

Nottinghamshire Sports Review of the year - it's nomination time

Nottinghamshire County Council is celebrating another successful year in sport by hosting the 2009 Sports Review of the Year. Nominations are required for the best sports people, teams, coaches, clubs, or volunteers. The deadline for nominations is Monday 30 November 2009.

Nottinghamshire County Councillor John Cottee, Cabinet Member for Culture and Regeneration said "Although the Sports Review celebrates the achievements of sports people in Nottinghamshire we are keen to recognise the contribution of the volunteers who do so much to help others in their community. People should be very proud of their accomplishments and this event will allow them to gain the recognition they deserve. I would urge local sports clubs and societies to get their nominations in as soon as possible to ensure they don't miss their chance to make their mark on the sporting world - so get voting!"

People can apply online or download a nomination form from the Nottinghamshire County Council website
www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/home/leisure/l-sport



Junior Sportsperson of the Year Becky Downie (gymnast) receiving her award from Beijing canoeing gold medalist Tim Brabants.

A call to all sports coaches

Are we getting it right? How can we help with your coach development?

Have you completed the survey yet? It is available online and will only take you a few minutes to complete. Go to www.intosport.org.uk and follow the link in the right hand banner.

Make sure we are putting on the courses that **you** need and targetting our support to the right areas.

All completed surveys will be entered into a prize draw.

We have extended the closing date to include the details in this newsletter, the deadline is now **Monday 30 November 2009**

Public consultation

The sports service has undertaken a programme of public consultation over the last six months, including contacting over 1200 people from the voluntary sports sector and an in depth study of over 40 of the 600 amateur sports clubs we support.

We now have a clear picture of the pressures facing the voluntary sports organisations and what we can do to help them and their 150,000 members in the county.

Athletics coaching

Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Athletics Networks joined up to launch the first of ten coach development sessions.

The event was organised by England Athletics with the support of Nottinghamshire County Council and has recruited some of the best coaches in the country to support the coaches at the Network clubs to develop their skills.

Sessions were free of charge and coaches were selected by their clubs to benefit from this expert coaching. Special thanks to Mansfield Harriers and Athletics Club for providing the venue.

For details of further planned sessions contact Steve Lloyd:
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Notts players experience basketball USA style

Three 15-year old players from Nottinghamshire Nova Basketball squads spent two weeks this summer at Coach Wooten's Basketball Camp in Frostburg, Maryland, USA.

Nottinghamshire County Council's basketball Development Officer, Jimmy Smith, was also in attendance.

Morgan Wootten said "We enjoyed working with the boys from England. They worked hard and improved tremendously over the two weeks they were here"

Sam Whittington was last season's Nova Under-15 player of the year. He commented "It was a dream come true. We were moving from lectures to fundamental work-outs, to games with contests and there were ply-offs thrown in as well. he most important thing I learned is the work ethic required to become a better player. I've improved more since I've come home by practising what I learnt from Coach Wootten and his staff"

Bowe said " We were really stretched by the schedule. We went to all the optional 6am fundamental work-outs ...but did not quite make it on the last morning!"

Brandreth said "It was a greet experience and had really encouraged me to become a better player and person".

Each of them won a trophy to display on their mantelpiece which will be a memory of their time in the USA.

George Bowes (Nottingham City) Oliver Brandreth (Mansfield) and Sam Whittington (Bramcote/Broxtowe) made the long journey to the USA to learn the game they love from Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame Coach Morgan Wootten.



From a coaching perspective Jimmy Smith said "It is the highlight of anyone's coaching career to have the opportunity to work with world class coaches. Morgan Wootten is regarded as the finest teaching coach ever and his son Joe is one of the best high school coaches in America. It is great to have the chance to meet coaches from all over the USA and the rest of the world and share ideas and learn from each other. I have made some new friends and new links for English Basketball and for Nottinghamshire"

Paralympic swimmer captures European title

A 22-year old Mansfield swimmer has gone for gold at the 2009 European Paralympic Championships in Iceland.

