

**GCA Executive Body 2010-2011.:**

1) Roger Harper – President, 2) Neil Barry - Vice President (Cricket Development), 3) Surendra Hiralal - Vice President (Finance & Fund Raising), 4) Keniemo Alphonso - Secretary, 5) Harry Parmesar – Treasurer, 6) Theresa Pemberton – Assistant Secretary, 7) Dennis Wilson – Assistant Treasurer, 8) Lance Hinds - Marketing Manager, 9) Colin Alfred – Public Relations Officer, 10) Shaun Massiah – Chairman Competitions Committee, 11) Mark Harper – Chairman Senior Selectors, 12) Roderick Lovell – Chairman Junior Selectors.

## **GEORGETOWN CRICKET ASSOCIATION**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT-2010/2011**

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### **ADMINISTRATION**

The GCA Executive, since attending office in January 2010 held 7 statutory meetings. Below is the attendance record for GCA Statutory Meetings:

NAMES	MEETINGS HELD	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Surendra Hiralall	7	2	5	1
Theresa Pemberton	7	3	4	2
Keniemo Alphonso	7	7	0	
Harry Parmesar	7	3	4	2
Dennis Wilson	7	4	2	2
Shaun Massiah	7	7	0	
Colin Alfred	7	7	0	
Mark Harper	6	5	0	1
Roderick Lovell	6	3	3	0
Neil Barry	7	7	0	
Lance Hinds	7	3	4	2
Roger Harper	7	7	0	

## **Sub Committees**

The following sub committees were established for the purpose of executing the various aspects of the GCA's Mandate:

1. Cricket Development Committee
2. Competition's Committee
3. Marketing Committee
4. Public relations committee
5. Fund raising Committee
6. Disciplinary committee

### ***Cricket Development Committee***

This committee was ably headed by Mr. Neil Barry as they executed their mandated responsibility with excellence.

As part of its development programme the Cricket Development Committee held the following activities:

- 21<sup>st</sup> March – Met with Club Captains and Cricket Captains of GCA member clubs prior to the start of the season.
- 20<sup>th</sup> May – Workshop on Leadership, Preparation & Taking Personal Responsibility – At Everest Cricket Club.
- 29<sup>th</sup> May - Spin Bowling & Batting Against Spin Clinic – National Gymnasium.
- 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Skill Development Camp for U-15 & U-19 Players – Everest Cricket Club.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> August - Follow-up Clinics for U-15 & U-19 Players – National Gymnasium.
- 10<sup>th</sup> August - Pace Bowling Clinic - National Gymnasium.
- 12<sup>th</sup> August – Wicket-keeping Clinic – National Gymnasium.
- 17<sup>th</sup> September - Launching Of Tropical Mist PeeWee League - U-13 Players (new age group competition - an Initiative of the CDC).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> November – First session of GCA Outreach Programme at Gandhi Youth Organisation Sports Club.

Most of these activities were conducted during the rainy season and the challenge for the GCA has been finding available suitable facilities to conduct its clinics.

## ***Competition's Committee***

For 2010 the GCA Competition's Committee under the outstanding stewardship of Mr Shaun Massiah ran off the following competitions:

1. The Haier Cup – 2<sup>nd</sup> Division 40-overs competition.
2. The Digicel 20/20 – 1<sup>st</sup> Division 20-overs competition.
3. The Tropical Mist PeeWee League – under-13 team pairs competition.
4. The Carib Beer & Friends of Cricket "Heroes Cup" – 1<sup>st</sup> Division 2-days competition.
5. The Noble House Seafoods Trophy – 2<sup>nd</sup> Division 2-days competition.

The Georgetown Cricket Association launched the 2010 season with the **Haier Cup** Second Division 40-Overs Competition which began on 27<sup>th</sup> March and had three rounds completed prior to the forced break due from mid April due to the rainy season. The competition restarted on 4<sup>th</sup> September and was completed on 10<sup>th</sup> October with the final that was held at the Demerara Cricket Club ground. GNIC defeated the Demerara Cricket Club to win the competition. This was a unique sponsorship by Queensway Store, Mays Store and Value Maxx Store under the Haier Brand where a number of individual awards were handed out for outstanding performances during the competition and at the finals;

- Haier DVD players were awarded to the outstanding player of each round.
- 21-inch Haier TV's were given out to the MVP of each half of the competition.
- 14-inch Haier TV's were given out to the leading batsman and bowler of the competition.
- A DVD player was given to the leading fielder of the competition.
- Haier DVD players were awarded to the Man of the Match of each semi-final.
- A 21-inch Haier TV players was awarded to the Man of the Match of the final.
- Haier Microwaves were given to the best batsman and bowler in the final.
- A 29-inch Haier TV was given to the MVP of the entire competition.

