



PHOENIX

Lothian Phoenix Wheelchair Basketball Club AGM and 2010 Review

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Well done to all the players and parents who participated in the bag-pack at Tesco on Sat 7 August 2011. We raised over £700



Special points of interest:

- 2011 Office Bearers: Chair- Stevie Duff, Sec- Davie Gilmour, Treasurer- Niall Ritchie
- 2011 team Coaches: Head Coach Stevie Duff, 1st Team Stevie Duff and Assistant Shirley-Anne Smith. 2nd Team Davie Gilmour and Assistant Steven Ross. Juniors Head Coach TBC and Assistants Luke, Leane, Paul, Nathan and Jose.
- Fundraising Group: Sarah, Darren, Leanne, Wendy, Angie, Trish, Paul and Steven.

Chair's Report

This was a tumultuous year in which the club continued to thrive. We had tattoos, Rock Bands, Crazy Chicks, Burnt out cars and Channel 4!

In terms of fundraising as well as the usual grants we had an Awards for All Grant for £1200 for the 2nd Team and we received a donation from Ross's dad which bought 3 new Children's chairs and added some funds to the club after he completed a golf challenge across Edinburgh.

The inaugural Celtic Cup took place in July 2011 with 5 Phoenix Players including the Captain Martin Dougan and 2 coaches representing the winning Scotland Team. 5 players also did their Leaders Award that weekend and will be helping out with the Juniors next season.

Niall and Davie have also stepped up from the Phoenix Committee to support the Bathgate Trust and have done a fantastic job representing

the club and running Bathgate Academy.

Review of 2010

Mission Statement

"Whilst it is our aim to achieve the highest accolades available and to play at a level that is commensurate with the team's ability, Lothian Phoenix is, in the first instance, a tool for the development of individuals"

A working group met twice during the year to complete a review of the 2006-2009 Club Development plan and to create a new plan for 2010-2013. The 3 year plan was a great success with the majority of targets being reached. The plan was signed off and objectives to take forward were included in the 2010-2013 plan. The new plan identified 7 key areas; Administration, Coaching Development, Community Development, Funding and Sponsorship, Marketing, Player Development and Youth Development. Each of those have a lead but will require support from club volun-



Lothian Phoenix Scottish Cup Winners 2011. For a match review by Coach Duff view the link. http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=YFz

teers throughout the 3 years. A full updated plan will be available on the website in September 2011.

Phoenix babies! 2010 and 2011 saw the arrival





1st Team - Division 1 North

Roster

Coach: Stevie Duff	Terry Gillan 1.5
Assistant: Shirley-Anne Smith	Davie Gilmour 1.0
Captain: Stevie Duff	Nathan MacQueen 1.0
Players	
Stevie Duff 4.5	
Simon Ramsay 5.0	
Rab O'Rorke 3.0	
Martin Dougan 2.5	
Steven Ross 2.5	
Jose Alexander 1.5	
Niall Ritchie 1.5	

The 1st team had a difficult year with a number of players out due to varying reasons. They finished joint 4th in 1st Division North which is a testament to the players who saw out the season. Highlight of the year was the Oldham game which was won in over-time after unknowingly Simon scored to equalize the match



1st Team time out v Rhinos II

2nd Team - Division 3 North

Roster

Coach Davie Gilmour	Chris Lycett 4.5
Assistant: Steven Ross	Paul Sloan 3.0
Players	
Mark Stevenson 5.0	Leanne Darien 1.0
Darren Smith 4.5 (TBC)	Johnny Brown 2.0
Danny 5.0	Arthur Lawson 1.5
Shirley-Anne Smith 4.5	Luke Pearce 2.5
	Terry Gillan 1.5
	Nathan MacQueen 1.0

This was their first season in the 3rd Division North and although the team finished 8th they vastly improved over the course of the year and have also picked up some new players for the 2011/12 Season. Highlight was the year versus Rhinos which finished with a narrow defeat 38-35.



The 2nd Team's Nathan MacQueen representing Scotland in the Celtic Cup.

Juniors

Roster

Head Coach TBC	David Beattie
2010 Coaches	Ruairi Logan
Gary Smith and Niall Ritchie	Harry
Players	
Hannah Harper	Kai Rankin
Lemoni Duff	
Sophia Duff	

The Juniors played in their first ever matches at the Mini 3 v 3 tournament in Sheffield. They had a fantastic time and came away with 4 wins out of 6 and gained the first two levels of their Star Awards. Highlight was the team bonding over Dinner at the Premier Inn in Sheffield. Future Phoenix stars!



The Juniors' at Sheffield Mini 3 v 3 in July 2011

2011 Focus

School and Hospital

We aim to continue with our School and Hospital Visits. Aim to visit a minimum of 8 schools in 2011/12. Carmondean primary School have requested the Club for their Inclusion week. We will also to continue to support the spinal injuries unit with visits and are trying to find other groups and organizations that we can link with

Fundraising & sponsorship

We have a newly formed fundraising group and so far suggestions have been a Club Shoot out with match funding from the Bank of Scotland. A race/Charity night with music supplied by Paul Harper. Wendy will be putting some collecting tins in her family's restaurant. Suggestion also to promote our home games better and provide refreshments for people to buy. Martin and Davie will con-

tinue to work on getting a club sponsor.

2012 Pre-season Tournament

Aim for the club to host a pre-season tournament for the 2012/13 season and a small working group has been formed to plan it. This group will also look at possible international links.



David Beattie with the Scottish Cup

Community Force Application

We have had an application for the RBS Community Force Fund accepted to give us the chance to win £6000 funding for the club. We are currently creating our campaign for the media stage. This is where we add videos, photos and links to our application. Once this is updated people can view the project

profiles on-line. Voting open on 26 September 2011 and is open for 4 weeks closing on the 23 October 2011. In that time we need to get as many people as possible to vote for our project. As well as hopefully securing some funding this will also raise our profile and may secure some volunteers for the

club. More information will be forwarded to you all and please vote for us when voting opens.

To check our profile:

<http://communityforce.rbs.co.uk/project/165>

(Town = Bathgate)

Upcoming Events and AOCB

Get well soon to Ruairi who has had surgery and welcome back to Harry after his time out.

Pre-Season Training will begin Thursday 18 August. The 1st Team will be competing in a tournament at the Percy Hadley School 20-22 August. Niall and mark have arranged Friendlies for the 2nd Team 27 and 28 August which will be played at Bathgate.

Congratulations also to Steven Ross on his MVP Award at the Celtic Cup



Steven collecting his Trophy from the Lord-Taverners Jean Radcliffe