

SportTayside & Fife

DEVELOPING SPORTING PATHWAYS IN TAYSIDE & FIFE

Welcome to our August newsletter which provides an up to date progress report on the programmes and events that have taken place across our 'summer'!! Despite the weather, it has been a busy period - the Regional Managers have worked hard to deliver their coaching and sport specific programmes with our Local Authority partners and the clubs across Tayside and Fife.

Since May, we have made significant progress with the Academy strength and conditioning programmes. We have worked with **sportscotland**, the Scottish and Area Institutes of Sport, and our governing bodies of sport to determine what is required for each of the squads operating in Tayside & Fife. The programme commences at the beginning of October and will also be operating in SportCentral. It will provide the right level of physical conditioning for our up and coming performers - a welcome first step in establishing all the other Academy generic support programmes across Tayside & Fife.

I have selected some of the highlights from the reports provided by each of the Managers to give you a flavour of what we have achieved over the last three months. Of course if you want more information on any of our initiatives or programmes, please do not hesitate to contact us.

- Congratulations to the **swimmers and gymnast** who will be representing Scotland at the UK School games in Coventry from the 23 – 26 August 2007. Some impressive results!
- Forfar Farmington LFC has become the first **girls and women's football club** in the East Region to be awarded the SFA Quality Mark Standard.
- Since late April, Dunnikier Park has been delivering **clubgolf** Stage 1 coaching to local juniors between the age of 9 and 12.
- **basketballscotland** and **SportTayside & Fife** are currently planning trials and sessions for the U-14 Tayside & Fife Basketball Academy programme for boys and girls.
- **Rugby** across Tayside & Fife enjoyed impressive growth during season 2006-07, with almost all strategic targets for the year being exceeded.
- A new **Gymnastics** Development Officer has been appointed in Perth
- In **Coaching** - twenty-four parents and children from a variety of sports, enjoyed an excellent Psychology for Parents and Children workshop presented by Katie Sinnott.
- Eight teams from Tayside & Fife qualified to participate in the annual National Primary **Hockey** Festival
- In **athletics**, Caird Park Stadium, Dundee, was the destination as **SportTayside & Fife** successfully hosted the inaugural **scottishathletics** Open Graded Grand Prix Final

Finally, as many of you will know we are in the process of refurbishing our office in the Lynch Sports Centre in partnership with City of Dundee. We have spent the summer in Caird Park, and I am pleased to say that the work is virtually complete and so will be moving back to the Lynch in early September. We look forward to welcoming you to our 'new' office which includes a big meeting room. A big thanks to all our colleagues in City of Dundee who have worked hard to complete the project and provide us with a first class working environment.

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DEVELOPING COACHING IN TAYSIDE & FIFE

A Coaching Development Plan for Tayside & Fife up to 2010

Coaching Development Plan has been circulated across the Coaching Network. The plan will focus on five core areas of coach development which are: Recruitment Support, Education, Development, Deployment & Management and Retention. I would be pleased to discuss any aspects of the plan. Please go online to download a copy at www.SportTayside-Fife.co.uk

Scholarship Programme 2007-08

During the last three months, **SportTayside & Fife** have agreed long-term development programmes with eight coaches and inducted eight individuals to the Scholarship Programme. Learning Contracts have also been introduced providing an overall picture of: Coach Development Requirements, Learning Resources needed, Evaluation Criteria, which is supported by an outcome/update. This will be completed on the conclusion of any scholarships.

Four sports will benefit from the support: Basketball, Gymnastics, Hockey and Swimming. An informal interview process is now being used to identify Continuous Personal Development Needs (CPD).

CPD Scholarship Programmes - May-August 2007

Basketball

Donnie MacDonald –
SGB Level 2/ Level 1
Referee Course
Alistair Vannet –
Scholarship extended
component SGB
National Coaching
Seminar
Amy Fuller –
SGB Level 2

Gymnastics

Jayne Coyle –
UKCC Level 2
Tracy Lyndsey –
UKCC Level 1 and
Level 2

Hockey

Pauline Stott –
UKCC Level 2
Stacy Bookless –
UKCC Level 2

Swimming

Philip Francis –
ASA Level 2

Would you like to improve your coaching?

For more information on scholarships, please contact me direct or go online at www.SportTayside-Fife.co.uk for more details.

SportTayside & Fife Education Programme 2007-08

Psychology for Parents and Children Wednesday June 20 2007

On Wednesday June 20th, twenty-four parents and children, from a variety of sports, enjoyed an excellent **SportTayside & Fife** Psychology for Parents and Children workshop which was held at Mayfield Sports Centre. Katie Sinnott was the presenter, with the workshop being structured to provide a long-term vision and short-term motivation. It was also designed to inspire, raise self-confidence and motivate parents and children to recognise their ability in achieving targets and goal together in their sport.

As part of the Autumn Series of workshops, a Sport Massage with Warming Up & Cooling Down workshop will take place at Mayfield Sports Centre on Wednesday September 26th at 7-8.30pm and costs £10.00. Please contact me if you would like to attend or go online to download the application form.

