

## Edinburgh Sports Clubs

# Newsletter

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New Bangholm  
playing area

## Pitch & Pavilion Update

As part of the Council's commitment to improve the facilities for pitch sports in Edinburgh and to deliver the 'Quality Pitches for All' vision of its Sports Pitches Strategy the following works are either under way or about to be carried out:

### Saughton Sports Complex:

The £500,000 refurbishment will see a third generation surface being installed on the 11-a-side pitch and a new seven-a-side pitch that is being created as part of this project. Work is scheduled to start on 10th March 2008 and should take 8 to 10 weeks to complete dependant on weather conditions.

**Davidson's Mains Park:** Refurbishment of the pavilion is nearing completion. The £150,000 project involves a full internal re-fit that includes new shower areas, toilets, team changing areas, referees changing and disabled toilet. The roof of the pavilion has also been re-felted. Work commenced at

the beginning of November 2007 and will be completed by the end of February 2008.

**Colinton Mains:** Work on the new playing surface is almost complete

with only some surface drainage work to be completed. A stage one lottery application has been approved and recommended as high priority for stage two to assist fund a new pavilion and work is ongoing to complete the second stage.

**Bangholm:** The pavilion and floodlighting for this new playing area are expected to be completed by the end of February.

**New Pavilions:** Tenders have been awarded to construct three brand new pavilions at Fernieside, Bingham and East Pilton and work is expected to begin in April with final completion of all pavilions expected in December 2008

## World's Oldest Football Club?

Did you know that one of the first recorded football clubs in the worlds was formed in Edinburgh?

The Foot Ball Club of Edinburgh was set up in 1824 by a student lawyer called John Hope and it is thought to have lasted until around 1841.

The good news is The Foot Ball Club of Edinburgh is being reformed and will adopt many of the traditions and characteristics of the original club.

A membership scheme similar to a golf club will operate where members will pay a joining fee a have the opportunity of playing regularly each week.

The club intends joining the Edinburgh Sunday leagues next season and has already secured sponsorship and will play in the traditional colours of Navy blue tops, white shorts and red socks

The overall aim of the club is to be a social football provision where like minded individuals can have a kick about, competitive or not. However they have strong charitable aims and any money raised throughout the year will go to a charity of the members choosing and already has attracted the interest of FIFA President Sepp Blatter and the Scottish First Minister who are hoping to attend the clubs first dinner later in the year. This

is an opportunity to get involved in a wee piece of football history and anyone interested should contact

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# City of Edinburgh Trampoline Club

City of Edinburgh Trampoline Club (CETC) was founded in 2006 by Head Coach Lauren Jeffrey, who had began coaching trampolining classes at the Craggs Sports Centre on the Southside the previous having previously had 14 years experience as a successful, competitive trampolinist.

Lauren quickly became aware of the lack of opportunity for talented, enthusiastic youngsters to take part in the sport at competition level, as there were no existing trampoline clubs in the City. In collaboration with the then Gymnastics and Trampolining Development Officer for Edinburgh Leisure, Perrotine Orr, a co-ordinated plan was introduced, to provide a clear pathway from recreational & development classes to City of Edinburgh Club classes, thus enabling youngsters to take part in competitions organised by the sports' governing body, Scottish Gymnastics.

The Club currently has a membership of 56 youngsters, ranging in age from 5 through to

adult. It has an extremely pro-active Committee, who are very supportive of the Club and coaches and actively encourages youngsters to remain in the sport by obtaining coaching and judging qualifications, and passing on & sharing their experience and knowledge with other, younger members.



Club competitors have already gained an impressive haul of over 50 medals since the first competition, including four Scottish National titles. The undersized trampolines currently used by the Club, are in urgent need of replacement and CETC are actively fundraising to purchase 2 competition standard trampolines, which would allow their members the same training and competitive advantages as other clubs in Scotland.

CETC plan to continue to provide enthusiastic and talented youngsters with the opportunity to have fun and fulfil their potential in this exciting sport and if you interested in becoming involved please contact: [moirajeffrey@btconnect.com](mailto:moirajeffrey@btconnect.com)

## Winning Wheels Tennis Club

Wheelchair tennis started at Craiglockhart in 2006 and now takes place every Sunday evening.

You don't need to have played tennis before and there are sports wheelchairs and tennis racquets available for loan. If you have your own sports wheelchair then bring it along. Coaching by a qualified coach and assistant is included and the sessions are subsidised by Edinburgh Leisure. For more information contact Ian Hand on 07802 168274

## Contacts

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## Forthcoming Events

15/16 March	Scottish Basketball Cup Finals	The Pleasance
23/24 Mar	East Badminton Championships	Meadowbank
23/30 Mar	International Curling Gathering	Murrayfield Ice Rink
30 Mar	IAAF World Cross Country Championships	Holyrood Park
19th April	Edinburgh Northern Rugby 7s	Inverleith Park
20th April	Capital Sevens and Activcity Carnival	Meggetland