

## **INTRODUCTION**

It is indeed my pleasure to present to you a report for the 2007/2008 season.

### **1.0 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 51st Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at the National Cricket Centre, Clifford Roach Drive, Sonny Ramadin Turn, Balmain Village, Couva.

#### **Election Results**

##### **Officers**

President	~	Deryck L. Murray CMT
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	~	Azim Bassarath
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	~	Leo Doodnath
General Secretary	~	Forbes Persaud MOM
Treasurer	~	Richard J Williams

##### **Executive Members**

Lalman Kowlessar HBM  
Omar Khan  
Dr. Allen Sammy  
Colin Borde  
Ignatius Trim  
William Wallace

### **2.0 SECRETARIAT**

**Our Cricket Secretariat is staffed by the following persons:-**

Chief Executive Officer	~	Forbes Persaud MOM
Administrative & Facilities Manager	~	Rambhai Patel HBM
Sen. Administrative Assistant	~	Allyson Ali
Administrative Assistant	~	Alicia David
Administrative Assistant	~	Stephanie Rambarose
Oval Office – Manager	~	Ronald Cape

**In addition our Development Centre, is staffed by:-**

House Keeper	~	Lystra Paterson
House Keeper	~	Kamla Krishna
Utility Person	~	Dexter Nolan
Utility Person	~	Jaikaran Ramchan
Curator	~	Declon Cadiz
Curator	~	K. Pulchan
Night Security	~	Ramlal Ramchan
Day Security	~	Vivian Caliste
Senior Coach	~	Kelvin Williams

### **3.0 PORTFOLIO ASSIGNMENTS**

Assignments to Officers, Executive Members and other Board Members were allotted specific committee assignments to effectively attain our objectives.

Assignments are detailed on pages 8-10 of the 2008 Fixtures Booklet.

### **4.0 NATIONAL CRICKET CENTRE/SIR FRANK WORRELL DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**

The Sir Frank Worrell Development Centre will soon be extended and upgraded in order to facilitate offices, larger indoor and outdoor nets, stock rooms.

### **5.0 DISCIPLINARY**

1. The Tribunal Committee dismissed the appeal by Couva Sports Club against Moosai Sports Club.
2. Appeal by Caroni Savannah Sports Club is still outstanding and the board is awaiting decision from the Tribunal.

### **6.0 TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT**

#### **West Indies Level I Coaching Courses**

A WICB Level One Coaching Course was recently conducted by Mr. Wendell Coppin at the Sir Frank Worrell Development Centre. National players as well as representatives from Zonal Super League Clubs took part. Another WICB Level 1 as well as a WICB Level 2 course is planned to get underway before the end of the year.

#### **Tutor and Assessment Training Course**

Mr. Tarandath Sammy along with five coaches from the other territories is currently participating in a tutor and assessment training course in England. The course will run from October 21<sup>st</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>.

## **7.0 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

### **1. STAR PROGRAMME**

More than one hundred secondary schools participated in this exercise which caters for form one students. The programme began in September 07 and ended in May 08 with a cricket festival.

### **2. HIGH PERFORMANCE CENTRE**

The high performance centres for under 18 were conducted at seven venues in Trinidad and one in Tobago. Sixteen boys were assigned to each centre and the programme was conducted over a five weekend period. The programme culminated with Prize Distribution function was held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at Plaza De Montrose, Chaguanas. The function was attended with Dr. Donald Peters – Chief Executive Officer – WICB, who delivered the feature address.

### **3. POWERGEN COACHING PROGRAMME**

The PowerGen Youth Development Programme for under 13 and under 15 cricketers got underway in July this year at more than ninety venues. Phase 1 has been completed and the programme is now in its second phase.

### **4. EASTER BUNNY 5 to 13 YEARS COACHING PROGRAMME**

This programme was conducted over a seven day period at thirty one venues during the Easter vacation. Ninety three coaches were involved and the programme attracted approximately one thousand boys and girls.

### **5. GUARDIAN LIFE UNDER 10**

The Guardian Life Under 10 Programme climaxed with a gala closing ceremony at the Sir Frank Worrell Development Centre. Sangre Grande Hindu School was declared winners of the Super Skill competition.

