

Greater Shankill Sports Committee Community Sports Information



What's been happening?

Award Winning Committee

The 'Lucozade Sport Belfast Physical Activity and Sports Awards 2009' black tie event at Belfast Castle on 26th May was attended by around 150 sports volunteers from around Belfast. Supported & organised by Lucozade Sport, Sport Belfast & Belfast City Council a few local sports personalities were the recipients of well deserved awards. There were a number of local nominees in each of nine categories and three were awarded to the Shankill area. All the winners can be found on the Belfast City Council website.



Stafford Ward (Staffy) Sports Opps accepting his 'Coach Mentoring' award from Dominic Totton, Podium4sport.



Robert Allen (Bobby) from the Norman Whiteside Sports Facility picked up the Health & Physical Activity Award, recognising his contribution in promoting healthy living and affecting a change in culture and attitude particularly in the Greater Shankill area. The award was presented by Gerry Bleakney, category sponsors EPACG.



Sarah Beattie accepting 'Promoting Sport' award on behalf of GSSC.

A Splashing Success!

Greater Shankill Sports Committee's schools swimming programme came to a splashing climax with this year's Annual Swimming Gala at Shankill Leisure Centre. The programme, which is conducted from September to June each year, involves approximately 80 young people each week from local schools.

The gala was a hotly contested affair with Forthriver, Springhill and Blackmountain going for honours. Glory however reined on Forthriver this year as they edged last years Champions Springhill to the GSSC perpetual shield. Other winners on the day were Kyle Mason and Victoria Strain who received awards for their continual improvement throughout the past year.

For further information on schools community sports initiatives contact: Community Sports Development Unit, Spectrum Centre or Billy on 02890297661

Active Communities Soccer Tournament

Fairplay was the theme of the day as youth groups from across north Belfast and the Greater Shankill came together for a friendly fun soccer tournament at Shankill Leisure Centre. The tournament was the climax of a 6-week coaching programme sponsored by Big Lottery involving 16 different youth groups. The tournament was a hotly contested affair with awards going to

Phoenix Youth Club, John Paul Youth Club, Duncairn Gardens and Glencairn Youth Clubs. Billy Boyd (Youth Development Coordinator) commented that this cross community programme is a fantastic opportunity for the community sports coaches to engage with hundreds of young people through various forms of physical activity at their own youth centres.



For further information regarding this or if you or your group would like to get involved in Community Sports Programmes contact: 02890297661.

What's on next?

The Summer Cricket League has already started and the next few fixtures are below. Home matches are at Woodvale Cricket Club on Saturday afternoons at 1pm, under 15's on Friday evenings. Everyone is welcome to come along and watch the matches. Also you can keep up to date with score and upcoming fixtures on the website www.mygroupni.com/shankillpartnership

1st X1 Fixtures 2009

- Saturday 13th June - Away - Ballymena
- Saturday 20th June - **Home** - North Down
- Saturday 27th June - **Home** - Instonians
- Saturday 4th July - Away - Lisburn
- Saturday 11th July - Away - Carrickfergus
- Saturday 18th July - Away - CSNI

2nd X1 Fixtures 2009

- Saturday 13th June - **Home** - Ballymena
- Saturday 20th June - Away - North Down
- Saturday 4th July - **Home** - Lisburn
- Saturday 11th July - **Home** - Carrickfergus

Saturday 18th July - **Home** - CSNI
Saturday 25th July - Away - Derriaghy

3rd X1 Fixtures 2009

- Saturday 13th June - **Home** - Bangor
- Saturday 27th June - Away - Ballymena
- Saturday 4th July - **Home** - Waringstown
- Saturday 11th July - Away - Carrick
- Saturday 25th July - **Home** - Derriaghy

Under 15 & Colts Fixtures 2009

- Friday 12th June - **Home** - Saintfield
- Friday 19th June - Away - Cregagh
- Friday 26th June - **Home** - Instonians A
- Friday 3rd July - Away - Cooke Coll
- Friday 17th July - **Home** - CIYMS

Annual Fun Bowling Tournament

The Fun Bowling Tournament has been running for 12 years and is the one that is always first on the calendar for the year ahead. It's a really relaxed atmosphere at the Bowling Pavillion in Woodvale Park. Twelve teams of four battle it out on the Green to be crowned bowling champions.

This year's tournament is Monday 22 June at 6.30pm. Want to take part? Contact Billy Boyd on 02890297661 to register your interest. Numbers are limited. No experience necessary. **Want to become involved? Here's how...**

Local Sports Personal Profile: Sarah Beattie

Hi, I am Sarah Beattie and have been volunteering with Greater Shankill Sports Committee for 4 years and as 'Secretary' for all of that time I support the committee in an administrative role and event organisation. I am also responsible for news articles and the Website.

Crossing paths with Peter Shaw from Sports Development Unit at a Child Protection Course, he mentioned the next meeting date and ask if I would like to attend. Helping to run Shankill Judo Club I was eager to get involved in a wider variety of sports activities and try to do something positive in the community, as well as promote my own Judo Club.

I have taken a lead organisational role in a number of events including Summer Charity Fun Run, Marathon Day WaterStation and more recently the Martial Arts and Family Fun Day at Shankill Leisure Centre.

Yep, that's me in some of the pictures featured here, I get to give out awards and accept them too. I really enjoy my volunteer work and have met great friends and made even better contacts in the sports world. Next time meet Joe Smith, Chairman.

Greater Shankill Sports Committee AGM

GSSC will soon be holding their Annual General Meeting and we are always on the lookout for new members. If you enjoy sport and would like to help support sport in the Greater Shankill why not leave your name and contact details with the Sports Development Unit, Spectrum Centre, or alternatively feel free to use the 'Contact Us' section on our website: www.mygssc.co.uk. We welcome coaches, parents and participants in all sports. Groups are also welcome to contact us for support in areas of coach education, advice on funding or events.

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