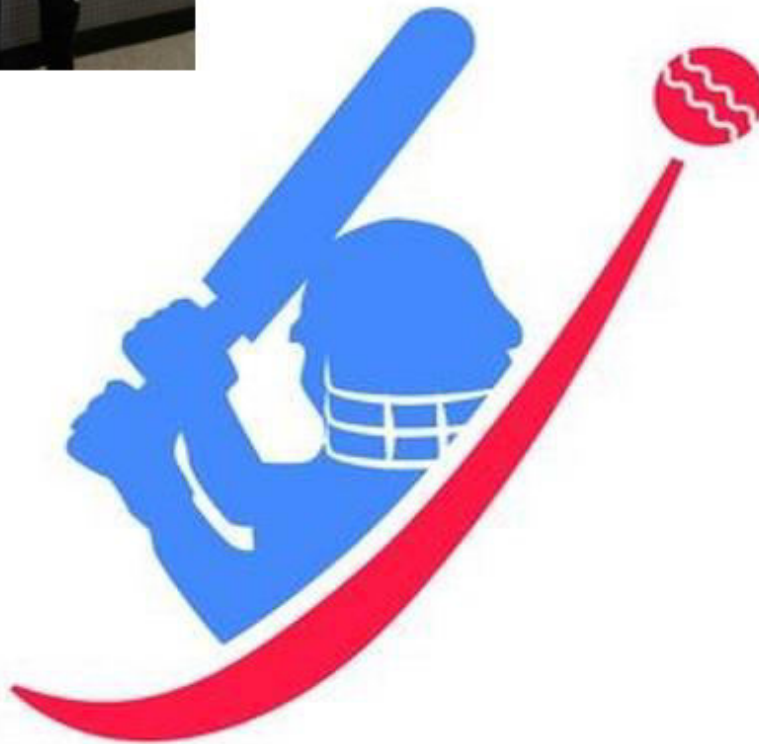


Joining the cricket program at Jenner was my first interaction with the Thorncliffe community when I came to Canada in 2012. I came from Pakistan and the sport that most of us love, follow and play is cricket. Joining the program was a stepping stone towards me knowing more about the community as I was new to the country and knew little about different aspects of the community and how to contribute to it in a positive way. By joining the program, I was able to learn about the community, contribute to it by organizing events, all the while playing the sport I love.



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Salik Hassan

Participating in the drop-in cricket program at Jenner Jean Marie community centre for the first time was when I really felt at home. I have been playing cricket in the streets of my homeland since a very young age and the sport has been a huge part of our culture. I was prepared to leave it all behind when we came to Canada. Words can't explain how much this program helped me get settled here as it introduced me to amazing people who shared my passion for cricket. The people here are very accepting, and they encouraged me to learn, lead and play my heart out.



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The cricket program at Jenner was one of the first programs I was involved in when I came to Canada in 2013. I came from Pakistan where cricket is played and followed by most of the people. When I was about to come here I always thought if I would be able to play cricket in Canada or not as I thought it wasn't really a common sport there. When I came to Jenner's cricket program for the first time it pretty much reminded me of the way we used to play in Pakistan and I was happy. It was also my first major step towards me getting familiar with the community and contribute positively. By joining this program, I was able to learn about the privileges, and I also learned about how to help in the community by volunteering and organizing several events. - **Talha Aslam**



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The Heritage cup is the first cricket program I have attended since I have come from India from 2017 and now that I have participated in that it feels like a great and transcendent opportunity to develop and improve skills in both cricket, and in my personal life. During the league, I was a member of the committee we would have discussions and do a lot of planning but as I was a new member, I was almost never on the same page for the first meeting but with help of the other committee members, they told me best and most efficient ways of doing things like for instance I was given the responsibility of taking notes regarding the topics of discussion and while I would be doing that the other committee member who would be next to me would help me organize the notes and help me follow the format. To add on when it came to typing the report the previous note taker sat with me and advised me about how to type the notes in the format required. When it came to taking part in the league as cricket player I was very afraid not only because it was my first time but also because when I play bowlers with pace makes me feel uneasy and nervous but other senior players in my team especially my team captain inspired and motivated me and gave me tips to help improve my game and achieve my highest potential while playing. Once the program concluded I had developed synergy with my teammates and also with the committee members. To conclude I would say that I would never want to miss this program and keep being a part of this program because every minute I was there I learned something new and useful - **Aahil Mohammad**

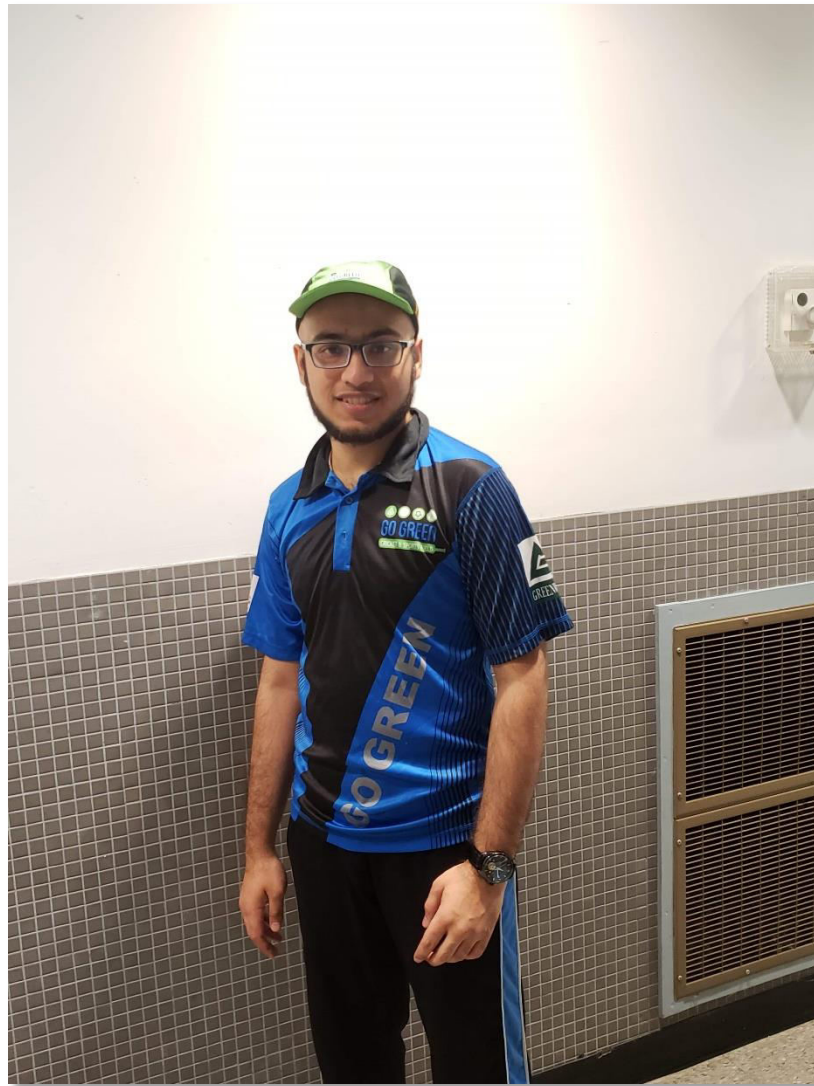


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There can be many things be said when I look into this picture. But this time I want to describe what it does mean for me to be working for community. I started off with helping in building Go Green Cricket Field. Because it's a community organization which is tend to serve community in a better way. The best thing about this community is that it always looks to grow among each other and help in other people without caring about their race, color and religions. Moreover, cricket gives a healthy choice for community to proceed in order for betterment of community.



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