CRICKET FOR ALL AGES

The Chiang Mai Cricket Foundation, incorporating the Chiang Mai Schools Cricket Alliance has had another highly successful season providing cricket for children of all ages and all abilities. Great credit should go to all the coaches, helpers and to the children themselves.

Thanks should also be given to the San Miguel Chiang Mai International Cricket Sixes for their generous support. Their help goes a long way towards developing youth cricket in the North of Thailand.

Highlights of the season included seven Sawasdee Cricket tournaments for the youngest children, culminating in the 13th staging of the Sixes Sawasdee Cup; a junior Thai side taking on the might of MCC; Jun hitting the ball to all corners of Gymkhana as he became the first junior to score a century.

There was a strong Chiang Mai presence in the Thailand U-19 girls team who finished as runners-up in an ACC tournament in Kuwait, and Nikom and Bonchooai, members of the Hill Tribe program, have been selected for training for the Thailand U-16s.

The Sixes also make a regular contribution to the improvement of ground and practice facilities. In 2012 a new net has been constructed at Muangwak School to give Lamphun, long time part of the CMSCA and where cricket is now developing fast, its first hard ball practice facility.

The Pinky House has been home for several Hill Tribe boys who are flourishing on the cricket field and at school, and new recruits are on the way, while the first girl, Nok, a wonderfully talented cricketer, is now being looked after. A recent visit to the villages has unearthed more hidden talent who will benefit greatly from the move to Chiang Mai.

Donations of money and cricket kit will be gratefully received: see Jenny at the ground, or contact Martin Papworth or Chris Dodd. Further details of the 2011/12 season can be found elsewhere in the magazine.

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