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UP THE CREEK WITH SOME PADDLERS!



DELIGHT AS DAVE HASSARD IS DEPOSITED IN THE RIVER!



JOHN SHOWS HIS DETERMINATION

Over the May Bank Holiday Weekend a group of 12 paddlers and 2 support crew embarked on the 49th Annual 100m Canoe Test on the River Wye.

The challenge takes place over 4 days and is a stern test of both mental and physical endurance. Fortunately this year the paddlers were kept fueled by the culinary expertise of Charlie from the office; providing a range of meals of unsurpassed quality!

The challenge was extremely successful for EBGC as all but 2

of the team (thanks to injury and illness respectively) managed to complete the 100miles.

Special praise should go to Mike Fisher, for retaining his record of being the first to capsize every time he gets in a kayak! Also to Alex Bottoms (*Upminster CC*), who discovered that trying to stand up in your canoe during the first 3 miles of a 30 mile day is not conducive to staying dry and warm! Finally to all of the young lads from *2nd Upminster Scouts*, *Upminster CC*, *Colchester Senior Members* and *Linford Wanderers FC* who finally managed to get Dave

Hassard (who had by that time earned the nickname 'Mein Fuhrer' for his ruthless efficiency in ensuring the team did not lag behind the pace) in the water on the final day!

OPPORTUNITIES for paddlers of all skills and ages are plentiful at EBGC. If you would like to try your hand at kayaking, or improve on the experience you already have, then get in contact with David Hassard. Also look out for the following next year:

**SUDBURY 2 THE SEA PADDLE
CHELMS. TO MALD. PADDLE
CYP 100 MILE CANOE TEST**

A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR...

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It has been a great couple of months for EBGC and our members. Our cricket programme is in full swing and reports in this issue will show how well the teams are doing against some of the strongest public school sides in the country. Our representative footballers finished their season with a game against Tottenham Hotspur FC U15 side in their dome at the Chigwell training ground. It was an unforgettable experience for the boys.

Our AGM saw Keystone awards for long service presented by Lord Petre HM Lord Lieutenant to Bob Herring (*Chelmsford ABC*) 10 yr, Ned Quiery (*Berry ABC*) 30 yr, and Ray Cooper (*Chelmsford ABC*) 50 yr.

Other major awards presented by the High Sheriff of Essex, Lady Ruggles-Brise, to 4 Youth (Kaylance Trophy) for participation at events, and *The Hut* (Matchroom Trophy) for the club that has done the most to

help itself over the year.

There have been many activities and events over the past month with more to come before the summer. The Summer Camp at High Row on the 30 June—6th August is an ideal opportunity for clubs to experience our fantastic residential centre in the Lake District. The weekend is run at vastly reduced rates for clubs, its too late to enter this year but make sure you put it in your diaries for next! As always I look forward to seeing you at one of our events in the coming months.

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EBGC FOOTBALLERS TOUR NORTH!



CHARLIE GRAY GETS TO GRIPS WITH THE NORTHUMBERLAND DEFENCE



LUKE TAYLOR IS AWARDED THE GRAHAM DADY TROPHY BY MARTIN ALLEN

The Representative Football Tour to the North of England started on Monday 18th April. Fifteen players from *Canvey Island Boys Club*, *Brentwood Athletic FC* and *Woodham Radars FC* took part in the tour which included the Inter County Tournament; the NBC Cup.

A friendly against Carlisle Academy on the way up to High Row gave the boys a chance to brush up their skills ahead of the NBC Cup games which were played against Northumberland and Durham. After staying the night at the EBGC High Row residential centre on Monday, a day of outward bound activities followed with the team scaling a number of peaks in a grueling walk led by Mountain Leader Susan Hughes and Gerry Smith, who kindly agreed to drive the minibus.

On Wednesday we travelled across to Sunderland where Grindon Youth Club kindly hosted us. A 6pm kick-off that day saw us play against Durham in the NBC Cup. The boys fought well against a technically and physically strong Durham side. Two goals from set-pieces meant the score ended 3-0 to Durham. The next day was a similar experience against Northumberland, although the lads will feel aggrieved at the 4-1 score-line which did not reflect the closeness of the tie.

