

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you are reading this message welcome to Victoria and cricket on southern Vancouver Island. Cricket has been played here and especially in and around what is now Beacon Hill Park (BHP) since colonial days so let's say roughly 150 years. At the moment the Victoria and District Cricket Association (VDCA) is comprised of 16 teams in the mid-week or Division 2 league and 10 teams in the weekend or Division 1 league. The mid-week cricketers play a shortened version of the game on most nights either at Windsor Park or BHP. On the weekend the more traditional 45 -50 over matches are played. These matches begin at noon and generally will end around 7 PM a reflection of their serious nature and time commitment made by the players.

Cricket is widely played globally and is the world's second most popular sport. An English sport, it spread rapidly around the world especially in Commonwealth countries where it remains firmly entrenched in their sporting ethos and culture. Canada is really the exception to most Commonwealth Countries owing to the proximity of American culture. However the USA like Canada and because of rapid immigration especially from the subcontinent is growing in stature as a Cricket nation. Immigration has played a large part in the growth of Cricket in the Victoria area and this growth is putting pressure on us to find new fields. We are looking for donors!!!

The task of assembling this booklet and gathering the advertisers has fallen upon Mike Holt and Keith Harris this year. We rely almost entirely on volunteers to run the league so my thanks to these two and Nagy Thomas who has contributed so much in the past. Finally my thanks to the advertisers who have made this booklet possible with their subscriptions.

May spectators, umpires and players have a very enjoyable season.

Jim Wenman