

clubgolf



Inaugural Volunteers Day a huge success!

The region's first Volunteers Day was held at Pitlochry Golf Club on the 5th October.



The idea of the occasion was to repay the volunteer coaches for their substantial contribution made to coaching a total of eight hundred children across clubgolf Stages 1-3 within the region's golf clubs. A total of twenty coaches made the journey to Highland Perthshire and were greeted by a course in excellent condition and drenched in rare autumnal sunshine. Up for grabs were numerous prizes, however, what the volunteers were all trying to win was a coveted tee time for four people at Gleneagles. This was won by Malcolm McKay who put his local knowledge to good use to comfortably take top honours.

The event was a huge success in allowing the volunteers to share their experiences of coaching with coaches from other clubs. With this in mind it is planned to have a similar event organised for next year. clubgolf would like to thank all those associated with Pitlochry Golf Course who made the day possible.

Milnathort Golf Club Sign up to clubgolf

Milnathort golf club has become the latest club to commit to delivering clubgolf coaching to local youngsters. The club have made the decision in order to provide existing junior members and other interested children the chance to learn the key skills of the game through the fun structured programme of the national strategy. It is planned that the club will begin their coaching around May 2009.

1st golf coach on scholarship programme

Keith Renton who coaches the clubgolf programme at Balbirnie Park Golf Club, Fife has become the first golf coach inducted on to SportTayside & Fife Scholarship programme. Keith who is already Level 1 coach and completed Level 1 CPD is eager to further develop his coaching knowledge by compiling a development plan that will include attending sportscoach UK workshops with the ultimate goal of achieving a UKCC Level 2 coaching qualification.

If you coach golf and would like to be considered for the scholarship programme please contact the Regional Manager.

clubgolf continues to grow in Tayside & Fife

Over the last 12 months, the growth and popularity of clubgolf has been significant within Tayside and Fife. The annual statistics for the programme show a rise in the number of Primary 5 pupils gaining an experience of the sport through firstclubgolf. A total of 3906 children were introduced to golf compared to 670 the previous year. This has been made possible by each Local Authority committing to firstclubgolf. This means that 49% of all Primary 5 pupils across the region were introduced to golf this year.

The number of clubs coaching clubgolf has risen from 13 to 29 with a total of 800 children benefiting from coaching sessions delivered by 118 volunteers; trained to UKCC Level 1 standard and professional golf coaches.

Coaching

Coaching Development Seminar



The National Coaching Network gathered at sportscotland's National Sports Centre, Inverclyde on the 26th and 27th of November.

The two day seminar was staged to create momentum for moving forward. A core group of Officers was selected to represent the Network as the 'Coaching Network Task Group'. The group will create and establish a vision of best practice in the delivery of the nine key actions set out by Coaching Scotland.

A series of workshops were facilitated to create clarity and where potential strength and weaknesses lie, with regards to current delivery in a variety of organisations.

A 'Developing Fundamentals Skills' workshop was provided by Tommy Dowens, current Scottish Volleyball Director of Coaching.

Day two acknowledged the outcomes of the previous day and a 'Route Map for the Future' was agreed by everyone. This will allow all the Coaching Network to work more effectively to deliver the nine Coaching Scotland Actions. A vision to action was presented by Jock Peggie, SRU Coach Education and Development Manager.

To close, Billy Bell, Lead Manager, **sportscotland**, provided an information and consultation exercise to shape the agenda for the UK Coaching Summit, to be held in Glasgow during April 2009. The Conference will be delivered in conjunction with SportsCoach UK, with planned topics including: The Coaching Workforce 2009-16, Building a Leading Coaching System, School Sport Coaching, Creating CPD for High Performance Coaches. A further Coaching Network Seminar will be held during May 2009.

Any information for inclusion in the next newsletter should be submitted by Monday 16th February 2009.



Research Seminar Series

A series of seminars will be presented at University of Stirling, the Department of Sports Studies. For further details contact: Karen Caldwell on 01786 466498 or go to sports.stir.ac.uk

Coach Education

Jan 13th - How to Coach Disabled People. Contact P&K on 01738 637129 **clubgolf** Level 1. Contact Martin Ritchie on 01382 431851 Rugby Foundation and Referee Courses. Contact Doc McKelvey on 01382 431 829 or Paul Hunter on 08451 555555 Ex: 402599

Coach Awards

The Dundee Sports Awards were held on November 25th, with 7 **SportTayside & Fife** Scholarship Coaches being nominated. Beate Petersen, a previous Scholarship, won Coach of the Year, with Pam Bowie receiving the award of Community Coach.

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