### **6. CRICKET ACADEMY**

The Cricket Academy for Under 23 cricketers got underway on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. The academy will run for nine weekends at the SFWDC. Former West Indies opening batsman Desmond Haynes conducted the coaching sessions over the first weekend while several prominent professional resource personnel including Frankly Dolly, Patricia Charles, Fazeer Mohammed, Dr. Anil Gopeesingh, Omar Khan have been conducting sessions with the participants in an effort to assist with their all round development. West Indies coach John Dyson and his technical staff is expected to conduct training sessions with the young cricketers. Among the cricketers involved in the academy are Adrian Barath, Jason Mohammed, Rishi Bachan, Justin Guillen, Darren Bravo, Kervon Cooper, Daron Cruickshank, Magnum Nanan, Vishan Ramroop, William Perkins, Kjorn Ottley, Yannick Cariah, Anthony Balgobin, Mario Belcon, Franklyn Rouse, Kegan Roy, Shannon Gabriel, Dane Teelucksingh, Sunil Narine.

7. **YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TOURS**

In our continued efforts to give our young cricketers more exposure and experience against opposition outside of Trinidad and Tobago several tours were organized and undertaken in 2007.

The **National Under 17 team** participated in the Sir Gary Sobers Schoolboys Cricket Festival and gave a tremendous performance as they played unbeaten to retain the prestigious title. The team was managed by Narsingh Rambaran with Tarandath Sammy as coach.

Our **National Under 13 team** participated in the St Kitts Cricket Festival and was runner up to Barbados. The team was managed by Kishor Nandlal with John Pollard as coach.

**National Primary Schools Boys and Girls Teams** toured Guyana during the summer vacation.

**National Secondary Schools Under 14 & 18 Teams** toured Antigua during the summer vacation. Both teams were successful by winning all their matches.

8. **REGIONAL UNDER 17 SERIES**

The TTCB has taken another initiative to assist in the development of youth cricket and will be staging a Regional Under 17 Series from December 9<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>. All Territorial Boards have accepted to participate.

9. **SPORTT CAMP – SPORTS FOR LIFE**

The Sports for Life all day camps organized by the Sport Company of Trinidad and Tobago for all national sporting organizations are scheduled ran from August 4 to 22. The TTCB submitted a list of ninety four venues with the names of coordinators, coaches, assistant coaches attached. A meeting was held at the NCC on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July at which approximately eighty of the proposed coordinators were in attendance as well as Charles Branche of SPORTT, Forbes Persaud and Leo Doodnath of the TTCB.

However, several questions from the coordinators were left unanswered by the SPORT official. Persaud and Roy Saroop attended a meeting the following day at SPORTT's office, Ato Boldon Stadium and again raised the concerns of the coordinators. Promise by the SPORTT officials to report to us before the end of the day did not materialize. From the list of ninety four venues submitted only twenty four were selected. It must be mentioned however that the cricket centres came in for high praise from SPORTT.

## 10. EAST RAND ACADEMY

The Board will host the East Rand Academy Under 23 Team of South Africa from 8<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

Five One Day matches and two (2) day matches have been arranged:

- 12<sup>th</sup> January vs Under 19;
- 13<sup>th</sup> January vs National Under 23;
- 15<sup>th</sup> January vs national Under 23;
- 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January (2 day match) vs Tobago in Tobago;
- 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> January two day match vs National Under 23;
- 23<sup>rd</sup> January one day match vs Under 23.

A Trinidad & Tobago Under 23 Team has been invited as well by the academy to make a tour to South Africa in 2009 at the expense of the East Rand Academy.

## 8.0 T & T WOMEN CRICKET BOARD



### ARGENTINA TOUR

A well prepared Under 15 Team completed a successful tour to Argentina by having won all matches convincingly.



### WEST INDIES TEAM

Six players from Trinidad and Tobago have been selected for the 2009 World Cup. They are:

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| - Merissa Aguillera | - Kirbyina Alexander |
| - Lee Ann Kirby     | - Stacyann King      |
| - Gaitry Seetahal.  | - Anisa Mohammed     |

## 9.0 SECONDARY SCHOOLS CRICKET LEAGUE

### POWERGEN SECONDARY SCHOOLS CRICKET LEAGUE



#### INTERCOL

Presentation College defeated El Dorado Secondary in the final in the Day/Night match at Guaracara Park .



#### ZONAL PLAY OFFS AND GIRLS FESTIVAL

The tournament among zonal champions in the under 14 was won by Hillview College, Under 16 was won by St. Mary's College and in the Girls open – Barackpore Secondary defeated Laxshmi Girls in the final.