The match control team and members of the press also received Haier products at the post final presentation ceremony.

**The Digicel 20/20** Competition for First Division teams in Georgetown began on 9<sup>th</sup> May and had progressed to the semi-final stage before the break for the rainy season. The final was eventually held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September with Demerara Cricket Club defeating GNIC to win the trophy in a game that was reduced to 7 overs a side because of inclement weather. Georgetown Cricket Club defeated Everest Cricket Club in the third place play-off.

**The Tropical Mist PeeWee League** for under-13 players began on 18<sup>th</sup> September and was completed in December. This is a new initiative by the GCA and has been very well received by the public in general and the players, coaches and their parents in particular. The format ensures involvement of all players while helping to inculcate teamwork and discipline and also teach our young players to place a great value on their wicket when batting.

**The Carib Beer & Friends of Cricket “Heroes Cup”** – 1<sup>st</sup> Division 2-days competition began on the 25<sup>th</sup> September and is ongoing.

**The Noble House Seafoods Trophy** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Division 2-days competition began on the 16<sup>th</sup> October and is in progress.

The GCA Under-15 & Under-19 competitions were scheduled to be played in December, however, inclement weather caused the postponement for these competitions.

This year the GCA made a point of recognizing the contributions of the Umpires, Match Referee and Scorer (book) at the presentation ceremonies at the end of finals of GCA competitions held to date (Digicel 20/20 & The Haier Cup) by presenting each of them with a commemorative medallion. In the Haier Cup they were each presented with a Haier DVD Player by the sponsor.

### ***SPECIAL EVENTS***

A “Youth Cricket Awards and Launch of the 2010 Season” ceremony was held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010. This ceremony was designed to reward our youth players for their performances in the 2009 Lifetime Realty Under-15 and Yhann’s Engineering Under-19 competitions as well as mark the beginning of the 2010 GCA cricket season with the launching of the Haier Cup.

### ***GCA SELECTION & GCA TEAMS PERFORMANCES***

The GCA **Junior Selection Committee** is comprised of Chairman Roderick Lovell, Gavin Nedd and Rayon Griffith. Mark Harper acts as an alternate for this committee.

Selection and preparation of the youth teams were done in a similar manner, with thirty-eight players for the under-19’s and thirty-four for the under-15’s being called up. There were practice sessions over a period of three days after which two trials games were held to select the respective teams. After the teams were selected, practice sessions were arranged for them with their respective technical teams.

The GCA **Under-15 Team** was Captained by Kumar Singh, Coached by Gavin Nedd and Managed by Roderick Lovell. The GCA Under-15 Team played undefeated in the preliminary stages of the DCB Under-15 inter-association competition but lost the final to East Coast, however the GCA provided nine players for the Demerara

squad for the GCB Inter-County Under-15 competition. Four players from the GCA went onto represent the Guyana Under-15 Team.

The GCA **Under-19 Team** was Captained by Dexter Solomon, Coached by Roderick Lovell and Managed by Orin Hutson. Quasen Nedd coached the team in the final due to Roderick Lovell's unavailability.

The GCA Under-19 Team won the DCB inter-association competition, playing unbeaten throughout the competition. Ten GCA players made the Demerara squad for the GCB Inter-County Under-19 competition and seven GCA players went on to represent Guyana in the regional Under-19 tournament this year.

The GCA **Senior Selection Committee** of Chairman Mark Harper, Bharat Mangru and Reon King met on May 24th, June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup>. Squads and teams were selected for the DJ Stress 20/ 20 competition, the Guyana Cricket Board Digicel Summer Splash 20/ 20 Inter Association Competition and Georgetown versus East Coast preliminary match to the Guyana warm-up match versus Trinidad. The selectors called twenty-seven players to prepare for the 20/ 20 competitions.

