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Presentation Dance fantastic success for Academy



Can I work with Renwick for another ten years ?

The 'Academy' parents presented Bobby Mc Donald and John Renwick (pictured left) with a fantastic 'ball' trophy during last week-end's Awards Ceremony at Hampden Park. Between them, they have contributed almost forty years of effort to the Academy cause. When asked if he could last another ten years Bobby Mc Donald – Director of Football commented 'Me – no problem, but I don't know if Renwick could last another ten years – his age seems to be getting the better of him'.

We thank you ALL for this fantastic award.

Academy Champion is Aiden Gray



- The 'Academy Champion' Award – an Award solely selected by the Director of Football was this year awarded to School of Excellence student – Aiden Gray from Bellshill. This award links dedication, to loyalty, to skill, to ambition, to trust, to determination and of course to attitude, attendance and commitment. Well done wee man !!
- I would like to take this opportunity of thanking some people with the risk of leaving some individuals out. If I have not included you ...then I apologise. I may not name you personally – but you will be in there somewhere.
- Without your help – the entire event would not have happened. There was a lot of hours and background work put into this event. Hours of practice – night after night – especially from the entertainers.

• THANKS AGAIN to EVERYONE !!

I would like to thank in particular :

- *The Southside Fiddlers – run very efficiently by Louise Hunter.*
- *Geraldine Bradley's School of Modern Dancing. (Geraldine – Regan's Mum also refused to accept a donation for participating in the show – what a gesture !!)*
- *Pamela Burns' School of Irish Dancing.*
- *Pamela's sister Angela and her fellow Lord of the Dance 'Dancer' – Louise Mc Donald.*
- *Kathleen Anne & Susan from the Phemia Mc Gorry School of Irish Dancing*
- *Stuart from - Sounds Unlimited.*
- *The presenters – Ryan Mc Guffie and Brian Mc Colligan.*
- *Lorraine Hughes (for all her wonderful secretarial duties) and Jim Stewart for arranging these players.*
- *Lorraine also for her influencing skills in getting the Hall Fee waived !!!*
- *Paul Hughes for those MAGIC, MAGIC boxes!!!!Some joiner !!!*
- *Paul and Eddie for a superb 'Auction' performance.*
- *EVERYONE who came along in the afternoon to help set up.*
- *Our photographer for the evening – Billy Mc Phee.*
- *Alison Mc Donald – Derek's wife (and his daughter), Kathleen Anne Mc Donald (my daughter) - who did a wonderful job with the raffle.*
- *Tricia Love for a wonderful, wonderful cake.*
- *ALL my fabbie coaching staff for a terrific contribution. Particular mention to Stephen Walker who modelled the 'new' Scotland Boys Club 'pinstripe' tracksuit.*
- *Derek Mc Donald who spent hours (till all hours in the morning I have to say)preparing the Dance Programme and the Powerpoint Presentation.*
- *Jean Thomson and her daughter (and big John) for selling the Dance Programmes.*
- *Jean and Tricia – for doing their selling, car boot sales etc*
- *Josephine and John Kane for their recent Race Night.*
- *Brian Adams for the use of Richmond Park, and a wonderful 'star prize' of a snooker table for the raffle. Brian's unquestioned enthusiasm by turning up at every game – nice and early – to get goals set up especially at midweek games.*
- *Jim Ruddick and Paul Coulter (Penalty Card and Whisky Bottle Game).*
- *Big, big thanks to Joy Carswell for donating ALL the flowers...they were terrific and saved us a lot of money.*
- *Thanks to all the students, their parents, and families for contributing in everything we have did all season and the Awards Ceremony.*
- *Thanks for all those who bought Auction Prizes. And of course those who donated auction prizes ...Well done.....It was most appreciated.*
- *My thanks also to the 'Fund Raising Committee'.*
- *Theresa O Hara for doing the bonus ball and the collection of monies.*

