

Edinburgh Sports Clubs

Update

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Dear Club Secretary/Member,
Welcome to the first edition of a new newsletter that will be circulated around Edinburgh Sports Clubs on a regular basis, keeping you up to date on developments and hopefully providing useful information. Please feel free to circulate this round your members and to any other interested parties.

Club Data Base

The City of Edinburgh Council's Culture and Sport division is attempting to update its data base of Edinburgh clubs and to date has over 400 clubs. Previously it has been extremely difficult to maintain accurate records as club contacts change and move address and it is now planned to communicate through a new website and by email. We now have over 300 clubs on our email address book and will attempt to contact the remaining clubs by post to provide email contacts. All clubs, interested individuals and organisations are encouraged to forward email addresses for inclusion in future correspondence to sportdevelopment@edinburgh.gov.uk



Major Investment in Pitches and Pavilions

Clubs in the city are starting to see the benefit of some fairly significant investment in many of Edinburgh's outdoor pitches and pavilions with over £1.8m spent on improving drainage, playing surfaces and refurbishing changing areas. £1.6m has recently been invested in the new Bangholm Playing Fields with a further £2.8m earmarked for developments at Saughton, East Pilton, Fernieside, Bingham, Davidson Mains and the new North Edinburgh Football

Academy near Ainslie Park Leisure Centre.

Edinburgh's first ever 3rd Generation football pitch has opened recently at Castlebrae High School. This is the highest quality all-weather surface on the market and is already being well used by local football teams and the community.

There are still a few lets available for both training and full games so any clubs interested should contact Castlebrae on 0131 661 4049.





New Disabled Athletics Club

Athletes with learning and/or physical disabilities from all over the Lothians are invited to join this new club that meets on a Thursday evening from 6:30pm – 8:00pm at Dalkeith Campus in Midlothian. The sessions initially will be used to introduce participants to athletics in a safe environment with the main focus being on enjoyment.

However, these will also serve to prepare athletes for future events, with the overall aim of having more Lothian athletes in the National squad competing for Scotland and potentially Great Britain! For further details contact Gary Fraser on 01875 619070.

Lothian Special Olympics Football Club

The above club are currently recruiting male and female football players with a disability over the age of 14. Training is every Wednesday at Meadowbank Sports Centre from 5.00 to 6.00pm and the coaches are looking for new players to compete in events such as the National 7-a-side Championships in Falkirk. email LSOFootball@aol.com or phone 07722 195164 if interested in joining in.



ClubSportEdinburgh - New Club Sports Forum

ClubSportEdinburgh is a brand new organisation recently established to represent the voice of amateur sports clubs in the City. The Forum is being set up to replace the previous Edinburgh District Sports Council which has been dormant for some time, and will be open to all Edinburgh-based sports clubs. All the city sports clubs on the Council's database were invited to a public meeting at Meggetland on 16th May 2007, and over forty clubs were represented on the day. From that meeting an Executive Committee has been formed under the Chair of Edinburgh Wolves American Football Club General Manager, Douglas Adamson.

The Forum, which will be officially launched under the name of **ClubSportEdinburgh** later in the year, will form an important communication link between sports clubs, the City of

Edinburgh Council, and Edinburgh Leisure. Other roles will include sharing best practice, developing club accreditation schemes, and driving publicity for club events and initiatives through the city's FutureSport events programme. The new body will also offer advice on issues such as child protection, club and coach development, funding opportunities, and the recruitment of volunteers.

A temporary web site is under construction at www.clubsportedinburgh.btik.com and this will play a key role in sharing information throughout the Edinburgh sporting community. All Edinburgh based clubs will be invited to affiliate to **ClubSportEdinburgh** over the next few months and it is hoped this will be a major initiative in improving communications and providing resources for clubs throughout the city.

Coach and Volunteer Courses

Child Protection in Sport

Most governing bodies are now encouraging clubs to become more aware of their responsibilities regarding their younger members. Children 1st offer excellent support and advice in this area and regularly run courses and seminars for coaches and volunteers who work with young people.

For more information check out www.childprotectioninsport.org.uk



Coaching Edinburgh is aiming to ensure that Edinburgh has a broad base of sports coaches to deliver quality coaching programmes to all. sportscotland, Edinburgh Leisure and the City of Edinburgh Council are seeking to raise the standards of coaching services across the city. Ultimately, this means committing to provide wide and easy access to a diverse range of coach-led sporting and physical activities, delivered with

the requisite expertise.

Coaching Edinburgh, as well as representing these partners, is an entity designed to support and develop coaches and coaching throughout the city. It is intended that this partnership approach will help all involved in the delivery of sports coaching, including community centres, sports clubs, schools, coaches, National Governing Bodies and the East of Scotland Institute of Sport amongst many others.



For more information on any of the above courses check out www.coachingedinburgh.co.uk or email coachdevelopment@edinburghleisure.co.uk

September

- 19 Swimming: ASA Assistant teacher
- 14 Rugby: UKCC Level 1
- 19 Sports Coach UK: Core Stability (all sports)
- 29 Netball: Level B Umpiring

October

- 6 Tennis Scotland: Annual Coaches Conference
- 13 Swimming: ASA Teacher
- 15 Gymnastics: Levels 2 & 3 Coach Awards
- 17 Sports Coach UK: Safeguarding & Protecting Children (all sports)
- 22 National Pool Lifeguard Qualification

November

- 3 Tennis: Level 1 Coaching Award
- 4 HSE First Aid for Sports Coaches (all sports)
- 14 Children 1st: In Safe Hands (volunteers responsible for club child protection)

Run for Cancer Research UK at Hopetoun House

Looking for a novel way of getting your club members fit as well as raising funds for a worthy cause?

Why not enter a team into the 10k run at Hopetoun House, Scotland's finest stately home, and help to raise funds for Cancer Research UK's life-saving work.

Starting and finishing right in front of the House, the course takes in the tranquil beauty of the deer park and House gardens, as well as offering fantastic views over the Forth from the High Sea Walk.

The run takes place on Sunday 7th October, starting at 11.00am, and everyone aged 16 and over is

welcome to take part, from novice 10k runners to seasoned athletes.

Last year's event drew over 1000 runners and raised a fantastic £71,000 for the charity. Organisers are aiming to attract even more runners this year and a warm welcome and a great atmosphere are guaranteed, so why not get involved and join in the fun? Running a 10k is a great way to get fit, and by raising sponsorship money for Cancer Research UK you will be helping more people beat cancer.

Entry is via the web-site on - www.cancerresearchuk10.co.uk



Forthcoming Sports Events in Edinburgh

15th September:
The Mitte Basketball Tournament @Meadowbank Sports Centre

16th September
Pedal For Scotland - Glasgow to Edinburgh

18th September:
Scotland v Romania - Rugby World Cup @ Murrayfield

23rd September:
Scotland v New Zealand - Rugby World Cup @ Murrayfield

23rd September:
Portobello Aquathon @ Portobello Swim Centre and Promenade



Clubs are invited to send in articles for inclusion in future newsletters plus any other ideas as to how we can improve information and conditions for clubs within the City.

If you wish more information on ClubSportEdinburgh or require any other advice and assistance on club development, please contact the Council's Club Development Officer on any of the numbers below or check out the website.

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