“The tour was fantastic and we became really close as a squad because of it. Thanks to everyone at EBGC for giving us this great opportunity!”

The season culminated with the chance to play Tottenham Hotspur Academy at their Chigwell Training

Ground. Despite losing 7-0 in the end, the boys put on a fantastic display, eventually being undone by the superior fitness of Tottenham.

At the end of the game Luke Taylor (*Brentwood Athletic FC*) was awarded the Graham Dady Trophy for player of the season. The trophy is awarded for performance both on and off the pitch and Luke Taylor's exemplary attitude, as well as his consistency throughout the season made him a more than worthy winner of the accolade.

OPPORTUNITIES for footballers of all skills and ages are wide-ranging at EBGC and planning for next season has already begun. Please let us know of any feedback or ideas as to how we can help your young members' development. Look out for the following this Autumn:

**REP FOOTBALL TRIALS
TOTTENHAM TRAINING DAY
CYP ENGLAND TRIALS
EBGC 5-ASIDE TOURNAMENT**

A VIEW FROM THE PAVILION...



CHARLIE GIVES FEEDBACK AFTER A FANTASTIC PERFORMANCE AGAINST ETON



THE LADS SHAKE HANDS AFTER THE ETON GAME

Both the U12 and the U14 Representative Cricket Teams have been busy in the early part of the season with prestigious friendlies being played against some of the country's top public schools.

The season started with two games against Uppingham School at both U12 and U14 level. The U12s won their game comfortably with Mohsin Zamir (*Frenford Clubs*) taking 4 wickets for no runs off 2.4 overs as well as scoring 13 not out. The U14s were subjected to a somewhat sterner test against the Uppingham U14 A team, eventually drawing the game with Trashant Patel playing a careful 23 not out to see EBGC through to the finish.

Next followed a game at Eton School for the U14s, playing against Eton U15 D team. Despite a good performance in the field from EBGC; Eton ended up scoring a massive 223 from their 30 overs thanks to some big hitting from the Eton no. 6. In reply a magnificent innings of 91 from George Pritchard (*Halstead Colts CC*) proved to be not enough to reach the total and EBGC finished on 162-7 from 30 overs.

Both the U14s and U12s enjoyed victories over Kimbolton School. Mohsin Zamir (*Frenford Clubs*) and Connor Boreham (*Orsett CC*) were the star performers in an extremely close match for the U12s. With the bat they scored 21 and 12 respectively

and with the ball Connor recorded figures of 2-11 off 5 overs and Mohsin 15-4 from 4.5 overs, including 2 wickets in his final over to win the match by one run. In the U14s a superb bowling spell of 5-6 off 3.2 overs by Max Bryant helped EBGC to dismiss Kimbolton U14A team for just 59. Jamal Ahmed (*Frenford Clubs*) then took the initiative with the bat helping to win the game by 8 wickets with his 36 not out.

OPPORTUNITIES in cricket can be accessed through the EBGC. Whether you are a beginner looking for a club to join or are interested in getting involved in the Rep Team, Please contact us to find out how we can help! Also look out for the following next year!:

**REP CRICKET TRIALS
U13 KWIK CRICKET
EBGC CRICKET CAMP (NEW!)**

March 15th represented 500 days to go until the start of the 2012 Olympic Games, so what better excuse for a bit of healthy competition between boxing clubs! Canvey ABC, Chelmsford ABC and Centurions ABC took part with 5 teams of 5 boxers racing against the clock to total up a number of repetitions of press-ups, sit-ups, skips, left hands and right hands. Centurions ABC were the eventual winners registering over 800 repetitions in 500 seconds.

May 2011 saw two national champions from Essex. Firstly John Dignum (19) won the Senior Middleweight ABA championships at the elite finals

in Colchester, Brentwood Youth ABC's first senior national champion. Not more than 2 weeks later Essex had its second national champion with Michael Maloney of Chadwell St Mary ABC winning the Junior ABA championships in Kent.

