



Michigan Cricket Association

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Michigan Cricket News

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FLASH.. FLASH!!

MichCA proudly announces another feather in its cap, Michigan Cricket News. The introduction of the news letter is aimed at providing the cricket lovers in Michigan of the past, present and future events on a quarterly basis. This news letter also aims at popularizing the beautiful sport of cricket and makes sure that the efforts of the huge number of enthusiasts are given due credit. The other purpose of the news letter is to generate revenues through sponsorship from corporations, small businesses and individuals alike. This is a long term goal and would be successful only through continuing and extended patronage from cricket lovers like you!

RECORDS AND MILESTONES

- **Michigan Cricket Association, MichCA successfully completed its sixth year of functioning and has grown from a meager 4 teams and a round 50 people to a staggering 16 teams and approximately a 1000 members. Thanks to all the people who have strived in this development.**
- **MichCA has organized its first ever Umpiring Orientation sessions under the watchful vision and exemplary guidance of Mr.V.K.Ramaswamy. Twenty five people availed this opportunity and received their level 1 umpiring certifications. Special thanks to Mr. Ramaswamy for sharing his experiences and insights. Also, MichCA would like to express their sincerest gratitude to him for umpiring league games including the GLT finals**
- **Big 3 Cricket Challenge Cup, the flagship event of the organization enters its fifth year. Daimler Chrysler is the main sponsor for this year.**
- **MichCA is happy to work with Michigan Media Powerhouse MIINDIA.com to spread the word about the many cricketing events organized by Michigan cricket association**
- **Gaurav Dhar of Troy Cricket Club Eagles posted the highest ever one day score in MichCA's history. He scored 167 runs in a 40 over game against Caribbean Cricket Club in Beatty Park, Toledo**

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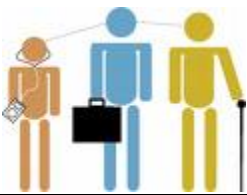
NEW MANAGEMENT of MICHIGAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION for 2007-2008

The following people have been appointed in various positions to take MichCA into the next stage of cricket. The organization is led by Mr. Shahid Ahmed and is ably supported in all divisions ranging from grass roots level to USACA affairs with its motto of maintaining the highest standards in its functioning. Special mention has to be made to all the MichCA officers who have taken up the responsibility in developing the sport of cricket in this region

Michigan Cricket Association

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TOURNAMENT OF THE AGES

Tournament of Ages played at Bloomer Park on 4/28/2007

Tournament of Ages was played in a great spirit. MichCA REDS won the tournament by defeating MichCA Whites & Blues. Congratulations to all the members of MichCA REDS & Girish Kamthe, captain of MichCA REDS.

MichCA Whites defeated MichCA Blues and finished number 2. MichCA Blues finished number 3.

RESULT: MichCA REDS, WINNERS OF TOURNAMENT OF AGES 2007

Team's based on age groups:

20-30 (REDS) **30-40 (WHITES)** **40 &above (BLUES)**

GREAT LAKES TOURNAMENT 2007

Novi Cricket Club defeated Greater Detroit Cricket Club Greens in a nail biting thrilling finish, winning by 2 runs to capture the 2007 GLT trophy.

Congratulations to Novi CC for winning the first MichCA tournament of 2007



GLT Winner's Trophy

Novi Cricket Club Captain receiving the trophy from Mr. Shahid Tahir



Guests of Honor

Shahid Tahir,
Anand Kumar
V.K.Ramaswamy
Rajeev Gandhi (not in picture)

GLT Runner's Trophy



GLT 2007

Winner – Novi Cricket Club
Runner's up – Greater Detroit Cricket Club, Greens
Finals MVP -- John Titus, Novi Cricket Club

Award Winners::

Tournament MVP – Gaurav Dhar, Troy Cricket Club, Eagles
Best Batsman – Gaurav Dhar, Troy Cricket Club, Eagles
Best Bowler – Anil Kasinadhuni– Troy Cricket Club, Eagles
Best Fielder – Vijay Aalati, Troy Cricket Club, Eagles
Best Wicket Keeper – Bijoy Paul, Troy Cricket Club, Eagles

Umpiring Orientation with Mr.V.K.Ramaswamy

MichCA was fortunate to have a cricketing personality of the stature of Mr. V. K. Ramaswamy to conduct umpiring sessions and to pass on his expertise to the cricket lovers in this region. This was done through umpiring awareness sessions and certification programs facilitated by MichCA in this regard.

There were two sessions conducted for inculcating the ins and outs of this grueling yet demanding discipline of umpiring by Mr. Ramaswamy. Before his retirement from international cricket, VKR has officiated in 26 test matches and 43 one day internationals. The learning process from the master to the students was thoroughly enjoyable as it also included some of his experiences in the international arena along with the umpiring fundamentals. These sessions were well received by the cricket enthusiasts in Michigan who received level 1 certification diplomas for successfully completing the course.

The umpiring committee comprising of Challu Koray, Imran Mallik, and Jayanth Canchi were the men behind the scenes in successful execution of this venture. Special thanks also go to Director of Lawrence Technological University Alan McLaughlin for allowing MichCA representatives to avail LTU classroom facilities for these sessions.



"No technology can replace an umpire. It will only ease the pressure on the field umpires even while giving them a chance to evaluate where they exactly stand. Honestly, I feel the field umpires can be more focused now on the job even though the charm is robbed to some extent" says VK. "



EDITORIAL

“CRICKET MANIA”

An Insider’s view of the organization and the game in general

Cricket has been growing at an alarming pace; in a derogatory fashion; at a speed at which the sales of Toyota Motor Corporation has been growing in the country. Though the growth rate is so enormous, this game is no threat to any of the homegrown and iconic American games. Cricket is being played in many part of the country for a while now-the major representative regions being, New York, California, Chicago and Florida. These regions have been superpowers of this game in US for very obvious reasons. Climate, geographic location and presence of vast immigration population from cricket playing nations are the primary reasons for their dominance in the game in US. Michigan is becoming a crucial player through its efforts in making this game from a leisurely pastime into a more professional and lucrative field of sports for upcoming young people.

