

EABC BULLETIN SUMMER 2009

Essex Association of Boys' Clubs



Issue 7

Essex Boys and Girls Clubs

A new era commences on 1st September 2009 when Essex Association of Boys' Clubs officially adopts its new name of Essex Boys and Girls Clubs. The new name in its shortened version will be EBGC. Our traditional single gender work with boys will continue, however, this change sets our Association up to keep in line with on going changes within our sector and puts us in a position to continue our work as one of the leading providers of work with young people in Essex.



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Chalvedon ABC Presentation Day

On Sunday 2nd August young people and leaders from Chalvedon Amateur Boxing Club met at Stubbers Adventure Centre for an Activity Day and BBQ. This was to celebrate the achievements of the young people in the club. At the end of the day David O'Flynn handed out trophies on behalf of the club to all the members. Congratulations to all the young people for their achievements during the year.



Chalvedon A.B.C. displaying their trophies at Stubbers



Tug of War for all at the Super team event

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS

OF AMERICA EXCHANGE VISIT

As part of the exchange programme that has been set up between the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and Essex Boys and Girls Clubs and Manchester Federation of Clubs for Young People, two young people from this side of the pond have been to America to experience Clubs in Spokane in Washington State and the Boys & Girls Clubs HQ in Atlanta. Sam Bayliss from Linford Wanderers FC and Charlotte Welbourne from G-Force Youth Club in the Manchester area, spent four weeks experiencing the American way of life and seeing how their Clubs are run. One of the main differences that Sam commented on, was that the Clubs in Spokane had around 250 young people attending the Club each weekday from 9.00 – 5.00 pm! Sam starts as the new Trainee with the Essex Boys and Girls Clubs in September and a full report of his experiences and the success of the exchange will be published in the next Newsletter.

In return Paige Hines and Quintin Norris have just completed two and a half weeks in England finding out how Boys and Girls clubs in this country compare, and experiencing the delights of the UK. They spent a few days up at High Row, our residential centre in the Lake District and climbed a mountain or two and also met some young people from Maryport Boys and Girls Club. They then travelled to Manchester to visit some of their clubs and then were able to experience the atmosphere at Old Trafford as their stay coincided with the Manchester United v Valencia game. After this they travelled down to our part of the country to experience Essex! This included a visit to historical Colchester Castle, boating in Dedham Vale, helping with our Football Cage Project in Dovercourt and integrating with young people there. A day of sightseeing in London included Downing Street, Buckingham Palace and all places in between. After a meeting with the Mayor in Colchester and a day spent at Stubbers shadowing groups there,

SUPER TEAM 2009

Stubbers was the venue for a new event on the calendar- Super Team 2009. Teams of 4 competed in a series of events to test their stamina, team work, planning, accuracy, skill and commitment to find the best all round team in the competition. Events included a raft race, canoe slalom course, archery, rifle shooting, the nine foot wall and the final event was a tug of war competition for all teams. The winning team was CSM from Chadwell St. Mary ABC with Last Resort runners up. Clubs who took up the challenge were Loughton Youth Project, St. Josephs Youth Club, Last Resort, Chadwell St. Mary ABC, Crown & Manor, Belhus Park ABC and Chelmsford Boys Club.

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Forthcoming Events

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Fund Raising Corner

31st Anniversary Essex Prison Sponsored Jailbreak Challenge

Saturday 3rd October 2009

The idea is simple, teams of 3 have to get as far away from Chelmsford Prison as possible in 15 hours – **without spending any money!** Teams can also visit unusual destinations or perform a challenging task in order to raise their funds. In order to travel as far away as possible for free, teams can contact travel companies, airlines, ferry, train and bus companies to see if they would be willing to help them out. This a great way of raising funds for your club. For more information Contact Dave Shelton at EABC or email davids@eabc-online.org

EABC 5 A SIDE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009

PLEASE NOTE REVISED DATES

The dates have been changed to fit in with the new dates for the C.Y.P. Regional and National Finals.

DATE: SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER 2009
AGE: UNDER 12'S AND UNDER 16'S

DATE: SATURDAY 24th OCTOBER 2009
AGE: UNDER 14'S AND UNDER 19'S

VENUE: RIVERSIDE ICE AND LEISURE
CENTRE, CHELMSFORD
Entry Fee: £12 per team

MOUNTAIN SKILLS

23rd—27th October 2009

MOUNTAIN BIKING SKILLS

27th—31st October 2009

What have you planned for half term? Are you 15 or over and would like to take up the challenge of the Mountain Skills Course or the Mountain Biking Skills Course at our centre in the beautiful Lake District Please contact Dave Hassard on 01206 213718 for further details.

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Awards for All – BLF has launched new grants round with a much easier application process. Grants up to £10k over two years are available. Might be well worth a look at the website. Go to www.awardsforall.org.uk

Grassroots- Clubs are reminded that the last round for this programme is October and the sooner you get applications in the better. Up to £5k available for organisation with a turnover averaging less than £30k over the past 3 years. Application forms from Essex Community Foundation but completed forms should be submitted via this office and that strong evidence of need is a major criteria.

Comic Relief – Are about to launch a new programme of grants in August, which will be delivered through Essex Community Foundation. Details and application process will be on their website. We understand that much of the grant funding will be for sport activity. (Google ECF for details).

Football Foundation-The FF have a new grants programme being launched in October details of which will appear on its website. We understand that it will offer larger sums than previously and that it will spread beyond just football. Clubs could benefit from watching the web page on www.footballfoundation.org.uk

Essex Community Foundation-Clubs are reminded that ECF's next grant round deadline date is in September and you would be well advised to look at the website to ensure you apply in good time. Application forms can be downloaded. (Google ECF for details)

Standard Life Charitable Trust- we understand that sometime between now and the end of the year this trust is to launch a new grants round to distribute funds from unclaimed shares. Details are not available at present but I would suggest you keep an eye open for this source of funding.