➤ **PRIZE GIVING FUNCTION**

The SSCL held its prize giving function on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008 at the RCLRC. President Deryck Murray and CEO/General Secretary Forbes Persaud represented the Board.

## **10.0 PRIMARY SCHOOLS CRICKET LEAGUE**

- a. Awards function held on 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 at RCLRC, Couva. TTCB was represented by Deryck Murray, President and Forbes Persaud, CEO.
- b. **Inter School Boys Champions** – Charlieville ASJA
- c. **Inter School Girls Champions** – Rochard Douglas Presbyterian
- d. **Inter District Champions** – Caroni
- e. **Super League Champions** – Clarke Rochard Government
- f. **Cricketer of the Year** – Shane Arjoon – Clarke Rochard Government
- g. **Cricket Development Camps Boys**  
Held on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June at Wilson Road Recreation Ground and Aranjuez Sports Club.
- h. **Cricket development Camp Girls**  
Held on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June at Squadron Recreation Ground and Preysal High School.
- i. **North v South matches**  
Held at Aranjuez Sports Club ground on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June and at NCC on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

## **11.0 INTER ZONE COMPETITIONS**

➤ **Inter Zone Youth**  
**BG T&T INTER ZONE YOUTH TOURNAMENT- WINNERS**

Under Thirteen - East Zone

Under Fifteen – East Zone

Under Seventeen – Central Zone

Under Nineteen – Central/South East (joint winners).

➤ **CLICO INTERNATIONAL UNDER 15 CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP**

The tournament was a success with West Indies team emerging victorious in the Limited Overs Tournament. The final against Pakistan was played at the Queen's Park Oval.

➤ **COURTS INTER ZONE**

South East defeated Tobago in the final at Shaw Park, Tobago

## **12.0 GERRY GOMEZ CLASSIC**

This game was scheduled for Dec 27 to 30. However within three days the match was over with north completely outplaying south to retain the title.

## **13.0 REGIONAL COMPETITIONS**

### **REGIONAL UNDER 15**

T&T finished in fourth position in this year's regional tournament. Jamaica won the series.

### **REGIONAL UNDER 19**

Trinidad and Tobago's Under 19 Team placed third in the 2008 TCL Regional Youth Tournament in Barbados. However, our National Team emerged as champions in the limited over's competition. It must be noted that during this tournament six members of the team had to be sent home for breaching team rules. They were replaced by under seventeen players who were representing the country in the Sir Garry Sobers tournament.

### **STANFORD 20/20**

The T&T team astutely led by Daren Ganga lifted the Stanford 20/20 title when they comprehensively whipped Jamaica in the final. Jamaica batted first and were skittled out for a meager ninety one runs. T&T wasted very little time and needed just 9.3 overs to lift the prestigious title. The team collected one million US Dollars.

### **CARIB BEER SERIES**

Trinidad and Tobago performed very well in this year's tournament and was unfortunate to have had their game against the Leeward Islands completely washed out. But despite this setback T&T finished as runners up to Jamaica. T&T played second fiddle to Jamaica in the Carib Challenge final which was played in Jamaica.

## **14.0 DOMESTIC COMPETITIONS**

### **NATIONAL LEAGUE**



#### **POINTS STANDINGS**

##### **Division One**

Merry Boys 114, PowerGen 111, Queen's Park 108, Clarke Road 107, Comets 85, Preysal 74, Wanderers 65, Munroe Road 42.

##### **Division One Reserve**

**Winner** – Clarke Road

**Runner Up** – Preysal



##### **Division Two**

Moosai's Sports 128, Central Sports 118, Aranjuez 104, Couva Sports 63, Invaders 61, Endeavour 57, Defence Force 49, Police did not take part.

##### **Division Two Reserve**

**Winner** - Defence Force

**Runner Up** – Moosai

- **CARIB SUNDAY LEAGUE** ~ Ceramic Merry Boys emerged as winner with W Connection Wanderers as runner-up.
- **CARIB SHIELD 20/20** ~ Clico Preysal emerged as winner with Queen's Park Cricket Club as runner up
- **NOEL GUILLEN MEMORIAL UNDER 21** – Queen's Park Cricket Club emerged as winner with Moosai Sports Club as runner-up.
- **CARIB RESERVE LEAGUE LIMITED OVERS** – Queen's Park Cricket Club emerged as winner with W. Connection Wanderers as runner-up.