The Captain, Leon Johnson, the Coach, Roderick Lovell and senior player Travis Dowlin were invited to meetings and the Coach and Captain also had discussions with the Chairman who in turn discussed with the other selectors one of whom was the Manager of the team, Bharat Mangru.

The GCA senior team played six matches and won five in Digicel Summer Splash, defeating East Bank, East Coast twice, West Berbice and Essequibo. Georgetown lost to New Amsterdam (Berbice) in the final.

The team lost two other matches; to the **Berbice Titans** in the first round of the DJ Stress competition and to East Coast in the preliminary match in the Guyana Versus Trinidad series . It should be noted that Georgetown was not at full strength for this encounter but was a good enough team to have won this game.

While it was felt that the team performed creditably and there were some outstanding performances it was also generally felt that they did not perform to their full potential.

Georgetown players Steven Jacobs, Christopher Barnwell, Travis Dowlin, Ramnaresh Sarwan and Derwin Christian were part of the winning Caribbean T20 Guyana team and went on to represent Guyana at the **Airtel Champions League** T20 competition in South Africa. Georgetown players Trevon Griffith and Leon Johnson were on standby. Steven Jacobs and Christopher Barnwell, Derwin Christian and Ramnaresh Sarwan represented Guyana in the recently concluded regional 50-overs tournament in Jamaica.

A number of fresh talented players from Georgetown came to prominence in the Berbice versus Demerara Under-23 limited overs series. The Georgetown players selected were Amir Khan, Wasim Haslam, Elton Baker, Joseph Perry , Totoram Bishun, Andre Stoll, Kellon Carmichael, Trevon Griffith, Travis Blyden, Shemroy Barrington and Vishaul Singh.

The Chairman of the Senior Selection Committee noted that with the emerging talent in Georgetown team selections were very challenging. He however stated that players were selected on performance, ability, experience, discipline, team spirit, attitude and fitness. Injured players were asked to undertake a fitness test and produce a medical certificate if necessary to prove their fitness.

## ***PUBLIC RELATIONS***

On 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2010 the GCA Public Relations Committee launched a GCA TV programme called “Between the Sticks With The GCA”. The programme is held twice monthly on Fridays commencing at 20.35 hours or 21.05 hours on NCN. The aim of the programme is to highlight the cricket in Georgetown, feature outstanding players in GCA competitions, educate the viewers, especially the youths, on the laws of cricket and to pass on pertinent coaching tips to the viewers. Judging from feedback, the programme has been well received.

## ***CONCLUSION***

Based on objectives set out by the committee for the 2010/11 term, your association had a very successful year. The launching of the new television programme “Between the sticks” regenerated an interest in club cricket in Georgetown as it sought to promote the interest of the people who matter the most in this association – our players. This venture had also drawn in a considerable amount of much needed revenue to the association’s coffers. It serves as a true representation of a comprehensive contemporary vision that was brought to the table by the new leadership of the Association.

In keeping with its motto the association held seminars that were geared at constructively reengineering the thoughts and technique of both our young and senior players. These seminars were conducted by highly qualified and experienced individuals who worked with a passion for the sport and its most valuable assets- our players.

The implementation of the PeeWee league serves as a testimony to the new thinking and commitment of the GCA under the stewardship of Mr. Roger Harper. Its success in 2010 in getting parents, sponsors, administrators and young enthusiastic cricketers together to forward the interest of new young talents is revolutionary to the country and promises much reward for cricket in Georgetown.

The Cricketing year 2010/11 was a very challenging but rewarding one for the GCA. Though some previous sponsors refused to lend support to the new committee and did not renew their sponsorship, we found a world of exciting and new businesses willing to come on board and support cricket in ways never seen before in the history of the GCA.

The Georgetown Cricket Association would like to thank all of our **sponsors** for partnering with us in such a big way this year:

- Queensway (on Water Street)
- Digicel

- Carib Beer
- Friends of Cricket from The Seafood's Industry
- Noble House Seafoods
- Desinco Trading
- Safeway Security
- Yhann's Engineering
- Banks DIH – Tropical Mist
- Brainstreet Technology

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