

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**

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DEVELOPING HOCKEY IN TAYSIDE & FIFE

National Primary Hockey Festival

The annual Primary Hockey Programme came to a conclusion on Wednesday 6th June at the National Primary Hockey Festival. Eight teams from Tayside & Fife qualified to participate in the event by competing at many events throughout the year including the Tayside Primary Hockey Finals and Fife Primary Hockey Finals. The teams travelled to the National Hockey Centre in Edinburgh to compete at the event which saw 33 teams from 16 Local Authorities participate. For many players this was an opportunity to compete at their first major event. Congratulations to Clepington, Claypotts Castle, Whitfield, Dens Road, Pittencrieff, Dalgety Bay and Kirkriggs Primary for their performances at the event.



Club Development

The SHU Club Development Programme provides selected clubs with support to help them plan for the future, manage volunteers, link with schools, access funding and provide quality hockey activity. This year, Perthshire Hockey Club was selected for the programme and will receive support from Scottish Hockey and **SportTayside & Fife** for the next three years to develop the club further.

ClubDundee is a local amateur sports club development and accreditation scheme delivered by Dundee City Council Sports Development Team. Clubs working through the programme receive one-on-one support from professional sports development officers to enable them to develop a number of various policies and procedures designed to ensure they are safe, effectively-run and financially secure environments for both junior and senior club members. Grove Hockey Club has been selected for the programme and will receive support from Dundee Hockey Officer to work towards Affiliation and Development Level of the award.

Player Development

The final day of the local authority development programme saw the Dundee Potential Squad compete against the Perth & Kinross Squad. The fixture was organised in order to provide the coaches with the opportunity to assess every squad player in a competitive match. As a result all players were provided with specific feedback on their performance and progress made throughout the season. This was the first time the players were assessed in this way and was an outstanding success from both a coach and player perspective. Two sessions will now take place each season for purposes of player evaluation and review.

Coach Education

A Hockey Leaders Award took place at Perth Academy on Wednesday 1st August. Twelve young people from the area completed the award which provides an introduction to coaching hockey and is the first step on the hockey coaching pathway. The new 'Leaders' will assist with junior club programmes at Perthshire Hockey Club and Kinross Hockey Club and new primary school hockey sessions which will be organised by Perth & Kinross Council. In addition, the course has enabled Perth & Kinross Leisure to set up a new hockey programme at Auchterarder Community High School.

The next stage in the coaching pathway is the UKCC Hockey Level 1 Award. An Award took place at St. Leonard's School in St. Andrew's from Friday 10th-Sunday 12th August. The course focuses on defensive skills, elimination skills, short corners, goalkeeping, principles of play and fitness through theory and practical activity. Eighteen coaches attended the course including nine coaches from three clubs within the area. In total 21 Tayside & Fife hockey coaches have completed their Level 1 Award this year through locally delivered courses.

The **SportTayside & Fife** Coach Scholarship Programme has recently recruited two hockey coaches onto the programme including ex-Olympian Pauline Stott. The coaches will receive support with regard to continued professional development including funding towards the cost of education courses and workshops. The coaches will attend the UKCC Level 2 Award at Inverclyde in September.

Workforce Development

The Scottish Hockey Union are working to complete a coaching audit, followed by a Workforce Development Plan exercise. The audit will build on information the SHU currently hold on the database and will establish: the number of qualified hockey coaches; their demographic characteristics; levels of education and certification; the level at which they coach; their activity levels; frequency of coaching and other relevant information on coach characteristics and deployment. The information gained from the audit will allow Scottish Hockey to produce a workforce development plan to aid the management and the professional development of the coaching workforce across Scotland.

Clubs, Local Authorities, individual coaches and other providers of hockey coaching or facilities are being invited to assist the SHU in providing as much factual evidence as possible to ensure that the plans we develop are appropriate, accurate and well targeted. For further information contact Colleen Reid, Coach Education Manager, Scottish Hockey at creid@scottish-hockey.org.uk.

For further information or updates, please visit our website at **www.SportTayside-Fife.co.uk**. Any information for inclusion in the next newsletter should be submitted by **Monday 12th November**.