



## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ICA



It is with great pleasure that I kick off the new edition of the ICA monthly newsletter.

Over the past three months, I have been privileged to have seen some brilliant test cricket. Test match has a special appeal to me, this is the cricket of the intellectual who sits back and savours what he sees whether it is the majestic Kallis, the furious Steyn, the magical Ajmal or the one player that epitomises for me everything that is special in test cricket MS Dhoni. Cricket can now boast a 7 foot giant, Ifran from Pakistan. Test cricket is the perfect game not the ersatz T20 or the reality food show 50 over ODI, which serves us up the same dish everytime.

The [2013](#) season starts after Pessah in mid April and we all look forward to an exciting league again this year. In mid July we welcome 10 teams who will be participating in the 19th Maccabi games. Six senior sides: South Africa, India, Israel, Great Britain, Australia and newcomers Canada.

The under 18 teams as above without India and Canada. It should be an exciting tournament.

I wish all our readers a great [2013](#) season

Yours sincerely  
Stanley Perlman  
CHAIRMAN ICA



## Israel wins Photo of the year at the Pepsi ICC Development Awards

This photo taken during the 2012 season by local club players, David Harris and Charlton Book has won the ICC European Pepsi Photo of the Year and will now go forward to represent Europe in this category in the Global Awards, later in 2013, hosted in Dubai.

The photo shows cricket carrying on as normal during an official [20-20](#) game in Lod, Israel, despite a bush fire breaking out next to the ground. The game was eventually halted for

five minutes as smoke made visibility too poor. The local fire brigade doused the flames and play resumed. The photo has appeared in a number of UK cricket magazines and received 20 000 hits in the space of 30 seconds on the Cricinfo website.

## Cricket at the 19th Maccabiah | July 18th-July 30th 2013

The 19th Maccabiah is under 5 months away with cricket teams from the United Kingdom, South Africa, Australia, India and Canada all preparing to take part in what should be a spectacular Maccabiah. Again, there will be a Junior u18 and a Senior tournament, with both the Israel senior and the u18 team looking to improve on its 3rd place 4 years ago. **Read next months issue to find out more details about the 19th Maccabiah 2013 Cricket Tournaments**



## ***Yaniv Razpurker selected ICA Player of the Year***

The ICA Board decided to approve the recommendation of management and coaching staff, selecting Yaniv Razpurker as 2012 Player of the Year. Apart from another successful season on the domestic scene with his club Neve Yonatan with both bat and ball.

Yaniv was one of the outstanding players for Israel at the European Championships in Corfu in September. His innings of 25 off just 10 balls was instrumental in Israel's win over Portugal, against Luxembourg he settled a nervous chase with 19\*, and against Malta contributed 17 in a low scoring game. A recurring hamstring injury unfortunately ruled him out of the remainder of the tournament, undoubtedly a contributing factor in Israel's eventual disappointing semi-final defeat against the Isle of Man.

Apart from his performances, Razpurker, a product of Israel's youth development program who represented Israel through the age groups, continues to set the standard in sportsmanship and conduct both on and off the field, making him one of the most well-liked and respected cricketers in the country.



## ***Lions Lod clinch Division 1 title while Petach Tikva earn promotion***

Lions Lod, so dominant over recent years, regained the Dudi Silbowitz trophy, after a three year wait, winning the Division 1 title. Lions, having won eight of their nine games through the season were duly crowned Champions.

On the other end of the table, Beersheva 'A', who were promoted to division 1 in 2011, will play their cricket in division 2 in 2013 after suffering relegation with one win in nine games.



Petach Tikva earned promotion to the 1st Division after a remarkable season winning 6 out of their 7 matches while Young Sri Lanka, having finished 2nd, missed out on promotion after losing the playoff match with Ra'anana 1 who will remain in Division 1 for the 2013 season.

Eshkol Solomon (left), Yefet Nagavkar (middle) and Shailesh Banger (right), were all part of the winning Lions Lod squad and the Israel National Squad that competed in the 2012 Division 2 European T20 Championship in Greece. (Pictures "ICC/CricketEurope)

***Help Israel win a Flicx Playing Pitch by clicking on the following links and voting for these stories and sharing them on your facebook page. Spread the Word! Read more about this competition in this newsletter.***

***<http://flicxpitch.wordpress.com/icccompetition/israel/>***

***<http://flicxpitch.wordpress.com/icccompetition/palestinianstory/>***



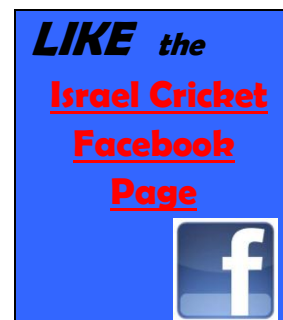
## Night Action Cricket League

The Night Action Cricket League is heading towards the Play Off stage, with the top 2 positions earning an automatic place into the semi finals while teams finishing in positions 3-6 will have to play in a knock out match, with the winners reaching the semi finals. In what has been a remarkably close season, the league has already seen two tied matches, (Dialogz Dragons and Super Lions Lod) and (Yagod Morris Cricket 'A' and Gold Insurance Bet Shemesh Lightning) which resulted in two Super Over Matches.