Forthcoming SportTayside & Fife Courses and Workshops

SportTayside & Fife Workshop Series 2007

Course: Warm Up/Cool Down/Massage with Lesley Dawson and Lynne Miller
Date/Time: Wednesday 26th Sept 6.50 for 7pm-8.30pm
Venue: Mayfield Sports Centre, Dundee
Cost: £10.00
Contact: Derek Welch, **SportTayside & Fife**
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SportTayside & Fife Workshop Series 2007

Course: Nutrition and Hydration with Declan Fields (Contact me for more details)
Date/Time: October 6.50 for 7pm-8pm
Venue: Mayfield Sports Centre, Dundee
Cost: £10.00
Contact: Derek Welch, **SportTayside & Fife**
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SportTayside & Fife Workshop Series 2007

Course: Women in Sport with Dr Alan Dawson
Date/Time: Wednesday 21st November 6.50 for 7pm-8pm
Venue: Mayfield Sports Centre, Dundee
Cost: £10.00
Contact: Derek Welch, **SportTayside & Fife**
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SportTayside & Fife Workshop Series 2008

Course: Planning for Sport with Gary Vandermeulen (West Institute of Sport Performance Swimming Coach and Coach of 2002 Commonwealth Games Gold Medal Winner, Alison Sheppard)
Date/Time: Wednesday March 26th 6.50 for 7-8.30pm (Call for further details)
Venue: Mayfield Sports Centre, Dundee
Cost: £10.00
Contact: Derek Welch, **SportTayside & Fife**
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First Aid for Sport 2007- 08

This practical workshop is structured to provide sufficient first aid sports specific knowledge, to meet the criteria set by Scottish Governing Bodies for coaching insurance purposes. The workshop is delivered to accommodate sports coaches and their specific requirements relating to First Aid in Sport. This is a 6 hour course and once successfully completed, a 3-year HSE certificate is issued. Please contact me for further details on First Aid for Sport for you or your club.

For more course and workshop information, please go to **www.SportTayside-Fife.co.uk**. If you would like to submit any coaching information for the next newsletter, I would be grateful if the material reached me by **Monday 19th November 2007**

Gymnastics

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DEVELOPING GYMNASTICS IN TAYSIDE & FIFE

Tayside & Fife Gymnasts stamp their mark in Scottish Championships

The Scottish Championships are the pinnacle of the competition calendar for many Women's and Men's Artistic Gymnasts across Tayside and Fife. Gymnasts hone their skills throughout the year to compete at this annual event.

This year the championships' scores were used to select the UK School games team and all Gymnasts were keen to attain the highest scores that they possibly could to attain selection for the Games.

Tayside & Fife gymnasts put in strong performances in the Championships, which resulted in overall medal positions and individual apparatus medallists.



DGC2K Gymnasts Jordan Archibald & Kirsty Campbell

Many of the Gymnasts who were competing were executing new skills for the first time, succeeded in delivering quality performances across all disciplines. As a result, four of Tayside & Fife Gymnasts will make up the team of seven Women's Artistic Gymnasts who will represent Scotland in The UK School Games which are to be held in Coventry from the 24th – 26 August:

Women's Artistic Team

Jordan Archibald – Dundee DGC2K
Kirsty Campbell – Dundee DGC2K
Hannah - Leigh – Fife Gym Club
Holly Ramage – Edinburgh - Lasswade Gym Club
Amy Regan – Glasgow – Glasgow Gym Club
Kendal Smith Edinburgh – Lasswade Gym Club
Hannah Killcullen travelling reserve - Dundee DGC2K

Men's Artistic Team

Christopher Chalk – Falkirk, Falkirk Gym Club
Steven Sneddon – Falkirk, Falkirk Gym Club
Liam Davie – Glasgow, City of Glasgow Gym Club

New Gymnastics programme to be implemented in Brechin

Positive partnerships with Angus Sports Development Team, Active Schools and the local Gymnastics Development Group have resulted in the implementation of a Gymnastics programme in Brechin Leisure Centre.

The implementation of the programme will compliment the existing pre – school programme by offering a sustainable seamless pathway for children who wish to develop and progress within the sport.

Coaches from local clubs have come together to deliver this programme and are keen to offer further pathways into local club infrastructure.

The programme will also have a focus on engaging boys within the sport, and hopefully strong links with active school coordinators will result in many boys becoming aware of local opportunities to participate in a core fundamental sport on their doorstep .

New Gymnastics Development Officer Post in Perth

Laura Marshall was appointed on the 8th August as Gymnastics Development Officer for Perth & Kinross. Laura will be responsible for the future development of the sport within Perth & Kinross, and will link closely with **SportTayside & Fife** myself to ensure local direction is in line with regional and national objectives.

Laura will be based at Balhousie Primary School and can be contacted on 01738 637129

Tayside & Fife Scholarship Coaches

Beate Petersen and Scott Harper sat their High Performance Coaching exam in Inverclyde on the 8th August. The exam consisted of a theory and common core paper, along with a practical coaching session.

I am delighted to congratulate both Scott and Beate on passing the practical examination and wait with anticipation, as they are, on the outcome of the common core and sports specific exam results. Good Luck!!!

Education & Training

Level 2 Coaching course in Pre – school Gymnastics

Venue - Saltire Leisure Centre, Angus

Dates Saturday 8th, Sunday 9th, Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd September

Level 2 General Gymnastics course

Venue – Balwearie High School, Fife

Dates – 21st, 23rd, 29th September

Level 1 Pre – school

Venue - Dulloch Park, Dunfermline

Dates – 15th & 16th September

Level 1 Trampoline – venue and dates to be confirmed

Level 1 Assistant General – venue and dates to be confirmed

For further information or updates, please visit our website at **www.SportTayside-Fife.co.uk**.

If you wish to submit any information or articles for the next newsletter please contact Jackie Archibald, SportTayside & Fife Gymnastics Development Manager, on Tel: 01382 431 852 or e-mail jackie.archibald@dundeecity.gov.uk (**deadline Monday 12th November**).