



CLUB NEWSLETTER

DELIVERED TO ALL AFFILIATED CLUBS



The Sante Fe Samplers, Senior Members Club

Talented young musicians from affiliated youth clubs performed at the second annual EBGC Live event on Saturday 29th November, held again at the prestigious Hermit Club in Brentwood. The standard was outstanding and since the musicians all represented different genres they provided a really diverse and entertaining evening for the audience of sixty. The performers included CJ2 from **Linford Wanderers Football & Sports Club**; *Hope Over Experience*, soloist *Juliet Ware* and DJ *Joe*, all from **Blackmore Youth Club**; *4Frames*, soloist *Jonathon Salami*, rapper *Promise* and soloist *Kelsey* from **Aveley Youth Club**; guitar soloist *Ollie Peck* and *The Sante Fe Samplers* who joined the **Senior Members Club**. As well as a brilliant line-up, EBGC Live was supported by a fantastic army of volunteers. *Ellie Mason*, who helped on the door and with band management, said *'It was a great night and it was good to feel like I was helping. I'm sure everyone had just as much fun as I did. The best part was when the boys started dancing!'*

'Presenting EBGC Live was loads of fun and it really built my confidence by going on stage so many times and in front of so many people'
Rhys Burrell,
EBGC Live co-host
Blackmore Youth Club

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a pebble in the pond



Thirty young people entered the second annual championships on Saturday 6th December at **North Avenue Youth Club** in Chelmsford. Our hosts welcomed **Eastern Rhinos Rugby League Club**, **Rayne Boxing Club** and **4 Youth Brightlingsea**. After coaching from *Jamie Drummond*, competition began in earnest. In the end *Rayne ABC* took the U13 title while *Eastern Rhinos RFL* won the U16's. Players of the day were named as *Hannah Mortier* (*Rayne ABC*) and *Brendan Carpenter-Hogwood* (*4 Youth Brightlingsea*).

Our annual Night Exercise took place on Saturday 22nd November with sixty intrepid young people braving the darkness as entrants or volunteers. **Great Tey Youth Club**'s teams claimed both first and second place, while **St. Cedds Youth Club** came in third. Thanks to teams, leaders and volunteers from **Linford Wanderers Football & Sports Club**, **Aveley Youth Club**, **Braintree Youth Project Charity**, **Halstead Senior Members Club**, **Sampfords Youth Club** and the **EBGC Volunteer Team**.

"The young people climbed on the haystack and sat on the top chatting to their teams and making new friends before navigating the 4 miles on their maps stopping at check points along the way to carry out different activities. It was very dark and muddy all the way round and the fog just added to the atmosphere. We shared the woods with the creatures of the night such as the owls calling and the cry of a fox as they lurked in the shadows of the woods. Luckily for us we weren't on their food chain! Afterwards we returned to the barn for a BBQ - a good time had by all." **BYPC Facebook**



SPORTS TEAM ROUND UP



The EBGC Representative U16 side played West Ham United FC Academy at their satellite facility in Beckton. It was a fantastic evening with our boys eventually going down 4-1 to the premier league team. QPR FC and Dagenham & Redbridge FC fixtures are planned before the Easter tour of the north to compete in the newly reformed NABGC cup.

Ten clubs came to the 5-a-sides in December, with **Wickford Town FC** taking the U14 title and **Prospects Utd FC** winning the U16 title.



EBGC's partnership with the RFL continues with **Eastern Rhinos RLC** developing satellite clubs in schools. In the Autumn we organised the Regional Champions Schools RFL Tournament. Ten schools competed to get to the National tournament with teams from School Years 7-10.



We continued to run Boxing Tutor Courses for clubs, with 16 tutors qualifying in October. We also ran a project at **Rayne ABC** to provide diversionary activities to enhance community safety, which was funded by the Essex Police Crime Commissioner. Meanwhile Martin Solder has continued to fight to ensure the future of the National Association of Boys & Girls Clubs Boxing Championships. See 'News from National' opposite for more.



Six more clubs joined EBGC's 'Changing young attitudes towards sport and healthy living' scheme this term. **Frenford Clubs, Ingatestone Boys Own Club, The Ashdon Hangout, The Massive Project, Chesterfords Youth Club** and **North Avenue Youth Centre** began the programme which is organised and delivered by EBGC staff and coaches.