Charlotte Henshaw – who is supported by Mansfield District Council and swims for Mansfield Swim Squad, part of Nottinghamshire County Council's Nova Centurion Swim Squad – beat fellow team mate Liz Johnson, to become the 2009 European SB6 100m Breaststroke winner.

Liz was the last year's world record holder in this swim category. Charlotte finished fourth behind Liz Johnson in the Beijing Olympics, last year.

She won her prestigious title at IPC European Championships in Iceland on 19 October, 2009.

Nottinghamshire County Councillor John Cottee, Cabinet Member for Culture and Community, said: "This is a brilliant achievement and I really must praise Charlotte and her coach Glenn Smith. Her success once again shows the strength of the swim squad system in Nottinghamshire. This is Charlotte's first senior International Medal and is a fantastic achievement and shows great mental strength."

Charlotte pictured with coach Glenn Smith and fellow Nova swimmer Sam Hynd

Coach development funding

The Sports Service has reached agreement with sports coach UK, the national coaching agency, to invest £109,983 over the next two and a half years to the work of the County Council.

This will fund our existing coaching development officer post and help support our investment in developing our coaching workforce – an essential part of our strategy to support the voluntary sports sector.

This is a positive endorsement of the work of the team and an example of how the service continues to seek inward investment into the sporting county.



Sam thanks his supporters as he heads to Swansea

Paralympic swimming champion, **Sam Hynd** has announced he will be moving to Wales to continue his studies and pursue his gold medal ambitions for the 2012 Paralympics.

Sam (18) of Kirkby-in-Ashfield has been part of the County Council Nova Centurion swim squad since the age of 14. He works with head coach Glenn Smith in the Mansfield squad which trains at Water Meadows. He will remain a lifetime member of Nova.

Sam admitted it had been a really difficult decision to move away from an environment where he has received so much support from not only his club, but also from Nottinghamshire County Council, Mansfield, and Ashfield District Councils. He said; "I shall be returning home during holiday periods, during which time I will train with the Mansfield Nova Squad. I will of course keep in touch with Glenn, who has coached me for the past four years. Without him I would not have achieved all the successes I have in recent times."

Glenn Smith added, "Sam has been a fantastic ambassador for swimming in Nottinghamshire, and we wish him the very best of success, especially in the lead up to the London 2012."



While studying Media at Swansea College, Sam will train at the Swansea High Performance Centre (HPC) under the stewardship of Billy Pye MBE, who currently works with multi Paralympic medallist, Dave Roberts and a host of other Great Britain disability swimmers.

Everyone in the Sports Service would like to wish Sam the best of luck with his studies and training.

Congratulations to Sam on his 2 Golds at the Europeans!

Regional Boccia Competition

Nottinghamshire hosted the annual regional pan-disability boccia tournament on September 27, 2009 at Manor School in Mansfield Woodhouse. Teams from Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire all competed.

Nottinghamshire's junior squad was selected from the best performers at the East Midlands Airport Nottinghamshire Youth Games held on July 1 2009. The senior squad was selected from those taking part in boccia at local club level as well as members of the County Council's elite boccia squad.

The aim of the event was to develop regional competitive opportunities in boccia and to develop links to schools, clubs and talent identification. The best performers across all teams in the competition will be included in an inaugural national competition in the near future. The event serves as an example of our work to raise the aspirations of young disabled people.

New Golf Partnership

The Sports Service is working to increase golfing opportunities for young people following an agreement to create the Nottinghamshire Golf Partnership.

Golf becomes the eighth and final sport to be included within our externally funded project to support National Governing Bodies of sport, joining athletics, gymnastics, swimming, triathlon, cycling, judo, and hockey.

Each sport will receive a share of a development officer post to help produce and implement a county plan which sets out how the sport will increase participation, club membership and the numbers of coaches and volunteers.

The initiative is funded by Sport England's Community Investment Fund (CIF) which together with several National Governing Bodies is investing £397,674 over three years in this aspect of the County Council's work.

This is a significant sign of the confidence funding partners have in the work of the service.



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