The Mayland Parish Council and the Maldon Community Safety Partnership have gained 6 months funding to deliver boxing sessions to young people in the village, with a view to setting up permanently. Also, young people between 16-19 who are in Rochford Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) have completed 16 weeks of boxing sessions, with 3 NEETs about to take a boxing

EBGC BOXING NEWS...

tutor course to deliver sessions to local children in the future. As a result of the success of these projects Da Latchingdon club have accessed 10 weeks of funding to get a coach to deliver sessions after the youth club finishes on a Tuesday evening.

OPPORTUNITIES in boxing for all ages and abilities can be accessed via the Essex Boxing Development Officer; Af who can be contacted in the Chelmsford office; so don't hesitate to drop him a line if you are interested in taking up boxing.



JOHN DIGNUM AT THE SENIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS



MICHAEL MALONEY CELEBRATES HIS VICTORY

CATCH OF THE DAY!



The first two rounds of the 2011 EBGC Angling Competition took place on the 21st May at Ingatestone (pictured) and on the 11th June at Little Walden.

Plenty of fish were landed across the two days under some great weather conditions. Young people from Ingatestone Boys Own Club, 4 Youth and Great Sampfords were represented across the two rounds. For the results of the competition please check our website at www.essexboysandgirlsclubs.org.

OPPORTUNITIES in fishing can be accessed through the EBGC. Just give the office a ring to see what we can do for you, whether it be organizing a match against another club or access to training and coaching. Also look out for our yearly Angling Competition held across 3 rounds, which can be entered individually with no obligation to attend all three. This year's round 3 is still open for entries; July 9th 2011 (equipment provided) — call us for more details.

BULLS-EYE!

Once again we were blessed with fine weather for our annual inter club Shooting Competition held at The Herts. & Essex Shooting Association, Little Leighs.

The competition was between teams of four; shooting in an indoor range over 10 metres using our 0.177 air rifles. Competitors were also able to try their hand on the outdoor Field Target range, with the motorised Stag Target proving particularly popular, as well as being able to give Clay Pigeon Shooting a go.

Young people from Felsted YC, Chelmsford Boys Club, Linford Wanderers, Great Sampfords YC and 4 Youth were represented in the competition. Results on website.



OPPORTUNITIES in shooting can be accessed through the EBGC. Just give the office a ring to see what we can do for you, whether it be bringing out the air rifles to your club or access to coaching. Also look out for our annual Shooting Competition next year. If you have any thoughts on how we can improve our shooting programme, or how we can help to promote the sport at your club then don't hesitate to get in touch with Brian at the office.

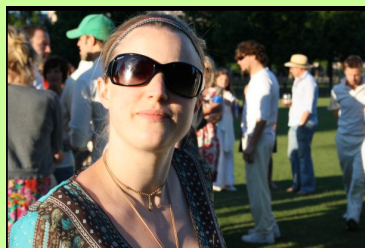
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

FISHING RD. 3
Take part in the final round of the EBGC Fishing contest. (Attendance at previous rounds NOT essential).
VENUE: Brook Farm Fishery, Romford
COST: £4 pp.
DATE: Sat 9th July 2011

SUMMER CAMP
Meet new people and take part in a range of great activities at this fantastic adventure in the Lake District.
VENUE: High Row Centre, The Lake District
COST: £70 pp.
DATE: Sat 30th Jul - Fri 6th Aug 2011

MULTI-SPORT SUMMER CAMP
Cricket, Boxing and Rugby League coaching from Essex Cricket, the ABAA and the RFL.
VENUE: The Brentwood Centre
COST: £10 pp. / day, £40 pp. / full week.
DATE: Mon 8th-Fri 12th Aug 2011

Q&A: JULIET TOWNSEND



What were you doing before EBGC?

I got a degree from Leeds University, before landing a job at Big Fish®, a brand, design and marketing consultancy. I worked there for almost ten years, making my way up to Senior Account Manager. I helped launch brands like Dorset Cereals, Tyrrells English Crisps, Gu Puds and countless others.