## 15.0 **ZONAL SUPER LEAGUE**

Following is the Super League Honour list:

- a. **League Competition**  
 Northern Super League: Winner – Barataria Ball Players  
 Central Super League: Winner – Milton Valley Boys  
 Southern Super League: Winner – Victoria Sports Cub
- b. **Reserve League Competition**  
 Northern: Winner – Queen's Park Cricket Club  
 Central: Winner – Spoilers Sports Club  
 Southern: Winner – Evergreen Sports Club

## 16.0 **ZONAL COMPETITIONS**

- a. **North Zone:** Division 1 winner – Santa Cruz  
 Division 2 winner – Harvard  
 Limited Overs winner – Harvard  
 20/20 - joint winners – Wanderers/Santa Cruz
- b. **North East Zone:** Division 1 winner – Explorers  
 Division 2 winner – Mixtures S C  
 Sunday League Limited Overs – Explorers  
 20/20 – winner - Explorers
- c. **Central Zone:** Division 1 winner – No decision (Protest pending)  
 Division 2 winner – Caroni Conquerors  
 Sunday League winner – Caroni Conquerors  
 20/20 – winner – Mc Bean

- d. **South Zone:** Division 1 winner – Clarke Rochard  
 Division 2 winner – T&TEC  
 Ramsingh’s Limited Overs – Young Lions  
 20/20 – winner – T&TEC  
 Agostini Over 35 – Puna Sports  
 Ramlogan’s (35 Overs) – Puna Sports
- e. **South East Zone:** Division 1 winner – St. Mary’s Super Stars  
 Division 2 winner – Untouchables  
 Division 3 winner – Sancho Sports  
 Sunday League Division I & II – Joint Champions  
 (Rio and Trenchtown)  
 Sunday League Division III winner– School Trace  
 20/20 Limited Overs Winner –Trenchtown Sports
- f. **East Zone:** Division 1 Winner- Dinsley Sports  
 Division 2 Winner – Cane Farm Sports  
 20/20 – winner – Prisons Sports Club  
 Limited Overs – Disley Sports Club
- g. **South West Zone:** Division 1 Winner – Rousillac United  
 Division 2 Winner – Quarry United  
 Limited Overs (35)Winner – Rousillac United  
 20/20 – winner – Rousillac United

## 17.0 **PRESENTATION FUNCTION**

The 52nd Annual Presentation Function was held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2008 at Gaston Court, Gaston Street, Lange Park, Chaguanas. The function was well attended with approximately 400 guests in attendance.

The Guest Speaker was Mr. Mike Brearley –President of MCC and Former England Captain.

### **The honour list included the following:-**

- Ceramic Merry Boys as “Club of the Year”.  
 William Wallace as “Administrator of the Year”.
- Dwayne Bravo received the TTCB President’s Award for his extraordinary contribution and success towards the West Indies & National Senior Team.
- Amit Jaggernaut was the National Senior Cricketer of the Year.
- Adrian Barath was the National Youth Cricketer of the Year.
- Dwayne Bravo was named International Cricketer of the Year

## **18.0 CRICKET RESTRUCTURING**

There will be a change in format in club competitions at the senior level. The National league divisions one and two have been disbanded and will be replaced by a Premier division as well as a north and south championship divisions. Ten clubs will play in each of these divisions. Vying for honours in the premier division are Ceramic Merry Boys, Clico Preysal, PowerGen, Alescon Comets, FC Clarke Road, Queen's Park, Moosai's, Central Sports, WConnection Wanderers, Munroe Road.

The North Championship division will include Aranjuez Sports, Defence Force, Queen's Park, Barataria Ball Players, Sweet Revenge, Curepe, Bamboo, Endeavour, Invaders. A decision is yet to be taken as to whether Police will be the tenth club in the north.

In the South Championship division the following clubs are expected to participate: Milton , Caldrac, Calcutta , Spoilers, Victoria , Diamond, Evergreen, Woodland , Valiants, Couva. The composition of teams in this division is subject to change since there is an appeal pending in a matter involving Caroni Savannah Road.