The first ever EBGC Judo Tour in November saw five competitors from **Mersea Island Judo Club** travel to the Northumberland Clubs for Young People Open Championships. The team had a great welcome 'up North' and all competitors fought admirably. Although none of the Essex fighters won their weight categories, they were a credit to both EBGC and their club.



October saw the start of EBGC's new U18 Cricket Development Squad, a two year programme designed to enhance both life skills and cricket skills, kindly funded in Year One by Impex Management. The project rewards players through experiences and residential trips, whilst also testing them and delivering vital leadership and teamwork skills. As well as monthly training sessions, the squad will be given the opportunity to tour Lords Cricket Ground followed by a session in the MCC Academy using Hawkeye technology, a residential trip to Maes-Y-Lade, six fixtures against public schools Eton, Harrow, Felsted, Winchester, Uppingham and Kimbolton, and finally a UK tour. Whilst the programme for the second year is still to be confirmed, the end of the project is marked by an 11 day tour of the Caribbean, for which the players will fundraise. 24 cricketers who had previously played for EBGC at U12 and U14 level were invited to compete in two trials for the 16 squad places, one at **Frenford Clubs** and one at **Billericay Cricket Club**.

The standard was exceptionally high and selecting the team proved a difficult task. Eventually the squad was selected, and the programme began in January.

The U18 Development Squad

Maldon CC: Max Bryant, Reece Bawden.

Halstead CC: Luke Robinson.

Billericay CC: Jonathan Earl, Alfie Cobden. **Frenford Clubs:** Ihtisham Mir, Bhajandip Singh Purenal, Danial Mahmood, Sagar Joshi, Jamal Ahmed.

Upminster CC: Frankie Hazle, Will Chuter, Max Carter-Miller. **Loughton CC:** Umer Choudhry, Neil Jani, Wajahat Bukhari.

"Our youngsters thoroughly enjoyed the varied sports training offered to them, they came along early every Friday and found all of the sessions very good. The trainers were all very knowledgeable and made the sessions open to all.

Our youngsters certainly developed their skills and tried their hands at new sports."

John Conaghan, Club Leader
St Cedds Youth Club

CLUB NEWS

Colne Engaine Youth Club has a new Volunteer Club Leader, Lisa Brady. Lisa helped at the 2014 Adventure Weekend and is looking forward to #EAW15.

Helions Bumpstead Youth Club opened for the first time on 5th January and will initially run on the first Monday of each month in school terms. The club opened with help from the EBGC Rural Team.

Halstead Boxing Club received a £66,000 grant from Sport England's Inspired Facilities fund, to increase the capacity of the club.

Frenford Clubs in Ilford runs a Tuesday night Job Club where they help members to improve their employability skills and find work.

Rowhedge Youth Club, near Colchester, were thrilled in November when the local pub landlord made a surprise visit to donate a brand new PS3 to the club.

Sampfords Youth Club headed off to Birmingham to The Clothes Show Live. Everyone had a great day out which, including the transport, cost approx. £60pp.

Blackwater Judo Club are holding their Junior and Foundation Club Championship on 12th Feb.

Chelmsford ABC are holding a Boxing Evening on Saturday 7th Feb at the Marconi Club.

Berry Boys ABC are holding a Boxing Show on 21st March at the James Hornsby School in Basildon.

Halstead Senior Members Club are holding a fund raising party on 14th Feb at The Queens Hall.

Mersea Island Judo Club will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary this year - Happy Anniversary!!

Bergholt Youth Group welcomes Mark Pullen as their new Chairman, succeeding founding Chair Harry Stone who remains involved with the club.

Da Latchingdon Youth Club reopened on the 14th of January after a term's closure to refresh the Club Rules in consultation with local young people. The time off also gave the club an opportunity to recruit new volunteers to add to the team.

Mayland Amateur Boxing & Sports Development Club, like many boxing clubs, runs a 'Member of the Month' award program. Club Leader Leon Jared says "It keeps the members involved and occupied and it is also something to look forward to each month."

