

NEWSLETTER - MAY 2008

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TAY GAMES INTER-VARSITY CHALLENGE 2008!

February 6th 2008 saw the inaugural Tay Games Inter-Varsity Challenge between Dundee and Abertay Universities

Students from each University squared-up to their rivals across seven sports and competed for 'Sporting Bragging Rights' in the city! Teams from both Universities contested matches in: Rugby, Football, Gaelic Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Hockey and Golf at various venues in and around the city.



The event showcased all that is positive about student sport, with over 250 participants and many more spectators taking in the games. Both competitive and recreational sports at both Universities area major part of University life with thousands of students participating in sport and physical activity each week. Equally each university supports international class athletes and coaches who are combining studies and their sporting careers. This helps to create a vibrant and dynamic student experience.

The games were keenly contested with many going right to the wire! In the end, Dundee University won the challenge 7-3, to lift the trophy. The games are now a major part of each university's sporting calendar and it is hoped to build on the success of this year; allowing the event to grow in numbers, sports...and spectators!

TERTIARY EDUCATION FORUM

The Partnership has set-up a Forum for all Tertiary Education Institutions in the region.

The key role of the Forum, is to foster closer working with all institutions to:

- Develop joint sports specific and coaching programmes
- Highlight facility development and access issues
- Discuss and input to national and regional sports policy
- Share good practice

The members of the Forum are:

- The Universities of Abertay, Dundee and St Andrews
- Scottish Universities Sport
- Angus, Dundee, Adam Smith, Elmwood and Perth colleges

Two meetings have taken place since January and a third will take place in June, to plan and co-ordinate programmes for the new academic year. A number of potential joint programme areas were identified and terms of reference agreed.

The major focus over the next year will be on joint planning for coach education and will include supporting each institution's current coaching and sports development courses. The Forum will also look at deploying student coaches to support the delivery of Partnership and local authority programmes and to provide more coaches for student sports clubs.

The Forum agreed that the Inter-Varsity Games had been a great success and that the next challenge was to look at how the colleges might participate!

A meeting is being held at Elmwood during May, where the colleges will explore the potential of joint teams in a number of sports playing in the competition.

CLUBGOLF ● CLUBGOLF ● CLUBGOLF

BRECHIN P5 PUPILS ENJOY GOLF FESTIVAL

Primary Five pupils from the Brechin High School Cluster have participated in the first golf festival in Angus.

Organised by the clusters Active School Co-ordinator with support from Sports Development, the children took part in a circuit of golf based games at Brechin Sports Centre. All of the skills on display were learned by the pupils through receiving first clubgolf within curriculum time. The 120 children were guided around the 10 activity stations by Senior Pupils from Brechin High School who are undergoing their Junior Sports Leader Award. In addition to this the children were given a brief Lesson from the professional staff from Brechin Golf Club.

The emphasis of the day was to show the children how fun golf can be along with developing teamwork whilst participating in the games. Judging by the smiles on face of all involved the event was a great success.



SUMMER EVENTS

Gleneagles Wee Course

This summer why not take a group of children to play a round at Gleneagles, home of the 2014 Ryder Cup. On each occasion 3 tee times on the Wee Course will be made available. On some of these days additional coaching will be made available for the group, after the round. Bookings will be on a "First Come, First Served" basis. You can now book in a group from your club by phoning the clubgolf Administrator at the Scottish Golf Union on 01334 466477. Participating children are expected to be involved in clubgolf coaching programmes in 2008, and any group must be accompanied by at least two adults.

Scottish Challenge Pro-Am

As part of clubgolf's association with the European Challenge Tour there will once again be a clubgolf Pro-Am on Monday 23rd June, before the tournament which takes place this year at Cardrona. You can enter as a team of three at a cost of just £30. All competitors must be active clubgolf coaches. Entries should be returned to the clubgolf Administrator by Friday 13th June. Contact the clubgolf Regional manager for an application form.

clubgolf at major Scottish Events in 2008

clubgolf plans to have a presence at several major golf events in Scotland this year. Why not organise a group of children from your club to come along, take part in coaching activities and watch some golf. The events we will be at are:

Curtis Cup
Old Course, St Andrews
30th May-1st June

Scottish Challenge
Macdonald Cardrona
26th-29th June

Senior Open Championship
Royal Troon
24th-27th July

Johnnie Walker
Championship Gleneagles
28th-31st August

If you would like to attend any of these events or would like any information please contact the **clubgolf** Regional Manger

Any information for inclusion in the next newsletter should be submitted by **Wednesday 13th August**.

BIG TURN OUT AT PITLOCHRY OPEN WEEKEND

Following a four week programme of first**clubgolf** in all Highland Perthshire Schools, Pitlochry Golf Club gave all the children an opportunity to try out golf at the club over the Easter weekend. Over 60 children attend the club sessions, which gave an insight in to the **clubgolf** Stage 1 coaching programme. Club Pro Mark Pirie and the clubs volunteers coaches delivered sessions on putting, chipping and full swing. In addition to this a prize draw was run over the weekend offer one lucky child a free junior membership to the club for a year. As a result of the efforts by the club in schools and the open day have proved a massive success in recruiting new juniors to the club who now attend **clubgolf** Stage 1 coaching on a weekly basis throughout the summer months



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COACHING ● COACHING ● COACHING ● COACHING



SportsCoach UK Chairman and British Lions Rugby Coach, Ian McGeechan, launches The UK Coaching Framework in Coventry

The primary focus of the UK Coaching Summit 2008 was to launch and agree the delivery of the framework, through the establishment of a quality-coaching

On the 22/23 April, over 550 delegates attended the 3rd UK Coaching Summit held at the RICOH Stadium, Coventry. National Governing Bodies, County Sports Partnerships, Sports Councils, UK Sport, Skills Active, Youth Sports Trust and Government Departments were all present. The event provided a tremendous opportunity to share ideas and discuss how to move the coaching agenda forward.