- **Raffle prizes** Fantasticwhat an amount of prizes ...AGAIN !!!! You never let us down...what was a pretty empty prize table became the busiest table of the night after the first half hour of the Awards Ceremony.
- **All photos taken by photographer ...** ARE now available FOR PURCHASE. Tricia Love will be available in the DRESSING ROOM OF HAMILTON PALACE tonight FRIDAY and SUNDAY MORNING with ALL the photos for you to order. Please make sure you get along and see her so that your orders can go in. If you do not see her – you may not get this chance to order again. PLEASE MAKE A POINT OF SEEING HERall your photos will be there for your to see. It includes the photos of the Awards Ceremony ...and they are FABULOUS !!!
- **Anyone who did not get their medals ...** please come up and see me and I will get them organised for you as quickly as possible. ALL students – including new starts are entitled to a graduation medal ...so come up and see me please.
- **Dance Programmes LEFTOVER >>>** There are Dance Programmes (for Aunties, Grannies, Great Grannies etcavailable for £1 each available from Theresa. So if you want to post a few abroad or give to the neighbours or hand into the school as souvenirs then buy them up**PRICE ONE POUND EACH !!!**

- How did we do >>>>

- DANCE PROFIT WAS A WONDERFUL

£ 1211

SNIPPETS

- Wishaw Wycombe put up brave fight !! Wishaw played some older youngsters (with my permission I have to say) and it was a MUCH better match all round. The scores were smaller but still resulted in formidable victories for the School of Excellence and the Academy PLUS Squads in the last league game of the Season. The League was of course 'won' by Scotland Boys Club – Academy of Football.
- Bonus BALL winner is Paul O Harathat will please Theresa !!!
- Loads of Boots / Trainers I now have an abundance of spare football boots (many sizes) some almost new – and also some trainers. I will keep them during the month of June if anyone wants them free of chargeotherwise they will be given to our dedicated charity for this year – Barnardos.
- EMAIL – those photos please !!! I would be pleased if anyone that has nice photos of the Awards could email me them for use in further publications and the forthcoming Web Site.
- Rossvale Tournament The School of Excellence and the Academy PLUS squads were **FIRST** and **SECOND** in the coveted Rossvale Tournament at the weekend at Huntershill. What a fantastic achievement. Who came first and who came secondwho cares !!!! They were both BRILLIANT !!!
- Strips Returned Can everyone who borrowed strips at the Wishaw Wycombe game please return them to me this weekend please. It would be most appreciated.
- Hearts snap up another TWO for the Summer



David Thomson

The **Heart of Midlothian** Football Academy at Hamilton (Bent Recreation Ground) have offered David and Callum training facilities and games throughout the Summer after a successful trial last Monday night. They will make a full assessment of the students at the end of the Summer and then decide whether or not they will give them an extended contract.



Callum Gibson

- The Academy will NOT Be closing for the Summer holidays ...it will **ALWAYS** be ON !!!! Unless you are instructed in this Newsletter...also assume it is ON >>>. Students parents **MUST ADVISE THERESA** of when your holidays are so you are not included in pools for games. It is no good just telling the team manager....word must get to ME as I do the Newsletter...so tell **THERESA** as well as your Team Manager. If you notice anyone missing from squads ...it is more than likely that they are on holiday unless I inform you that they have left through this newsletter. **Anyone who joins or leaves is communicated through this newsletter.**
- CoachesI MUST HAVE.... A photocopy of your **ENHANCED** Disclosure Scotland Certificate by the end of June please. It is imperative when I am processing the League Applications. Please advise me if you do not have an enhanced disclosure.

Snippets (CONTINUED)

- **THE THURSDAY NIGHT SUMMER LEAGUE** Is an absolute disaster of a League. Symington Boys Club, Partick Thistle Boys Club, and Clyde Valley Boys Club have seemingly RESIGNED and withdrawn for the League ...and I hear that East Kilbride are about to follow. So what will be happening re-midweek games remains to be seen. I will of course keep you reliably informed.

FINANCIAL STRUCTURE OF THE ACADEMY

The 'Toronto' Fund Raising committee has asked me to explain the financial structure of the organisation and whether or not we qualify for National Lottery Funding which I was delighted to agree to. Scotland Boys Club, since 1990, has been set up as a subsidiary 'arm' of my 'People Development Services' company which includes an Employment Law and Tribunal Representation service, a Soccer Development Service for Senior Clubs, a School of Irish Dancing and Child Minding / Nursery Services. Obviously some of these services are run by my wife.

