sponsorship Opportunities/Projects](#) for you or your company to get involved with;
- lots of action in [Junior Cricket](#);
- a couple of [Historical Indoor Tournaments](#);
- an [HCA Pre-Season Social Event](#);
- and last but of course not least, information about [Season 2013](#), including brilliant news about some high quality touring teams and fixtures for the national teams.

So, take a breath, get out the knocking-in-mallet, and settle in for the ride...

1) 2013-2015 HCA Board Elections

The following 5 candidates were elected to the 2013-2015 HCA Board:

Adrian Zador, Andras Toth, Andrew Leckonby, Khaibar Deldar, Marton Kis.

The new HCA Board held its first official meeting on 8th March 2013 and agreed to the following titles and roles:

President & Financial Director: Marton Kis
Operations Director: Andras Toth
Cricket Development Director: Andrew Leckonby
Sport Director: Khaibar Deldar
Public Relations Director: Adrian Zador

For more information about the elected candidates please see www.hungary4cricket.com

The Board wishes to especially thank outgoing President Gábor Török and Board members Benjamin Lebor and Michael Glover for their outstanding work in guiding Hungarian cricket to a position of strength, most significantly for the achievement of Hungary now being an officially recognised member of the ICC. We also wish to thank the Hungarian cricket community for their vote of confidence, and commit to continuing the hard work of the previous HCA Boards. Our major goal is to significantly increase the number of people participating in cricket throughout Hungary, from girls & boys to women and men. We also aim to further utilize our ICC membership and the growing recognition of cricket in Hungary to use our wonderful sport to reach out to people in the minority or disadvantaged groups of Hungary's truly diverse society.

Here's to a tremendously exciting future for cricket in Hungary!

2) HCA 2013 Women's Cricket Committee

The first ever HCA Women's Committee are Claudia Balogh, Kata Kovacs, and Viola Paulanyi, who held their first official meeting on Thursday 7th March 2013. This meeting confirmed an exciting tournament of women's cricket to be held in Bekescsaba on April 27 and much more besides. To support this fantastic development in women's cricket, a **brand new Sunday afternoon Women's Cricket training will be launched on March 24** at Britannica International School, 4.30pm-6.30pm. For more information about the Women's Committee please see <http://www.hungary4cricket.com/women.html>

3) HCA 2013 League Committee

As agreed at the open meeting in November 2012, one of the first tasks of the HCA Board has been to appoint a League Committee to manage the needs of the Hungarian Cricket League, thus allowing the Board significantly more time to focus on more development-related projects. Congratulations and THANK YOU to Abhishek Kheterpal, Andras Hudetz, Duncan Shoebridge, Marc Ahuja, and Steve Anthony who have all accepted a role on this important committee. They will hold their first meeting on Thursday 28th March.



4) Native Player National Team Tour of Devon 30 July – 6 August 2013

It has long been a dream of HCA Head of Umpires Steve Anthony to lead a team of eleven (or more) native Hungarian cricketers on a tour of the cricketing heaven that is Devon. Two previous tours have gone halfway to meeting the goal, but it seems that 2013 really can be the year to make it happen. We have the players, we have the host grounds and accommodation, now we just need THE MONEY! **If you or your company can provide some assistance to make this wonderful opportunity a reality, please inform the HCA as soon as possible.** The final decision about the tour needs to be made by early April. There are also proposals to include the Native Player National Team in the HCL, and Hungary will host the Serbian Native Player Team in May, so sponsoring this team can bring benefits throughout the season, not just for one week in an Ashes August.

5) 'Origo' Releasing An Exciting Article About HCA

Major online Hungarian news portal 'Origo' visited us at the 'Introduction to Cricket Coaching Course', were extremely impressed with what they found, and released the following article on 19th March: <http://www.origo.hu/sport/20130304-magyarorszag-mint-par-eve-belgium.html> Even if the Hungarian language isn't your thing, the photos sure should be!

