

# SportTayside & Fife

DEVELOPING SPORTING PATHWAYS IN TAYSIDE & FIFE

We have been very active since the publication of our February Newsletter – particularly with the events, festivals, competitions, coaching courses and workshops organised in partnership with our clubs and Local Authority colleagues,

The whole purpose of our Newsletter is to give the sporting community in Tayside and Fife a regular update of the progress we are making together to grow the grassroots of sport and provide the ladder of opportunity for our young talented performers.

Each section provides a closer look at what has been taking place, but some of the highlights are:

- The 15 new coaches who have been admitted to our Coaching Scholarship programme
- Dundee West Girls football club's outstanding success in winning the U17 Scottish Cup at the National Youth Finals day in Stirling.
- The work we have done with scottishathletics to support the establishment of the Open Graded Grand Prix series – a new age group competition structure – with the final taking place in Dundee in August.
- **basketballscotland** and **SportTayside & Fife's** pilot Talent Development Programme at D.I.S.C, Dundee for selected Under 14 boys and girls.
- The delivery of firstclubgolf Stage 1 coaching to 103 Primary 5 children from local schools by Scotsraig Golf Club.
- The first ever Inter Regional Beginners and Intermediate Men's Artistic Gymnastics competition being hosted in Dundee.
- Tayside Primary Hockey Finals at DISC in May won by Dundee Wanderers Hockey Club Under 12's, and the Fife Primary Hockey Finals contested by 14 teams and won by Pittencrieff Primary.
- The appointment of new Rugby Club Development Officers in Angus and Fife to further boost growing the game across the region and support the work of those already delivering in Perth & Kinross and Dundee.
- The thirteen new volunteers recruited and trained by Kinross Otters swimming club to help support the work of the coaches on poolside.

Finally, we are looking forward to supporting the roll out of the governing body Academy Programmes for young up and coming performers in Tayside and Fife. The Partnership will be managing the delivery of the support programmes, such as strength and conditioning that will support the technical and tactical work being delivered by the governing bodies. We are currently working closely with the sports, the Tayside and Fife Institute of Sport, the Scottish Institute of Sport and **sportscotland** to complete the planning so that we can begin to deliver the support programmes in autumn.

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# Rugby

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## DEVELOPING RUGBY IN TAYSIDE & FIFE

The past three months have seen significant progress made in all four local authority regions towards 'growing the game'. All four Regional Development Groups have met during this period and it is encouraging to see so many clubs focussing on where they want to be and planning how to get there.

### Regional Round-up

#### Angus

Discussions in Angus have centred on arrangements for a Club Development Officer working jointly with Arbroath, Montrose and Strathmore rugby clubs. We are hopeful that we will make an appointment in the next few weeks. These clubs have met on a number of occasions to set joint targets for the Development Officer post, which will focus initially on S3-S6 age groups in the secondary schools, and the pathway into the clubs.

The clubs arranged the Angus Rugby Golf Championship held at the Carnoustie Championship Course in April. It was a great day out with a number of rugby 'celebs' in attendance, including Scotland captain Chris Paterson. Proceeds will go towards Angus Rugby Development.

#### Dundee

Planning continues towards a city-wide rugby programme for next season. Dundee Eagles Development Officer Colin Whittaker is driving much of the growth in the city, and is supporting initiatives in other clubs. Stobswell RFC for example, are forging links with Baldrigon Academy which will see them running after-school clubs for the school and the surrounding area, and working with senior pupils to integrate them into the senior club. Colin Whittaker will support the S1/S2 and primary programmes, ably assisted by his SVQ's Ralph and Will. Morgan and Panmure are currently drafting their plans which the Dundee Development Group will pull together into the city-wide plan.

Menziesshill back after 16 years!

Colin Whittaker enjoyed a notable success in March when his coaching programme at Menziesshill HS culminated in the school playing a match for the first time in 16 years, against Baldrigon Academy.