## **19.0 NATIONAL SENIOR TEAM**

The national senior team will participate in the Stanford Super Series 20/20 tournament scheduled to take place in Antigua from October 25<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> 2008. The national team will play two warm up matches against England and the Stanford Super Stars team. They will also play against English county 20/20 champions Middlesex where the winner will receive US180,000. The team will be led by Daren Ganga and will include, Samuel Badree, William Perkins, Lendl Simmons, Denesh Ramdin, Amit Jaggernaut, Justin Guillen, Daron Cruickshank, Darren Bravo, Kervon Cooper, Navin Stewart, Sherwin Ganga, Rishi Bachan, Richard Kelly, Ravi Rampaul, with Colin Borde (manager) Kelvin Williams (coach) and Ronald Rogers (trainer).

## **20.0 CENTRAL ZONE**

For this entire season this zone has been experiencing serious administrative problems and these have had adverse effects on the smooth running of the zone. The board has made several efforts to address these problems yet there are still several unresolved issues. The board has recently asked Dr Claude Denbow to act as an arbitrator.

## **21.0 ZONAL FUNDING**

The board in its efforts to assist all zones and Tobago, continue to fund these organizations to the tune of well over \$200,000 annually. Approximately \$65,000 in cash via a grant and club and players registration fees is given to each organization while the rest is spent on development programmes and defraying costs for all inter zone matches. It should be pointed out that apart from organizing competitions and prize giving functions there is very little or no activities at all that are undertaken in some zones.

## **22.0 ZONAL and CLUB DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR**

The board organized a zonal and club development seminar which was conducted by Dr Ernest Hillare at the Preysal High School. While Dr Hillaire made a wonderful presentation it is sad to say that the seminar was poorly attended.

## **23.0 REGIONAL CORPORATIONS and BOROUGH COUNCILS**

The CEO's and Works supervisors of all regional and borough corporations were invited by the board to discuss a document on the preparation of grounds, pitches and pavilions on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October at the NCC. President Murray reported that while the discussions were very fruitful the attendance was very poor. The Point Fortin Borough, Mayaro, Sangre Grande and Couva/Talparo corporations were represented.

## **24.0 RETREAT**

A retreat was held at the Normandie Hotel on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October for executive and nominated members of the board. This proved to be a very useful exercise.

## **25.0 FUNDING**

The Board is extremely grateful to the following sponsors/donors for their generous support towards the 2007/2008 Season.

Sports Company of Trinidad & Tobago  
Ministry of Sport & Youth Affairs  
BG Trinidad & Tobago  
Eastern Credit Union  
Prestige Holding Limited  
Courts Trinidad Limited  
Woodguill Development Co. Limited  
Carib Brewery Limited  
Power Generation Company Limited  
Guardian Life Limited

We are all well aware that sponsorship is of paramount importance to the sustenance of the game. Therefore I remind all stakeholders, zones, affiliates, clubs etc that they should at all times pay due respect and appreciation to sponsors as well as other institutions that continue to assist us with funding that is so vital.

## **26.0 ANNUAL ZONAL PRESENTATION FUNCTIONS**

- **South East** held their presentation function on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2008 with the Feature address delivered by national player Mr. Samuel Badree. Mr. Deryck Murray, President (TTCB) brought greetings on behalf of the Board.
- **North Zone** presentation function was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> October at the Hasely Crawford National Stadium. Junior Minister of National Security, The Honorable Donna Cox delivered the feature address. Mr. Leo Doodnath- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (TTCB) represented the Board.
- **North East** presentation function will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2008 at Manzanilla High School.
- **South Zone** presentation function will be held at Pleasantville Sporting Complex on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2008.
- **East Zone** presentation function will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at El Dorado Secondary School.
- **South West** presentation function will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at Vessigny Secondary School.
- **Central Zone** is yet to announce a date for their function.

## **CONCLUSION**

It is an expressed opinion by all of our major sponsors, including the Ministry of Sport and SPORTT, our membership and the public in general that the TTCB is the best organized and most efficiently run national sporting organization in Trinidad and Tobago. However there are those in the minority with their own agenda who will continue to do anything possible to tarnish the good image of the board failing at all times to recognize the efforts that the TTCB is making with respect to the development of the game locally, regionally and internationally as well as national development. Nevertheless just like the outstanding administrators who have served and gone so too will all of us presently serving this wonderful game. Against this background I appeal to those who have been working in the best interest of our young people to continue bearing in mind that some day you will be richly rewarded if not in this lifetime but certainly in the hereafter. To the others I urge you to please take example and get on board.

On behalf of the executive it is my fervent wish that 2009 will be a successful one for all of us.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Forbes Persaud MOM**  
**General Secretary**