The children development section is expected to include a day nursery from 2007. The Academy operates under the 'Soccer Development' section. There are in total, thirteen 'arms' to the business. The Academy has been non-profit making since 1990 but recently, (in the last four months), since the increase in numbers and the usage of Richmond Park, it has shown a marginal profit. There is an expansion plan in progress which will increase numbers to 80 students in September 2006, subject to staffing potential, and potentially Academies' being set-up in Northern Ireland and Livingston in early 2007. If these activities take effect, the likelihood is that this will occupy the majority of my working week.

For all intensive purposes we therefore do not qualify for specific types of 'Lottery' funding. I have asked a number of parties over the years to take on board this financial exercise, the administration, and the responsibilities that go along with it ...and this option is still on offer. I am currently in the process of setting up a 'Colts' section as a 'new' non profit making concern in order to qualify for a South Lanarkshire start-up grant and an 'Awards for All' lottery grant. I will keep you advised.

If anyone has any issues with this, please come and talk to me. The long term future of the Academy is to lease its own piece of ground, set up four permanent seven a side parks and two eleven a side parks, custom built dressing rooms, fencing and lighting facilities. Also a need to have on board twenty voluntary SFA qualified coaches. We are currently investigating sites at Richmond Park, Shawfield Stadium, Baillieston, Ravenscraig and Livingston. Full details of these sites and any information required can be made available from myself. I hope this clarifies the position.

GRADINGS

Over the next few weeks, there will be several 'bounce games' which are very important in our infrastructure of keeping in sight our objective...to provide a nursery of players to the professional clubs which support us. Hearts are the main player at the moment and they have 'invaded' Glasgow and Lanarkshire looking for talent.

They have identified us as the 'key player' when it comes to kids of this age group and have therefore 'got in there quick' to coin an expression. But we have no special allegiance to Hearts as we do any other Club we are associated with. They all keep in touch with me regularly...its just that 80% of clubs do not facilitate this age group.

During this three weeks or so – we will determine final gradings for this year. When they are established ...this will not change until January 2007. We will be changing the gradings every **SIX MONTHS** now instead of every **THREE MONTHS**. One of the main things we 'learned' from the last batch of gradings was to keep students in their **OWN** age category **UNLESS THEY WERE EXCEPTIONAL** i.e. Liam Burt and Ryan Love.

This will continue in the older age categories...but in the lower ages - students will be coached depending on their ability and will remain in 'levels of skill' rather than age bandings. This worked last year tremendously well and we are going to continue that train of thought.

TRAINEE COACHES REQUIRED.....

In order to manage and run **EIGHT** teams come September (**SIX OF THEM PLAYING IN LEAGUES**) We will need to recruit a few more able bodied coaches. I will hold this recruitment programme in the Summer **SO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT ME NOW BEFORE I ADVERTISE.**

PENALTY KICK COMPETITION.....

The following students (AND ADULTS) have still to bring in their PENALTY KICK money (in no specific order)

If this is incorrect ...advise Theresa and she will check !!!

James Semple
Leon Jones
Jamie Love
Ryan Love
Ryan Coulter
David Thomson
Anthony Ralston
Robyn Dolan
Andrew Mc Lean
Sonny Stewart
Scott Matthews
Chris Sands
Ryan Gormley
Alex Keenan
Ewan Dickson
Joe Carlson
Cameron Stewart

ALSO

John Renwick (Adult)
David Gray (Adult)
Paul Coulter (Adult)
Aldo Thomson (Adult)