The Summit is a key element in the implementation of the UK Coaching Framework. The vision of the Framework is to create a cohesive, ethical, inclusive and valued coaching system, where skilled coaches support children, players and athletes at all stages of their development. The aspiration is to be the best coaching system in the world by 2016.

Keynotes, Update Sessions and Workshops covered the Strategic Action areas of the Framework in more detail, enhancing the understanding of the new Framework along with sharing ideas, listening to the latest developments and contribute to shaping the future direction of coaching across the United Kingdom.

The SCUk Coaching Summits are a major contributor to the evolution of coaching. A series of Coaching Summits is to be delivered up to 2016, with Glasgow hosting next year's event. The UK government would like to introduce a new vision for Informal Adult Learning and have pledged £210m up to 2011. This creates opportunities for coaching to support the development and learning needs of coaches and coaching projects.

COACHING MATTERS

Coaching Tayside & Fife COACHING GROUP

Local Authority and partner organisations attended a series of coaching forums during April at the Lynch Sports Centre, Dundee. Discussion and action topics included: Coaching Scotland and the national implications, Workforce Development Plans being structured by Scottish Governing Bodies, The ST&F Scholarship Programme, Individual Learning Accounts, Continuous Personal Development (CPD) for coaches and the need for a quality Partnership Education Calendars. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 17th.

ST&F SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Through the Scholarship Programme, over £5000 was allocated to support coaches across 6 sports including: Basketball, Girls' and Women's Football, Gymnastics, Hockey, Rugby and Swimming.

The breakdown of funding for 2007-08 and for each area is as follows:

Angus - £1139.00

Dundee - £1742.00

Fife - £1923.00

Perth & Kinross - £588.00

If you would like more information relating to the Scholarship Programme and how it can support you go to our website for further details.

COACHING MATTERS

LOOKING AFTER YOUR FEET!

On Thursday March 13th, **SportTayside & Fife** delivered a Podiatry Workshop for coaches and athletes. The workshop was held at the High School of Dundee, Mayfield Sports Complex. Eighteen coaches, parents and squad athletes attended. The aim of the session was to introduce athletes and coaches to the importance of healthy feet, good posture and footwear.

PLANNING A SEASON IN SPORT

On Wednesday March 29th, **SportTayside & Fife** also delivered a Planning a Season in Sport workshop. Olympic Coach, West Institute of Sport and former TFIS Performance Coach, Gary Vandermeulen, was the guest presenter. Seventeen coaches attended the evening, which created an understanding of the process and importance of yearly sports planning. At the end of the session coaches were able to design and learn how to implement a season in their given sport

COACHING AWARDS

On Monday, March 10th and Thursday, April 17th, Perth & Kinross Sports Council and East Fife Sports Council, held their Annual Sports Awards. Coach of the Year was awarded to John Ross (Cricket) in Perth and Alan Gardiner (Golf) in East Fife.

5 MINUTES WITH ANDY ROBINSON!

We managed to catch-up with 1998 European Cup, 2003 World Cup Winner and Edinburgh Rugby Coach, Andy Robinson. To read the interview as a download, go to our website at SportTayside-Fife.co.uk.

SQA VOLUNTEER DEVELOPMENT



Volunteer Development Scotland have announce the launch of a new range of SQA work based Awards that will provide individuals with new, recognised accredited qualifications and opportunities to learn and develop skills in volunteer management.

Participation on the programmes will also enable organisations to review and develop their practice in the management of volunteers. All VDS volunteer management programmes are aligned with the National Occupational Standards in Managing Volunteers and the Scottish Qualifications and Credit Framework. The three awards for launch in 2008 are: **Management of Volunteers (SCQF Level 7)**, **Management of Volunteering (SCQF Level 8)**, **Co-ordinating Volunteers (SCQF Level 6)**. Volunteer Development Scotland will also offer this award as an Adult Prior Learning programme for people who have attended and completed a minimum of two advanced learning opportunities.

The Adult Prior Learning award will commence in June 2008.

COACH EDUCATION NETWORK

Below are a selection of courses and workshops available across the Coaching Network in Tayside and Fife.

ANGUS EDUCATION

Course: Safeguarding and Protecting Children

Date: Tuesday May 20th

E-mail: mclean@angus.gov.uk

DUNDEE EDUCATION

Course: Safeguarding and Protecting Children

Date: Wednesday June 4th

E-mail: alex.knight@dundeecity.gov.uk

PERTH & KINROSS EDUCATION

Course: Children 1st – In Safe hands

Date: Wednesday May 28

E-mail: jmcsine@pkc.gov.uk

Course: Coaching Methods & Communication

Date: Wednesday June 4th

E-mail: jmcsine@pkc.gov.uk

Course: Fuelling Performers

Date: Wednesday June 18th

E-mail: jmcsine@pkc.gov.uk

Course: Fitness Training

Date: Thursday June 26th

E-mail: jmcsine@pkc.gov.uk

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