



**basketballpaisley**

# **Executive Bulletin**

## **August 2009**

### **SuperLeague**

The SuperLeague season begins on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September at the Lagoon, and following on from the success of our first season at the Lagoon, we are very hopeful of another great season of basketball for our younger players. We welcome another new community club – The Lagoon Lakers who will be entering this year at the “Minis” and we look forward to their continued growth in the seasons ahead. We congratulate Eagles new Head Coach Gerry O’Hare who takes over from Fraser Canning. Gerry has been involved with the Hornets, under Alison Smith, for the last couple of seasons, and we feel sure that he will follow in Fraser footsteps with continued success. Best wishes and thanks to Fraser as he moves on.

### **Club Handbook**

Not to be confused with the popular “Club Yearbook” basketballpaisley will be issuing a new publication to all teams this season, which will lay out all the club policies and procedures, and plenty of other important information. This is currently being proof-read, and should be in the hands of all Head Coaches before the season commences in mid September.

### **Yearbook 2010**

Barry Lang has been working hard in preparation for our 2010 Yearbook, which should be published just before Christmas. The Yearbook continues to be a demanding task, and if you would like to be part of the 2010 Yearbook team, please contact Barry on [barrylang@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:barrylang@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Annual Club Bag Pack**

Due to difficulties in attendance at previous bag packs, due to NTT & TDP, and the obvious effect upon club finances, the Management Team have been striving to find a solution. The only date in the calendar where there are no games or NTT is Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October (the date of the BS AGM). We are currently searching for a venue, and hope to be able to publish this very soon. It is essential that **ALL** teams support this important fund-raising event. What this space !

### **Annual Awards Evening**

From all accounts the annual awards evening on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at Elderslie Golf Club, was a success, with many of those in attendance enjoying the slightly more “social” slant to this important evening. Hopefully we will be able to build upon this for the future.

### **Finance & Fundraising**

Following on from the successful Race Night at ProLife in April, it is still important that we as a club maximise our income and we are continuing to look for new innovative methods of raising funds for both the Club and our teams. We are currently looking at several ideas, one of which is a prestigious “Sportsman’s Dinner”, and hope to publish a calendar of events soon.

If you have any ideas, please speak with Jim Renfrew.

### **Cadets & Juniors Trip to New England**

Following on from the New England Colonials visit to Scotland in April, a party from basketballpaisley are setting off to Boston on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October for a 7 day visit. 12 Players, plus coach Craig Chambers and Hon. President Ian Fraser are in the travelling party which has big games against Walpole, Battleboro, Springfield (the home of Basketball), Harvard and Brookline. The boys, well supported by their parents and friends have been madly fund-raising all summer, and we wish them well.

### **National Team Representation**

Well done to all our players (far too many to mention) who represented their respective National Squads this summer in Barcelona, Sarajevo and Texas. From all reports, they did well and are to be congratulated.

### **Primary School Funding Projects Update**

Following on from the very successful “Hoop it up in Paisley” initiative, funding has now been received to allow us to extend this worthwhile project again this season. The fruits of this initiative are there for all to see at Friday Night SuperLeague, as a steady stream of primary school kids, involved are coming on to play in our “SL Minis” which is expanding well.

## **Volunteer Programme**

Craig Corr had accepted the role of Organiser for the VP, and would be joined shortly by a small group of our hard-working volunteers. Their remit is to prioritise the proposals put forward at the last Executive Meeting, and a meeting will be held during September.

## **basketballpaisley Branding Directive**

In order to maintain the professional and corporate identity of basketballpaisley, the use of all logos must be approved prior to printing or distribution to potential sponsors/partners.

Letterheaded paper will be available shortly, and will be distributed to each team. For all other logo, Branding or marketing enquiries please contact Barry Lang (☎ 07757610771 or email: [barrylang@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:barrylang@hotmail.co.uk))

## **Renfrewshire Sports Network**

Basketballpaisley has been well represented at recent meetings of this influential sports forum, and we are hopeful that our involvement in this influential body would produce results. At the most recent meeting, Councillor Derek Mackay, leader of Renfrewshire Council, presented details of a multi-billion expenditure on indoor sports facilities in Renfrewshire, including a further refurbishment of the Lagoon, and a new Sports Complex at Linwood.

## **Child Protection :**

Many of the current Disclosures for our Coaches and Volunteers was due to expire very soon, and that we will be commencing an new exercise over the next few months to make sure that the club met with the mandatory legislation. Jim Renfrew will be contacting you very soon to ensure that you complete a fresh Disclosure form as soon as possible. All are asked to do this as quickly as possible.

**Please Circulate To All Club Members.**