

# SFCA NEWS

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## SFCA HAS A NEW PRESIDENT

Former SFCA Vice-President Melton Taylor has been elevated to be the top cricket man in SFCA. He assumed the Presidency as Jeff Miller stepped down last December without any notice. After Miller's sudden resignation, Taylor and the other executive members rallied support from the South Florida Cricket Alliance Club membership by reaching out to some veteran cricket leaders and pledged to improve the league with the support of all the cricket clubs. Former Secretary, David Maitland was recalled to assume his old duties, while Ken Sukhwa is the new Vice-President. At his first meeting as President, Taylor said he and his executive were willing to listen to productive ideas from members who were willing to improve SFCA's cricket. He explained that SFCA was in a poor financial situation and hoped that sincere cooperation from the clubs could help to improve the situation. The other members of the Executive are Treasure Norville McDonald and Committee members Paul Mowatt and Jarvis Francis. The position of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer is still vacant.



Melton Taylor

## BATSMEN DOMINATE SFCA 2010 SIMS CLASSIC

Twelve centuries have been recorded so far as India's diminutive and hard hitting right hander Sai Sitaram Ramesh accounts for three. Batsmen continue to enjoy their run feast as the Classic Competition gears towards the playoffs. India and Jamaica put on a show recently when India elected to bat and amassed 298 runs in 40 overs. Ramesh made his third century of the tournament with a magnificent 153. Jamaica replied with two batsmen scoring half centuries. They lost two early wickets, but all doubts were erased from the minds of the Jamaican spectators when sixteen year old USA representative Steven Taylor entered the wicket. He was soon accompanied by his mentor, former USA star batsman Mark Johnson. The large crowd erupted with loud cheers when Johnson sliced a rising delivery backward of square crashing into the fence for four. The next over Taylor who just returned from the New Zealand tour with the USA under-19 team showed some of his international experience with a sensational drive through the covers for four as fielders and spectator watched the ball raced to the boundary. He then amazed the crowd with a massive off drive over square which towered its way over the high trees towards the canal for an unbelievable six. He and Frederick Redwood scored half-centuries as Jamaica scored 300 for seven to win the game in the 38th over. Team USA also scored over 300 runs in their victory over the SFCA Under-23 team earlier in the season.



Ramesh



Taylor

## SFCA PLANS TO RENEW COMPETITION AMONG LEAGUES

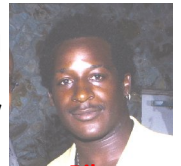
For many years in the past, SFCA top players always look towards the end of the season for the series matches against Central Florida, but that has not been the case in the last four years. Two years ago a competition between the Florida Southeast League and SFCA was initiated, but nothing happened since then. It was disclosed that the present executive body plans to start an end-of-season competition among the three leagues in the region.

## SFCA RECEIVED OUT OF STATE SPONSORSHIP

New York businessman Michael Sims became the newest sponsor of the South Florida Cricket Alliance. SFCA News was informed that financial sponsorship was received towards the 2010 Classic. Some of this sponsorship will go towards prize money, while the rest will assist in the purchasing of trophies. The sponsorship by Mr. Sims is much appreciated by SFCA and all the member clubs.

## SHAWN RILEY'S DEATH SHOCKED CRICKET FANS

Twenty five year old Shawn Riley was gunned down on March 7th, 2010 in the streets of South West Miami where he resided with his dad. Riley migrated from Jamaica to the USA as a teenager who blossomed into one of the most exciting young cricketers in the USA. He played for numerous teams, but called West Indies Alliance his home. He represented the local Jamaica team for many years, along with SFCA and the Southeast Regional teams. Riley was an exciting batsman and terrific fielder with a lot of energy. He is missed by many fans in the cricket arena.



Riley

## SFCA 2010 SIMS CLASSIC STANDING

Teams	Played	Won	Loss	Pts
Jamaica	8	7	1	35
Guyana	8	7	1	35
Trinidad	8	6	2	30
USA	8	5	3	25
India	8	4	4	20
SFCA U-23	8	3	5	15
Combine	8	2	6	10
Pakistan	8	1	7	5
Barbados	8	1	7	5



## SFCA PLANS TO VISIT PALM BAY MEMORIAL WEEKEND

South Florida Cricket Alliance is planning to compete in two days of cricket competition in Palm Bay Central Florida on Memorial weekend. SFCA President Melton Taylor said the weekend tour will include the senior team and the under-23 youth team. He said that this is an effort to continue showcasing the youngsters who are now playing in the 2010 Classic. Supporters and friends are asked to contact SFCA executive members for further information.

## SFCA ANNUAL SPRING MEETING IS MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2010.

The South Florida Cricket Alliance Annual Spring Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010. It will be at the Hibiscus Restaurant, 6289 Sunrise Blvd. in Plantation, Fort Lauderdale, starting 2:00 PM. Clubs are asked to send two representatives to this meeting. Affiliation and registration fees will be collected, while the start of the new season will be announced.