**Night League Table 2012/2013**

	TEAM	P	W	L	Runs Scored	Runs Against	Runs Diff	Bonus Points	Match Points	Total Points	Average Points
1	Dialogz Dragons	6	5	1	636	502	134	84	100	184	30.7
2	Super Lions Lod	8	6	2	905	435	470	112	120	232	29
3	KAT Israemploy Tigers	8	6	2	832	597	235	112	120	232	29
4	Yagod Morris Cricket Club 'A' (YMCA)	8	6	2	801	678	123	112	120	232	29
5	Pearl Dental Cricket Club	7	4	3	700	322	68	98	80	178	25.4
6	Gold Insurance Bet Shemesh Lightning	6	3	3	566	499	67	84	60	144	24
7	Modi'in Young Lions	6	3	3	522	525	-3	84	60	144	24
8	Pommeranz Juice Good Old Boys	6	1	5	314	666	-352	70	20	90	17.3
9	Yagod Morris Cricket Club 'B' (YMCB)	8	1	7	547	835	-298	112	20	132	16.5
10	Bet Shemesh Royals	7	0	7	401	853	-452	84	0	84	14



**Help Israel Cricket win a Flicx Pitch by voting in the ICC Europe/Flicx competition**

Israel Cricket and the Peres Center for Peace joined forces in 2010 to launch the Cricket4Peace project, whereby Israeli and Palestinian children and coaches from Dimona, Beersheva, Yatta and Samoa came together to participate in joint cricket activities in the global award winning project. *Late in 2012, Flicx and ICC Europe launched a competition asking all European countries to submit stories about: 'How cricket has changed your life'. Two stories from Israel, out of hundreds in Europe, have been selected in the top 6 stories submitted. You can read and vote for stories here:*

<http://flicxpitch.wordpress.com/icc-competition/israel/>

<http://flicxpitch.wordpress.com/icc-competition/palestinianstory/>

# Israel at the 2012 European T20 Division 2 tournament in Corfu, Greece.

Having won all five of their league matches, Israel came agonisingly close to regaining their Division 1 status as they lost in the Semi Finals to eventual winners, Isle of Man. There will be another opportunity to reclaim Division 1 status at next years 2014 European Tournament.

	Team	P	W	L	Pts	NRR
1	Israel	5	5	0	10	1.12
2	Spain	5	4	1	8	3.52
3	Portugal	5	3	2	6	-0.55
4	Estonia	5	2	3	4	-0.32
5	Malta	5	1	4	2	-1.78
6	Luxembourg	5	0	5	0	1.98

(Pictures "ICC/CricketEurope)

## • Israel beat Luxembourg by 4 wickets.

Luxembourg 88/9 (Overs 20) Israel 90/6 (16.5 Overs)  
**G Grundling** 4-2-3-3; **H Gutman** 4-0-20-2; **J Evans** 4-1-22-2.  
**D Hotz** 19; **Y Razpurker** 19\*

## • Israel beat Malta by 41 runs.

Israel 133/8 (20 Overs) Malta 92/9 (20 Overs)  
**G Schachat** 34; **H Gutman** 4-0-15-2; **S Shein** 4-0-21-3

## • Israel beat Portugal by 17 runs.

Israel 118/5 (Overs 14) Portugal 101/5 (Overs 14)  
**E Solomon** 40 off 29; **Y Razpurker** 25 off 10; **J Evans** 3-0-24-3

## • Israel beat Spain by 6 wickets.

Spain 142/6 (Overs 20) Israel 143/4 (Overs 18.5)  
**K Perere** 4-0-24-2; **H Gutman** 43\*; **D Hyman** 43; **J Evans** 34.

## • Israel beat Estonia by 5 wickets

Estonia 154/3 (Overs 20) Israel 155/5 (Overs 18.2)  
**E Solomon** 85\* in 52 balls.

## • Israel lost to Isle of Man by 39 runs.

Semi Final: IoM 136/7 (Overs 20) Israel 97/10 (18.3 Overs)  
**K Perere** 4-0-29-2; **J Evans** 4-0-9-3 and 34.

## • Israel lost to Spain by 90 runs.

3rd-4th: Spain 258/8 (Overs 20) Israel 168/4 (20 Overs)  
**H Gutman** 4-0-48-2; **S Waskar** 4-0-45-2; **S Bangera** 3-0-32-3  
 and 64\* in 43 balls; **J Evans** 58 in 42 balls



# Indian Trophy 2012 | T20 Tournament



Action from the opening game in the India Trophy at Hadar Yosef



20 Years of India-Israel Diplomatic Relations

*Celebrating 20 years of formal diplomatic relations between Israel and India, the Embassy of India in Israel organized a cricket tournament in co-operation with the Israel Cricket Association. The tournament was played in December 2012 with twelve teams participating in a T20 league and knock out tournament. Ambassador of India to Israel Mr. Jaideep Sarkar inaugurated the tournament along with Mr. Stanley Perlman, President of the ICA.*

Lions Lod (185/6 in 20 overs) defeated Young Ashdod (164/6 in 20 overs) in an exciting final, while Qiryat Gat beat Beersheva in the 3rd/4th place match. Yaniv Razpurker was crowned best batsmen of the tournament while Ronen Waskar won the best bowler.



Ronen Waskar with the Best Bowler Prize



Indian Ambassador Jaideep Sarka being introduced to the teams by Second Secretary Amarnath Asokan



ICA Chairman Stanley Perlman and Indian Ambassador Jaideep Sarka officially open the tournament



Lions Lod's Isaac Massil and Matan Razpurker lift the trophy



Yaniv Razpurker with the Best Batsmen prize

Interested in joining a junior or senior team for the upcoming season and don't know where to find one, contact National Development Officer, Herschel Gutman or Youth Development Officer, George Sheader.

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Good luck to all those competing in the Ayelet Games Cricket Tournament in Eilat in March

*The ICA wishes all our players, officials, staff and supporters a Happy Pessah. Shana Tova may you and your families.*