- **Bobby Jenks (Chief Scout – Motherwell Football Club)** has patented a child safety jacket (in Club Colours) for re-sale to our parents and students. It is a wonderful invention and has already being adopted by several senior clubs including the SFA. It allows the child the opportunity to move around yet still be held in a 'lockfast' position with flexibility. They retail at thirty five pounds. If anyone is interested in a demonstration – please talk to me and I will get Bobby along to do a demonstration of how they work at a training night. **LET ME KNOW IF INTERESTED PLEASE.**
- **HAMILTON ACCIES TOURNAMENT** Once again....surprise > surprise ...we have been invited into the Hamilton Accies 'summer' Festival of Football. The tournament will be at Douglas Park and as the last tournament ...will last most of the morning and a small part of the afternoon. Put the date in your diary please folks. Its **SUNDAY 16TH JULY WITH A 9.15 AM START. If you are on holiday – let me know now – so that I do not register your son !! It's for the School of Excellence and the Academy PLUS Squads only.**
- **Series of Meetings ...** There will be a series of meetings to discuss what is happening for the new season ...the way forward meetings we are naming them. There will be a meeting with the 1999 Squad Parents, the 1998 Improvers Parents, and the Age 2000 Group parents. Watch this space for further details. It will be within the next two or three weeks.

TOMORROW – SATURDAY 3rd JUNE 2006

Little ‘Round Robin’ Bounce Game(s)

Kick Off : 10.00 am

Please be at Richmond Park at 9.30 am.

One or two players missing at the weekend.

Three Teams – The two goalkeepers listed below will play in ALL the matches.

10.00 am Team 2 v Team 3 2 x 15 minute halves Team 1 will train
10.40 am Team 1 v Team 3 2 x 15 minute halves Team 2 will train
11.20 am Team 2 v Team 1 2 x 15 minute halves Team 3 will train

ALL GAMES ON PITCH TWO and are EIGHT A SIDE

<i>Paul Coulter</i>	<i>Ian Downs</i>	<i>John Renwick</i>
1	2	3
<i>David Thomson</i>		<i>Paul O Hara</i>
Aiden Gray	Chris Sands	Bradley Reid
Aiden Mc Elhinney	Jonathan Downs	Alex Keenan
Sean Hughes	Josh Mac Donald	Ryan Gormley
Ross Lyon (Capt)	Carla Boyce	Anthony Ralston
Ryan Coulter	Scott Ballantyne	John Smith
Jamie Love	Andrew Gallagher	Lee Ritchie
Jack Semple	Scott Matthews	Ryan Kane
	Ewan Dickson	

SAME DAY ON PITCH ONE

Kick off 10.00 am

Academy Select v Partick Thistle Select

James Semple
Samuel Bullough
Calum Mc Donald
Gary Keenan
Liam Burt
Ryan Love
Callum Gibson
Liam Bowie

June Events :

Day	Date	What's on	Where	For who ?	
Friday	2 June	Training	Hamilton Palace	S of E	Academy PLUS
Saturday	3 June	'Bounce Games' – four team 'round robin'	Richmond Park	S of E 1998 Improvers 'A'	Academy PLUS 1998 Improvers 'B'
Sunday	4 June	Training	Hamilton Palace 10.00 am till 12.00	1998 Improvers 2000 Age Group	1999 Squad 'New' Players
Thursday	8 June	Game v Carluke	Richmond Park	1999 Age Group	
Thursday	8 June	Game v Symington	GAME OFF	1998 Improvers	
Friday	9 June	Training	Hamilton Palace	S of E	Academy PLUS
Saturday	10 June	'Bounce Games' – four team 'round robin'	Richmond Park	S of E 1998 Improvers 'A'	Academy PLUS 1998 Improvers 'B'
Sunday	11 June	Training	Hamilton Palace 10.00 am till 12.00	1998 Improvers 2000 Age Group	1999 Squad 'New' Players
Thursday	15 June	Game v East Kilbride	Richmond Park	1998 Improvers	
Thursday	15 June	Game v Stonehouse	Stonehouse	1999 Age Group	
Friday	16 June	Game v Partick Thistle	Firhill Complex	S of E	Academy PLUS
Saturday	17 June	Bounce Games	Richmond Park	School of ExcellencevAcademy PLUS
Saturday	17 June	Bounce Games	Richmond Park	1998 Improvers	1999 Squads
Sunday	18 June	Training	Hamilton Palace 10.00 am till 12.00	1998 Improvers 2000 Age Group	1999 Squad 'New' Players

Champions ...simply the best !!!



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