#### Fife

Over the next few weeks I hope to be able to announce the new Development Officer for Dunfermline Rugby Club. Discussions are ongoing around another Development Officer post in North East Fife and I hope that can be finalised for the start of next season.

Kirkcaldy Rugby Club's Development Officer, Quintan Sanft, has made great progress this season in the local community. His after-school clubs at Kirkcaldy and Balwearie High Schools have culminated in matches against other developing schools such as Auchmuty and Inverkeithing.

Quinny's efforts to provide a club pathway for these S1/S2 pupils has seen an increase in numbers down at the club where separate teams are now being fielded at both levels. Fife has some strong and well-established schools rugby, as evidenced by Bell Baxter and Madras College's successes in the Bell Lawrie Cup and Plate respectively. Quinny is taking a leading role in giving the emerging schools an opportunity to play locally and is hoping to help implement a development league for next season. Watch this space!

### **Perth & Kinross**

The development team at Perthshire RFC have had a busy few months. Development Officer Doc McKelvey and his team of five SVQ's work in partnership with the SVQ's at Kinross and Crieff rugby clubs to deliver a region-wide programme of primary and secondary rugby. In March alone, the team delivered 37 rugby sessions to 1059 primary pupils in core curriculum time, and 13 after school secondary sessions to 230 young people! This is in addition to the Ptarmigan schools leagues and the club-based programme that the team support.

Girls' rugby in Crieff is showing great potential. A group of 30 girls are training regularly and have recently played their first matches. At the recent development 7's in Edinburgh the girls finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, beaten only by the established teams from Murrayfield and Gala. They received the Fair Play and Most Valuable Player awards in the process. With new girls sections planned in Perth and Dundee, the young ladies in Crieff should have some local competition in the very near future!

### **Coach Education**

118 coaches across Tayside & Fife have successfully completed a first/new rugby coaching award. This obliterates the 2007 target of 41 new coaches. Demand remains as strong as ever and we have confirmed another UKCC Level 1 course for Dundee in August.

### **SVQ Coaches go to the World Cup!**

Jonny Smart (Dunfermline RFC) and Ralph McNally (Perthshire RFC) travelled to compete for Scotland at the Under 19 World Cup in April. Both are SVQ/NVQ Community Coaches for Dunfermline and Dundee Eagles respectively and have been delivering rugby sessions to hundreds of children this season.

For further information or updates, please visit our website at **[www.SportTayside-Fife.co.uk](http://www.SportTayside-Fife.co.uk)**. Any information for inclusion in the next newsletter should be submitted by **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August**.

# Coaching

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DEVELOPING COACHING IN TAYSIDE & FIFE

## Scholarship Programme 2007-08

During the last three months, **SportTayside & Fife** have agreed long-term development programmes with fifteen coaches and inducted eight individuals to the Scholarship Programme. Four sports will benefit from the support: Basketball, Gymnastics, Rugby and Swimming. An informal interview process is now being used to identify Continuous Personal Development Needs (CPD).

### CPD Scholarship Programmes - February-May 07

#### Basketball

**Fiona Lynn** –  
Level 2/UKCC Level 2  
additional component  
**Alistair Vannet** –  
Level 2/UKCC Level 2  
additional component

#### Gymnastics

**Donna Crowther** –  
Pre-School Tutor Level  
1/2/Judging  
**Pamela Bowie** –  
Judging/First  
Aid/Women's Artistic  
Add-on  
**Rebecca Simpson** –  
Chorography  
**Stephen O'Rourke** –  
Performance  
Trampoline

#### Rugby

**Chris Reekie** –  
UKCC Level 2  
**Ed Richardson** –  
Level 2/Strength &  
Conditioning/Agility &  
Speed  
**James Keenan** –  
Foundation & Level 1  
**Fordyce Davidson** –  
Foundation & Level 1

#### Swimming

**David Haig** –  
ASA Level 1  
**Mark Laing** –  
UKCC Level 3  
**Gillian Burnett** –  
UKCC Level 3  
**Drew Burnett** –  
UKCC Level 3  
**Fiona Dodds** –  
UKCC Level 3

## Would you like to improve your coaching?

For more information on the 2007-08 Scholarship Programme, please contact me using the contact details with this newsletter or visit our website for further details.