6) ICC Cricket Education Courses

i) Introduction to Cricket Coaching Course, 2/3 March 2013:

This course was held at **Britannica International School** by Mr. Richard Skyrme and was an absolute success. 12 cricketers attended the full 2 days of the course and a further 5 were able to attend one of the days. Mr. Skyrme proved to be an extremely experienced and inspiring tutor and all attendees have reported very positively about the incredible learning that took place this weekend, with several coaches already putting the new ideas in to practice with great results. The HCA wishes to thank Britannica International School (www.britannicaschool.hu) for the free use of their facilities, and also new HCA sponsor **Danubius Hotels** (www.danubiushotels.com) for perfectly accommodating Mr. Skyrme.

ii) Level One Umpires Course, 22-24 March 2013:

This course will also be held at **Britannica International School**, by Mr. Keith Healey. Mr. Healey has presented in Hungary before and we know we are again very lucky to have such an experienced and accomplished tutor here in Budapest. Mr. Healey will also be accommodated by **Danubius Hotels**.

NOTE!!! A few places still remain for this course!, which is a fantastic opportunity for cricketers to gain not only a very useful qualification and deeper knowledge of the game, but also to earn good money from umpiring in the HCL. Contact andrew@hungary4cricket.com to register or to receive more information.



iii) *Level One Scorers Course, 14 April 2013:*

The Scorer's course will be lead by Mr. Roderick Lyall. Mr Lyall is the Vice-Chairman of Dutch Cricket and has a deep level of experience at all levels of the game, especially in relation to developing cricket nations. He has been the official scorer for ABC cricket commentary in Australia and has also done cricket commentary himself. In addition to the scoring course, Mr. Lyall has kindly offered to give an open presentation regarding his many years of cricketing experience and knowledge. This event will be combined with the **HCA pre-season social evening on Friday 12 April**. More details about the scorer's course and the social evening will be announced closer to the time.

7) **Danubius Hotels: New HCA Sponsor**

We are delighted to confirm Danubius Hotels (www.danubiushotels.com) as a new sponsor of Hungarian cricket. Danubius Hotels also run the hotel that is officially used by the ICC in London, so their experience with cricket is nothing new. They also support several other Hungarian sporting associations, and we are very excited that cricket is joining that list! Danubius Hotels will accommodate all ICC tutors free of charge and will also offer great deals to visiting cricket touring teams. We strongly encourage you to consider Danubius Hotels for any business or personal guests that you have coming to Budapest: they have a wide range of hotels all over Budapest and Hungary and their co-operation with the HCA has been extremely professional. Be sure to mention that you are a cricketer!

8) **HCA Continuing Sponsors and New Sponsorship Opportunities/Projects**

[MPI](#), [Doherty Hungary](#), [Capital Growth Solutions \(CGS\)](#), [Britannica International School](#) are all confirmed to continue their wonderful support of the HCA. **And there is of course room for more!!!!**

Perhaps your company is noticing the increasing spiral of action and participation in cricket in Hungary and wants to get involved with supporting us to go even further. Here are just a few potential sponsorship options for season 2013:

- *Community Project Sponsorships:* We are well underway to deciding on some very special community cricket projects that will reach out to minority or less privileged sectors of Hungarian society. The success of these projects will depend on funding; we have the coaches ready and raring to go. More details soon but do be ready to help if you can.
- *HCL League Sponsorships:* 3 Divisions this year. 2 are probably snapped up already, but one more is available.
- *National Team Sponsorships:* Opportunities exist within the Men's, Women's, and Native Player National Teams (including their tour of Devon, see above). More details will be available shortly.
- *KAC Nets development (Roof netting, safety)*
- *MPI Nets development (Run-up area, safety)*
- *Match Ball Sponsorships:* Pay for the official match balls in the league/s and the teams and players will be VERY HAPPY!



- *Boundary Rope at GB:* Purchase the rope and attach your company's flags to it!
- *Training Accessories Sponsorships:* Buy the HCA a special training accessory, such as a Katchett-Board or a Rebound Net (both for catching practice), stick your company label on the item and get players looking at your logo instead of the ball!
- *Sightscreens Sponsorship:* We would love to install some kind of sightscreen at each end of each ground. Can you help?
- *More ideas to come,* maybe you have some suggestions of your own? **Just let us know!**

9) Junior Cricket Update

There is a lot going on in Junior Cricket in Hungary!

