

SportTayside & Fife

DEVELOPING SPORTING PATHWAYS IN TAYSIDE & FIFE

I am delighted to be able to introduce the second of our Partnership newsletters to update you on our recent progress and outline some of the exciting developments ahead.

Planning for Sport

Our Partnership sits across local, regional and national organisations and therefore it is important that we take a planned approach to developing sport within Tayside & Fife to maximise our effectiveness and make a positive impact. We are therefore taking a lead role in this process to ensure selected Scottish Governing Bodies of Sport's national strategies are filtered through to local level and the sports move forward in a co-ordinated manner in line with the rest of Scotland.

We are currently writing a strategic framework for the Partnership and each of our sport specific and coaching team are undertaking a similar exercise for each sport in order to:

- Strengthen the infrastructure of sport in Tayside & Fife
- Increase participation in sport leading to lifelong involvement
- Improve performances of our developing athletes to achieve national standards or Area Institute of Sport level

Whilst the regional team will concentrate on Coaches, Officials, Volunteers, Clubs, Facilities and sport specific Player Improvement Programmes we will work in partnership with local partners to provide more participation opportunities at local level in our priority sports (Athletics, Basketball, Clubgolf, Gymnastics, Hockey, Rugby, Swimming and Girl's & Women's Football).

Over the coming few months, the regional team will be consulting with sporting communities through development groups and regional associations on how we hope to work with you for the next three years. If you would like to get involved in this process, I would urge you to contact the team directly.

Player Improvement Programmes

Coming soon! Some of our sports will be launching new Player Improvement Programmes to support our developing athletes at regional level. This programme aims to enhance the current provision within the sport and support the athlete / player development pathway in partnership with clubs, coaches and parents.

Farewell

On a personal note, I will be moving on to take up post as the Area Manager of the Tayside and Fife Institute of Sport in September. I have worked with the **SportTayside & Fife** Partnership for four years and I would like to thank all who have worked with me and supported me throughout my time here. I'd like to wish the new management and the Partnership well and look forward to continuing the good partnership working between both organisations.

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DEVELOPING CLUBGOLF IN TAYSIDE & FIFE

Club Update

This summer the clubgolf programme has taken place at seven golf clubs in the Tayside & Fife region. They are: Aberdour, Canmore, Tulliallan, Muthill, Scotsraig, Dunnikier Park and The St. Andrews Links Junior Golf Association. Over 300 children have accessed coaching through the clubgolf programme in the Tayside & Fife region. Next year, it is perceived that another 15 clubs in the region will be ready to deliver the first stage of the clubgolf coaching programme. Each club will link to local schools to provide opportunities for children to receive coaching at the clubs facilities throughout the summer months. In addition to this every child who is invited to attend coaching at a golf club will have received golf in school through the modified game firstclubgolf.

Regional Strategy & Local Action Plans Update

The regional strategy for Tayside & Fife is almost complete with some minor amendments required before the document can be signed off. This document will be the framework for the delivery of the Clubgolf programme throughout the region. From this document four separate local action plans will drive the delivery of the aims set out in the regional strategy. At present three of the four action plans are completed and underway. The action plans detail delivery in the following areas:

- Outcomes for golf within schools at Primary 5 through the Firstclubgolf programme
- Coaching delivered within golf clubs
- Club development
- Coach Education
- Facility access

Clubgolf at The Johnnie Walker Championship

Hundreds children visited the clubgolf activity area at the tournament held at Gleneagles between the 22nd and 25th of June. The activity area situated within the tented village of the tournament provided school groups, clubs and members of the general public to experience small golf sessions, which are replicated throughout the country at facilities delivering the clubgolf programme.

PGA professionals were also in attendance in the activity area, to provide children and adults alike the chance to have an individual lesson in one of the practice nets.



However, the highlight of the week was the guest appearances of Scottish stars Colin Montgomery and Alistair Forsyth. Both players spent time with youngsters passing on some coaching tips, signing autographs and posing for pictures.

Colin Montgomery with some of the children at Gleneagles

Angus Girls in Golf Day

The 3rd Angus Girls in Golf day was held on the 3rd of July at Monifieth Golf Club. This year the event had its biggest turn out with over 40 girls in attendance. The event is aimed at encouraging and attracting more girls to take up the game and also to encourage new friendships with current girl golfers throughout Angus.



At the event the girls took part in various activities such as skills challenges, a rules quiz, a round of golf and a lesson from the club professional. Organiser of the event, Ann Hunter was delighted to see so many girls from different clubs attend the event and make new friends.

Fife Festival

During the month of July, Fife Active Schools held a Tri-Golf festival for Primary 5 children at the Fife Institute of Sport. A total of 14 schools attended the festival whereby the children take part in various team games on a rotational basis.

The two winning schools (Anstruther & Caskie Berrans) received a half day of golf at Cluny Clays Golf Centre. However, no child went home empty handed as everyone received some golf goodies.



How Can I Get Involved?

Clubgolf are continually seeking to identify clubs and individuals to get involved with the programme. If you would like to know more about what the programme entails and how you can go about getting involved please contact the Clubgolf Regional Manager for more information.

Coaching Brochure

If you are interested in becoming a Level 1 volunteer coach and would like to know more about how to become one. Please contact the Clubgolf Regional Manager to receive your golf coach education brochure

If you wish to submit any information for the next newsletter please do so by **Monday 13th November**