

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
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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 BASKETBALL IN TAYSIDE & FIFE

[basketballscotland / SportTayside & Fife Talent Development Programme \(Boys & Girls\)](#)

basketballscotland and **SportTayside & Fife** are currently planning trials and sessions for the U-14 Talent Development Programme, also known as the Tayside & Fife Basketball Academy programme. This year, Under 14's are players born on or after 1st January 1994.

A new programme for U-15 players will also run in conjunction with Grampian and Highland regions, known as the North/East of Scotland U-15 Talent Development Programme. This will be for players born on or after 1st January 1993.

Both programmes and trial dates/venues have yet to be finalised. Details will be published to all clubs and secondary schools in Tayside & Fife as soon as they are known.

[Tayside & Fife – Successful and strong volunteer base](#)

Members of the Tayside & Fife basketball community had a very successful evening at the annual **basketballscotland** Volunteer Recognition Awards at the Royal George Hotel in Perth on Saturday 2nd June 2007.

Our congratulations go to the following National Volunteer Recognition Award winners:

Alistair Maddock (Dundee Univ) – Young Volunteer of the Year

Ross Dawkins & Craig Nicol (Dunfermline Reign) – Young Persons Contribution to Coaching Award

George Valentine (FIBA National Instructor) – Contribution to Officiating Award

Other key volunteers from Tayside & Fife were recognised on the short list for various awards, which in itself is a magnificent achievement.

Douglas Bader (Perth Phoenix) – short listed for Chairman's Award

Robin Paterson (Frews Madsons) – short listed for Volunteer of the Year

Jaimie Harvey (Kinross Cavaliers) – short listed for Young Volunteer of the Year

Craig Lawson (Dundee Sharks) – short listed for Young Persons Contribution to Coaching Award

David Watt of NCR Nationals, one of Scotland's oldest basketball clubs, deservedly received his 25 Year service award in recognition of his commitment to basketball in Dundee and Tayside.

Volunteers are the life blood of our sport and our thanks go to all coaches, officials, administrators and volunteers at all levels of basketball for all the time and effort they put in.

[Tayside & Fife Under 16 and NEW Under 14 Central Venue Development Leagues](#)

After the very successful Tayside & Fife U16 Central Venue Development Leagues (CVDLs) last season, **basketballtayside & fife** are currently planning dates and venues for this season's U-16 leagues (players born on or after 1st January 1992). In a move to increase basketball opportunities for our younger players in the region, they are also looking at dates and venues for an inaugural U-14 (born 1994 onwards) CVDL for both boys and girls.

Dates and venues need to be worked in to the calendar around the National League programme and Talent Development Programme events. However notes of entry are now being accepted from clubs and teams in Tayside & Fife. Local league teams should note that dispensation will be given to players so that they can play CVDL for their local league team and National League for clubs entered at the higher level, allowing them to progress on the player pathway.

For further details or to register your club's entry for U-16 or U-14 Boy's and Girl's basketball Central Venue Development League's for next season (2007-08) please contact me.



Season 2007/08 - Senior Men's and Women's Leagues and Cups

The **basketballtayside & fife** AGM will take place on Monday 17th September 2007 at Menzieshill Community Centre in Dundee, DD2 4BN, commencing at 7:00pm. All clubs from the Tayside & Fife region wishing to enter in any competition (underage or senior) must have a representative at this meeting and register their interest and complete affiliation to in order to compete by this date.

basketballtayside & fife will be enforcing strict compliance on registration this season on players, coaches, referees and table officials. All clubs are asked to co-operate with this policy.

Further details of the Men's/Women's Leagues are available at www.basketballtayside.org.uk

Women's Basketball – New National League opportunity for U-18 with Muskies Girls

In a positive move for girls' basketball in the region, Arbroath Musketeers have entered a team into the Junior Women's (U-18) National League. The Lady Musketeers, as the team will be known, have opened this opportunity up to all female players in the region, so any girl born on or after 1st January 1990 in Angus, Dundee, Perth & Kinross or Fife is eligible to play for them in the National League and Cup competitions.

The squad will be coached by Ross Allison and train on Tues or Wed evenings in Arbroath, with home games played on Saturday afternoon's at Arbroath SC (The Muskiedome). Other training sessions will be organised to cater for regional players depending on geographical makeup of the squad. For more details on the Muskies girl's team, please contact John Grant or me.

Captain Dan-tastic – Scotland Victorious In FIBA Europe U-18 Men Division C Championship

Congratulations to Daniel Sutherland of Arbroath Musketeers and Blairgowrie HS on his appointment as Scotland U-18 Men National Team Captain. Daniel led the Scottish Juniors to the gold medal in the FIBA Europe Division "C" Championship in Cardiff in July, the first time a Scotland Junior Men's team has won this event.

Daniel's talents have not gone unnoticed and he is now off to Johnston City High School in Des Moines, Iowa, USA to further his basketball education as part of a High School exchange programme.

Skip Prosser – a tribute to a true friend of Tayside & Fife basketball

SportTayside & Fife and **basketballtayside & fife** would like to express their great sadness and shock at the recent death of Demon Deacons Head Coach Skip Prosser, who died of a heart attack after a lunch time jog on the Wake Forest university campus in Winston Salem, North Ca.

Skip, even with the commitments of being a top NCAA college coach, regularly gave up his valuable time over to his beloved Scotland. He delivered coaching seminars in Arbroath, Dundee, Forfar and Perth over the years and gave invaluable advice to local, regional and Scottish National team coaches.

His friendship with Coach John Grant of Arbroath Musketeers left a lasting legacy for basketball coaches here. Skip was a true friend of basketball in Tayside & Fife and will be sadly missed.

Robert Archibald – Dunfermline's Ex-NBA Superstar Makes GB Debut

Finally, Robert Archibald, Scotland's basketball superstar, has made his debut for the Great Britain team. The former Queen Anne HS pupil, the only Scot ever to play in the NBA, made his debut in the recent friendly test series against Ireland in Crawley.

Robert and the rest of the GB team will now play Albania in a crucial "Eurobasket" qualification match at Meadowbank SC in Edinburgh on 1st September 2007, at 7pm.

Tickets are still available by calling the box office direct on 0131 661 5351.

The next quarterly SportTayside & Fife Basketball Newsletter will be published at the end of November 2007.