## SportTayside & Fife Education Programme 2007-08

### Medication in Sport May 23 2007

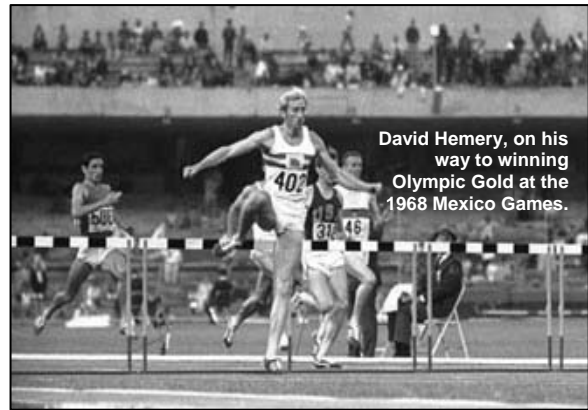
As part of the Biomedicine series of workshops for 2007, in conjunction with HEAL Physiotherapy & Sports Medicine Centre, a *Medication in Sport* workshop was delivered by Dr. Alan Dawson, at High School of Dundee Mayfield Sports Centre on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The workshop informed athletes, coaches and parents on the status of prohibited classes of substances and examples of permitted medication in sport. The workshop was attended by 16 delegates and set-out to inform the audience of who are liable to be tested, during or out-with competition. The workshop outcome provided information, allowing athletes, coaches and parents to take responsibility to check the status of all medications and supplements.

### National Coaching Network

The National Coaching Network gathered in Pitlochry on May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, consisting of: **SportTayside & Fife**, Scottish Governing Body and Local Authority representatives. The National Coaching Network is a **sportscotland** initiative designed to promote greater use of sound coaching practices, with the group creating a culture of working co-operatively in the exchange of ideas and knowledge across Scotland.

A series of workshops was delivered to update the delegates on the UK Coaching Model that will guide the development of strategic, operational and delivery systems for coaching policy and practice in the UK.

The thirty-strong team of officers and managers also enjoyed a day with David Hemery, 400m Hurdles Olympic Gold Medallist at the 1968 Mexico Games in a time of 48.12 sec., which would guarantee a place in the Olympic final today! In 1972 he was silver and a bronze medallist, but called time on a distinguished career, and continued in athletics as a coach and consultant in the UK and America.



David Hemery, on his way to winning Olympic Gold at the 1968 Mexico Games.

### Regional Club Development Group

A Regional Club Development Group has been established, with the view to supporting Partnership Club Accreditation Schemes. Minimum criteria for club schemes has been produced, creating further clarity on what criteria is absolutely essential and what is desirable good practice. Further recommendations have highlighted matters relating to equity, player/coaching pathways and Child Protection.

### Forthcoming SportTayside & Fife Courses and Workshops

#### SportTayside & Fife Workshop Series 2007

**Course:** Psychology for Parents and Children with Psychologist, Katie Sinnott  
**Date/Time:** Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 6.50 for 7pm-8pm  
**Venue:** High School of Dundee, Mayfield Sports Centre, Dundee  
**Cost:** £8.00  
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#### SportTayside & Fife Workshop Series 2007

**Course:** Nutrition & Hydration with Dr. Declan Fields  
**Date/Time:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 6.50 for 7pm-8.30pm  
**Venue:** High School of Dundee, Mayfield Sports Centre, Dundee  
**Cost:** £10.00  
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#### SportTayside & Fife Workshop Series 2007

**Course:** Warm Up/Cool Down/Massage with Lesley Dawson and Lynne Miller  
**Date/Time:** September 6.50 for 7-9pm (Call for further details)  
**Venue:** High School of Dundee, Mayfield Sports Centre, Dundee  
**Cost:** £10.00  
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