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Friendship through cricket – howzat?

From: Anthony Kerr (on behalf of the Cricket Club of the Lawyers of Ireland), email: Anthony.Kerr@ucd.ie

Whatever may be the pleasures of the Mardyke, Cambridge was undoubtedly the place to be for any cricketing lawyer this past summer. Duncan Grehan's excellent contribution to your August/September 2009 issue could only give a flavour of the second Lawyers' Cricket World Cup (LCWC), whose motto is 'Cricket for friendship'. For a fuller account of what occurred on tour, see Michael Foster's contribution to the Cricket Ireland website at www.cricketeurope4.net.

As both Duncan and Michael point out, the tournament gave the Irish team, drawn from both branches of the profession – North and South – the opportunity, not just to play some competitive cricket, but also to meet like-minded lawyers from other common law jurisdictions. The motto could



now read 'Friendship through cricket'.

Such was the success of the tournament, and the Irish squad's contribution thereto, that no fewer than three of the team participants have expressed a serious interest in touring Ireland next year. The Indian lawyers want to come in May and the Trinidadian lawyers (whose team included Prakash Moosai and Vasheist Kokaram JJ of the Supreme Court of Trinidad and Tobago) want to

visit during the first week of August.

The English and Welsh solicitors have suggested some time during the Whit vacation. Each of them wish to play three matches. Possible venues that have been identified include College Park, Oakhill, Mount Juliet and even the Mardyke! The Bar of England and Wales have also suggested a triangular tournament with their Scottish counterparts and Ireland, to be held in Liverpool.

I would urge any cricketing lawyer who would like to be involved in any of the matches next year and, indeed, to be considered for inclusion in the Irish squad for Barbados 2011 (the third LCWC) to contact either myself (Anthony.Kerr@ucd.ie) or the other members of the organising committee: Roland Budd and Charles Butler (rgbudd@ireland.com and charlie@cornerstonelaw.ie).

Given the cricketing talent available, we are sure that an Irish squad can go to Barbados, not just to participate, but also to compete. It is clear, however, that Australia's success in this year's tournament was considerably assisted by the outstanding financial support the squad received from their fellow lawyers and clients. If our ambitions are to be realised, it is imperative that substantial sponsorship be obtained. Any suggestions in that respect would be most welcome. **G**



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