

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 HOCKEY IN TAYSIDE & FIFE

Youth Forum

Midlands Youth Commission is to hold a Youth Forum on Monday 4 September at Mayfield Sports Complex (High School Of Dundee) from 6:30 to 9pm. The evening has been organised to let clubs, individuals and organisations input their views and opinions on hockey in Tayside & Fife. There is no set agenda for the night and club reps do not need to submit reports.

Midlands Under 14 Club/School League

The successful pilot of the U14 league last year has enabled Midlands Youth Committee (MYC) to access funding through SHU youth development. This funding has allowed for a co-ordinator to be employed to help organise and run the league. Midlands Youth Committee will also provide assistance when they can on the day. Funding has also been made available for teams travelling to the leagues. The leagues will commence on Saturday 9 September at Dundee International Sports Complex (D.I.S.C.) from 9.30 to 11.30am.

Under 16 / 18 Inter district Squads

The SHU has changed the timing of the U16/18 inter district competitions meaning that this year, both Boys and Girls competitions will be held in November at Peffermill, Edinburgh. Trials and training have been organised for both the boys and girls squads on the following dates:

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| U18 Boys | DISC | Wednesdays | 5.30pm – 7.00pm |
| U16 Boys | DISC | Wednesdays | 5.30pm – 7.00pm |
| U18 Girls | Strathallan, Perth & Kinross | Tuesdays | 5.00pm – 7.00pm |
| U16 Girls | Strathallan, Perth & Kinross | Tuesdays | 5.00pm – 7.00pm |

Local Scottish Players

A number of local junior players have successfully represented their country at Under 16, 18 and 21 levels respectively. Midlands clubs have many players achieving national recognition and this has highlighted the amount of good work being undertaken by local clubs.

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| U16 | Ben Harper (MHC), Ross Glashan, (DWHC), Blair Wynd (MHC), Sam McCluskey (DWHC) Helen Summersgill (P&K) |
| U18 | Michael Ross (PHC), Paul Martin (MHC), Connor McCartney (DWHC), Michael Cahia (Strathallan) Nicola Martin (DWHC), Emma Reid (PHC), Becky Ward (DWHC) |
| U21 | Ross Stott (DWHC), Gavin Byers (MHC), John Prosser (MHC) Leigh Fawcett (BGHC) Nikki Kidd (BGHC) |

Club Development

Harris Hockey Club:

The club have been updating their policies and procedures in the last two months along with developing a three year development plan. They have been working closely with the **SportTayside & Fife** Hockey DO and have submitted their evidence to obtain the affiliation level of ClubDundee.

Kinross Men's Hockey Club:

The youth section of the club has grown over the last year and with ever increasing demands being placed on the volunteers the club decided to develop its bank of coaches. The club will

look to place four potential coaches on SHU courses in 2006 to help with the development of both their youth and adults sections. This is one many actions that the club is progressing in line with their development plan.

Education & Training

SHU level 1, Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th September, Inverclyde, Largs
 National Teacher In-service, Friday 29th September 2006, Peffermill, Edinburgh
 SHU Hockey Leaders, Sunday 1st October 2006, Kirkcaldy High Community Use School

Scholarship Programme

If you are interested in developing your personnel levels of coaching and increasing your knowledge and understanding in coaching hockey there are opportunities for you to access the **SportTayside & Fife** scholarship programme. The programme has been designed to develop and support aspiring coaches in Tayside & Fife to reach their highest potential.

Regional Player Improvement Programme

A new programme is currently being developed in partnership with **sportscotland**, SHU and **SportTayside & Fife**. The programme will replace the former IMPACT programme for boys and girls in Tayside. Start date has still not been finalised, however it is likely to be before Christmas, updates will be available when more information is confirmed.

Club Training Information

| <u>Team Name</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Days</u> | <u>Times</u> | <u>Contact</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Perthshire H.C | Craigclowan | Mon 11 | 6.30 - 8pm | Stephen Pedgrift |
| | Auchterarder | Mon 18 Sept | 6 - 7.30pm | - 07834 867968 |
| Blairgowrie H.C. | JJ Cooper | Monday | 6.30 - 8pm | Susan Whiteford – 01250 874304 |
| Kinross H.C. (M) | KGV Kinross | Tuesday | 7 - 9pm | Ken Chick – 01577 863043 |
| Kinross H.C. (W) | KGV Kinross | Wednesday | 6.30 - 8pm | Helen Davidson – 07760 491867 |
| Carnegie H.C. | HMS Caledonia | Tuesday | 7 - 9pm | Keith Foster – 07802 428304 |
| | | Thursday | 8.30 - 9.30pm | |
| Madras H.C. | St. Andrews Uni | Thursday | 7- 8.30pm | Dave Godfrey – 07731 900254 |
| Menzieshill H.C. (M) | D.I.S.C. | Tuesday | 8.30 - 10pm | Harry Byers – 07958 679276 |
| | | Thursday | 7 - 8.30pm | |
| Wanderers H.C. | D.I.S.C. | Wednesday | 7 - 8.30pm | Ben Gibson – 0780 3513797 |
| Harris H.C. (M) | D.I.S.C. | Monday | 8.30 - 10pm | Johnny Lothian – 07966 485622 |
| Bonargrass Grove H.C. (W) | D.I.S.C. | Tuesday | 7 - 8.30pm | Pauline Stott – 07742 117747 |
| | | Thursday | 8.30 - 10pm | |
| Monarchs H.C. (M) | Arbroath S.C. | Wednesday | 7.15 - 8.45pm | Andrew McArtney - 07740 839383 |
| Brechin Ladies H.C. | Arbroath S.C. | Tuesday | 7.45 - 8.45pm | Carly Baillie – 07946 441637 |
| Forfar (Juniors) | Forfar Acad. | Wednesday | 6.30 - 8.30pm | Anne Calendar - (Forfar Academy) |

Sport Development Contacts

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