So why the big move?

I decided that I wanted to do something more rewarding and my husband and I both wanted to move out of London to be near our family.

How has your first month at EBGC been?

Everyone's been very welcoming and I've been lucky enough to visit a few clubs and attend a few events already.

What are you going to be doing at EBGC?

I'll be working with Sue Pell on fundraising, looking for new revenue streams with corporate contacts and large funders.

What do you hope to achieve with EBGC?

I would like to see us continue to grow through these difficult financial times. I am fully committed to staying true to our roots of providing invaluable life experiences for young people in Essex. I'm always keen to talk about ideas for projects and how we can best support our affiliated Clubs.

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EBGC AGM & FAREWELL RON!

The EBGC AGM took place on Friday 13th May 2011. Kindly hosted by Gosfield Lake Golf Club. It was another good turnout this year with *Chelmsford ABC, Linford Wanderers FC, Chelmsford Boys Club, Berry Boys ABC, Thaxted YC, Colne Valley ATC, 4 Youth, Bergholt YC, Ingatestone Boys Own Club, Frenford Clubs* and *Boreham YC*.

The presentation of awards was made by the High Sheriff; Lady Ruggles-Brise and the winners of said awards can be found in the County Director's report on page one. Thanks to all those who made an appearance and also to Gosfield Lake Golf Club for again providing a great venue and fantastic food.

On a sadder note the EBGC said goodbye to Deputy County Director Ron Buckley at the AGM. Ron has been with the EBGC for 11 years and has overseen great change and expansion within the organisation.

Ron is now looking forward to starting his new business providing training services for organisations that deal with young people. We have been assured that 'mates rates' will apply in our future dealings with him!

Ron will be remembered for his cutting wit, and perhaps more notably, his military background; which earned him the nickname 'Ronbo'! We all wish Ron the best of luck for the future.



4 YOUTH RECEIVE THE KAYLANCE TROPHY FOR BEST ATTENDANCE AT EBGC EVENTS OVER THE YEAR FROM LADY RUGGLES-BRISE (HIGH SHERIFF OF ESSEX)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

ARE YOU OR YOUR MEMBERS INTERESTED IN YOUR LOCAL HISTORY? Young Roots grants of £3k-£25k are available for local heritage projects led by young people. We'd like to put together a number of clubs across the county to work on a multimedia history of our youth clubs, big or small. Please contact Juliet at EBGC; juliett@essexboysandgirlsclubs.org

WHO IS YOUR STAR? (LONDON CLUBS) Do you know someone who gives up their time regularly to make life better in London? London 24 are looking for local stars helping to make the city a better place to live in. If you know someone who deserves recognition, nominate them as your London star for a personal thank you from the Mayor Boris Johnson. Eligible nominees will receive a Team London Certificate from the Mayor of London. For more info go to <http://www.london.gov.uk/teamlondon/nominate-your-star>

FUNDING IS AVAILABLE FROM THE VARIETY CLUB – check out their website <http://www.varietyclub.org.uk/how-we-help/youth-clubs>

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL BIG SOCIETY FUND provides more opportunities to raise money for your club. <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Health-Social-Care/Community-services/Pages/Big-Society-Fund.aspx>

GET OUTWARD BOUND... Thanks to Rank Foundation we have more bursaries available for outward bound courses - find out more at www.essexboysandgirlsclubs.org/events/outward_bound.html

REMEMBER THE TALL SHIPS! We have Rank Foundation bursaries available to sponsor young people to go on the Tall Ships Experience. Find out more at www.essexboysandgirlsclubs.org/events/tall_ships.html

FOR CHELMSFORD CLUBS Active Chelmsford Awards are now accepting nominations for: A Sports Team or Club of the Year: A local team or club (based within the borough) that has made a significant impact during the year. AND an unsung Hero: A volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution to local sport. Nominate at www.chelmsford.gov.uk/sportsawards

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