December's Award went to Frankie Bourke "for his continued hard work and great improvement" and January's award went to his brother Freddie Bourke for being most improved boxer of the month.



IN MEMORIAM

We are sorry to report the untimely passing in December of Peter Rawlinson, President of **Halstead Cricket Club**. Peter joined the Club in the mid 1960's, becoming Treasurer in 1969, Chairman from 1982-90 and then President in 1995. He was very popular at Star Stile and beyond and will be sorely missed. Our condolences go to the club and Peter's family.

WELCOME

New affiliated clubs:

Wix Youth Club (Tending)
Helions Bumpstead Youth Club (North Braintree)
Colin McMillan Boxing Training Academy (Ilford)
Prospects United Football Club (Canvey)
PITSTOP aka Canvey Island Youth Project



NEWS FROM NATIONAL

14 th March	Dodgeball	Manchester
11 th April	Music Showcase	Manchester
April	Inter-County Football	NABGC
10 th May	Pool	Lancashire
22 nd to 26 th May	Canoe Test	Leicestershire
May/June	5-a-side Championships	Durham
13 th June	Athletics Championships	Wales
27 th June	Table Tennis	Warwickshire
26 th -28 th June	Adventure Weekend	Essex
25 th July	Angling	Lancashire
Sept	Conference	NABGC / Manchester
Nov - Dec	Boxing	Essex / S.Yorks / tbc

The new **National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs**, made up of like-minded county club organisations like EBGC, met at Dosthill Boys Club in Tamworth on Thursday 15th January 2015. The turnout from founding members and counties asking to join really confirmed a national demand for the association to exist. The result was a programme of national activities for young people which all agreed to support.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Find posters in club mailing packs and on our website.



SPECIAL OFFERS FOR AFFILIATED CLUBS



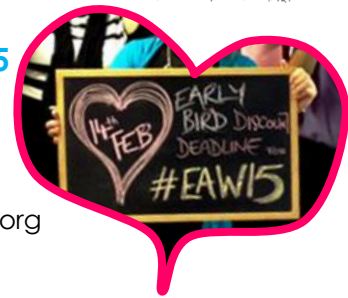
Essex Adventure Weekend

26-28th June 2015

Bring your club to our annual Stubbers take-over for lots of adventurous activities with our club network. Includes tents, activities, food and fun!

Contact Juliet: 01245 264783 juliet@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org

~~£56pp~~ Just £45pp until 14th February.



National Citizen Service (NCS)

Summer 2015

A three week, part residential, Summer programme, open to all 15-17yr olds in School Years 11, 12 or 13. Multiple date options available.

Includes accommodation, activities, food and transport.

Contact Gavin on 07920 466923 gavin@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org

~~£35pp~~ Just £20pp until 27th February.



Club Weekends at Maes y Lade

Autumn 2015

Take your club to Wales for a weekend in the mountains at our fantastic new residential centre in the Brecon Beacons, just a 4 hour drive away.

Includes accommodation, activities and transport.

Contact David on 07813 688318 davidh@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org

~~£50pp~~ Just £45pp until 31st March.



Stubbers Adventure Centre

Take your club to Stubbers for adventurous outdoor activities on land and water. Climbing, Quad Biking, Jet Skiing, Sailing, Tunnelling, Archery and High Ropes are just some of the fun activities on offer at this EBGC affiliated centre in Upminster. Book a 2 hour session, a full day or stay overnight in residential facilities ranging from catered lodges to tents.

Contact Julia on 01708 224753 julia@stubbers.co.uk

20% discount for EBGC affiliated clubs

Youth Clubs Insurance

EBGC's insurer, A J Gallagher, will beat any club's existing insurance renewal terms by 10% (subject to a minimum premium of £50).

Contact Kevin Bowers on 07908 271273 kevin_bowers@ajg.com

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REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR CLUB'S AFFILIATION TO EBGC

This Newsletter goes out to affiliated clubs so, to ensure you keep receiving it, alongside all the other benefits of EBGC affiliation, please remember that

ALL club affiliation renewals are due by 1ST APRIL 2015.

Affiliated clubs have been sent a renewal form, or you can download one from the Club Leader page on our website, or contact Gerry on 01245 264783 gerrys@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org