i) *Orchidea Iskola Cricket Program:*

The HCA recently initiated a school cricket program at Orchidea Iskola in Budapest's 10th district (Kobanya). Every child in Grades 5-10 is now getting one PE lesson of cricket every week! This program is being provided by Bat and Ball Junior Cricket Club coaches and has had a fantastic start with enthusiastic participation and quick understanding of the game from all 70+ students. This is proving to be a very positive 'pilot program' and we hope to initiate more similar programs soon, and not just in Budapest.

ii) *National Junior Indoor Tournament, 17 March 2013, Bekescsaba:*

This annual event was for the first time held in Bekescsaba, home of the reigning champions Pink Panthers. This time around it was the mixed boys and girls teams of Budapest's Bat and Ball Junior Cricket Club that sealed the deal and carried home the cups, but the biggest winner was Hungarian cricket. Approximately 40 children ventured to the venue despite the unseasonal chill and the holiday weekend for a fantastic event full of the true spirit of cricket. See [here](#) for details of match results, final standings, and individual prize winners - plus of course some great photos of the action.

iii) *HCA coach attends ECB CA Coaches Conference in UK*

At the end of January Andrew Leckonby attended this fantastically inspiring ECB CA Coaches Conference held at Warwick University, England. Andrew met with many leading coaches and attended presentations by extremely high level sporting professionals, including former England National Cricket Team Coach Peter Moores. Andrew has already put some of the learning in to action in the many children's and adult coaching sessions being held nearly every day of the week in Budapest.

iv) *Bat and Ball Junior Cricket Club's expansion: new junior cricket programs!*

Bat and Ball provided 2 free cricket lessons during PE classes to all Britannica students in Years 4-7. The huge success of this initiative has led to a big demand for MORE CRICKET, especially from the girls. By April Bat and Ball will operate coaching sessions somewhere in Budapest on every day of the week except Tuesday! **Budapest's first ever 'girls only' cricket program will commence on Sunday March 24.** For more information about any of Bat and Ball's junior cricket programs contact andrew@batandballcricket.com



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10) Historical Indoor Tournaments

Two more firsts for Hungarian cricket took place recently, with our first ever [Women's Indoor Tournament](#), held in Szolnok on 23rd February, and also our first ever [Men's Indoor Tournament](#), held at the British International School of Budapest on 10th March. Both events were a success of fun and friendly cricketing action, and it is a guarantee that each will be even more popular in 2014.

11) HCA Pre-Season Social Event Friday 12 April

Join us for an enlightening presentation from Rod Lyall, Vice-Chairman of the Dutch Cricket Board and widely travelled and experienced enthusiast of our special game. Followed by socialising with all your favourite cricketing friends. More details coming soon but PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

12) SEASON 2013

The season ahead promises to be a massive one, with 3 divisions of League Action; a T20 Cup; the highest-ever quality of touring teams including the famous Australian 'Crusaders' touring team on June 8-11. Shane Warne is just one of their many previous players who went on to represent Australia and/or their State: which future Aussie Test Star will be here in Budapest this year? Also visiting Budapest are a top quality line up from York University on July 13/14 (which includes at least 5 players who recently played for junior age county or international cricket teams). And finally, there is also confirmation of a VERY FAMOUS touring team from the UK visiting us – we are awaiting confirmation that we have permission to tell you who it is, but **keep 15th June free** is all we can say for now...

Our 3 National Teams (Men's, Women's, Native Player) are all set for a busy season. The Men's Team will face up to the Czech Republic in Prague; the Austrian National Team Squad (2 matches) in Seebarn; Bulgaria and Romania at the Tri-Nations tournament in Bucharest; and of course the annual Euro T20. The Women's Team will play in the HCL's 3rd division and will in addition hold monthly women's cricket days and monthly trainings. Also proposed are a training camp in Vienna and hopefully some international action will be confirmed as well. The Native Player team will host the Serbian Native Player Team, may play in the HCL, and hopefully will tour Devon in August (see above).

Full details of all fixtures for 2013 will be ratified by the League Committee and released shortly; official matches will begin mid-late April.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR BEING A PART OF OUR RAPIDLY GROWING HUNGARIAN CRICKET COMMUNITY!

Keep checking www.hungary4cricket.com and the [Hungarian Cricket Facebook](#) site for more updates and information.