Sporting facilities are available almost in each and every county in Michigan and the biggest one which offer services like youth camps and such are represented by Oakland and Detroit counties. Cricket is played in grounds situated in Bloomer park in Rochester hills, Belle isle in Detroit, Lyon Oaks Park in Wixom, Founders Park in Farmington Hills, Versluis Park in Kalamazoo, in Wyandotte and in Beatty Park in Toledo under the MichCA banner. The semi professional league conducted by MichCA at these stadiums is in two different formats. The player representations in the participating teams are based on a multitude of factors, major ones being place of work, affiliations with the other player in the team and ease of commute etc.

So far, only working professionals have taken up to playing this sport, but MichCA is focusing its efforts with renewed energy on developing this game at the grass roots levels. This will ensure that the game is taken up to the next level from where it is right now. If anyone is dreaming of US representation at a World Cup tournament (Canada already has a team representation at WC of cricket), the efforts that MichCA is undertaking in developing this game amongst the youth in this country plays a major role. There are youth camps organized, one in Troy and one in Lyon oaks in Wixom. These camps are for kids in the age range of 8-16 years of age who have the passion and are interested in learning the skill set of this game. These kids will be coached by cricketers who have lots of experience and with noteworthy credentials that bewilder many a people

Cricket is at the stage of growth just like the internet was in early 90's. Considering the financial benefits this game offers through pay compensations, media coverage and benefits, as can be seen by what people in countries like India receive (India is the uncrowned, unquestioned commercial capital of this sport), and with the huge amount of resources--both infrastructure and finance, available in US, this game offers plenty of opportunity and potential in years to come.

NON-LEAGUE GAMES EVENTS CALENDAR

June 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				Lyon Oaks Youth Camp @ Lyon Oaks County Park, Wixom	Troy Youth Camp @ Raintree Park-- John R between Big Beaver and Wattles	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				Lyon Oaks Youth Camp @ Lyon Oaks County Park, Wixom	Troy Youth Camp @ Raintree Park--John R between Big Beaver and Wattles	

July 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					Troy Youth Camp @ Raintree Park--John R between Big Beaver and Wattles	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				Lyon Oaks Youth Camp @ Lyon Oaks County Park, Wixom	Troy Youth Camp @ Raintree Park--John R between Big Beaver and Wattles	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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29	30	31				
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Lyon Oaks Youth Camp Dates in August – August 2nd, August 9th

Troy Youth Camp Dates in August -- August 3rd, August 10th

Visit www.michca.org for up to date details and more information regarding cricketing events in Michigan and administration related opportunities
Contact us @ webmaster@michca.org

Points Table - Updated 16th July 2007

Michigan Cricket Association - Division I (40 Overs) 2007

Rank	Team	P	W2	W1	D	L1	L2	WKTS	RUNS	WKTS	RUNS	Points	Run Rate
								LOST	FOR	TAKEN	AGST		
1	Troy CC Eagles	6	2	3	0	0	1	40	1163	47	915	30	1.49
2	Greater Detroit CC Greens	6	4	1	0	1	0	42	976	49	918	25	1.24
3	Greater Detroit CC Whites	6	4	0	0	2	0	48	1174	56	1116	21	1.23
4	Michigan CC	6	3	0	0	0	3	44	649	49	580	20	1.25
5	Motown CC	6	0	3	0	3	0	47	881	53	1022	18	0.97
6	Farmington Hills CC	6	0	3	0	2	1	51	729	52	849	17	0.88
7	Caribbean Cricket Club	5	1	2	0	0	2	38	1000	42	1081	16	1.02
8	Holland CC	6	0	1	0	2	3	50	1052	49	1191	12	0.87
9	Troy CC Hawks	6	1	0	0	2	3	47	685	33	630	9	0.76
10	Oakland County CC	5	0	1	0	2	2	50	642	27	649	6	0.53

Michigan Cricket Association - Division II (20 Overs) 2007, Updated till Round 5

Rank	Team	P	W2	W1	D	L1	L2	WKTS	RUNS	WKTS	RUNS	Points	Run Rate
								LOST	FOR	TAKEN	AGST		
1	Greater Detroit CC Blues	5	1	3	0	1	0	23	667	39	589	22	1.92
2	Novi Cricket Club	5	0	5	0	0	0	37	640	44	549	22	1.39
3	Toledo Cricket Academy	4	1	0	0	1	2	21	403	13	420	11	0.59
4	Lawrence Technical University CC	4	1	0	0	2	1	28	566	25	482	8	1.05
5	Canton Cricket Academy	4	1	0	0	2	1	26	446	21	472	8	0.76
6	Grand Rapids Cricket Club	2	0	0	0	2	0	14	253	10	358	1	0.50

International and Local cricket snippets

- In another significant landmark in its evolution, Cricinfo has been acquired by ESPN, the global sports media powerhouse. The acquisition was announced by ESPN and the Wisden Group -- Cricinfo staff
- There is an agreement between USACA, WICB and the commission representing the league presidents to hold fresh elections by November 30, 2007.
- Michigan Cricket Association GLT playoff news on "RADIO MIAMI INTERNATIONAL", the only weekly program devoted to cricket in west hemisphere (June 10 2007)

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