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Two extra outfield Coaches	Interviewing NOW	Will keep you informed.
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Last Newsletter till 'startback' on 12th Jan 07

Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to everyone

Well folks, boys and girls, parents and all, this is the last weekend of training before the 'shutdown'.

As **Academy Director**, I would like to thank you all for your commitment throughout the Season. To training, to games, to day trips and of course for all your contributions and prizes...you have all been fabulous...and I thank you all on behalf of myself, **John Renwick**, and the Coaching Staff at Scotland Boys Club – Academy of Football. It has been a very difficult season for all of us (you can see how John has aged by his photo on the right), as we have grown from 20 students to 70 students...too many too soon perhaps...but we have coped - through hard work and commitment from players, parents, and committees. (Don't forget the Aunties, Uncles, and the Gran's and Grandad's !!!!) Personally I would also like to thank all my coaches, all my committees (particularly the fund raising committee), and the wonderful **Theresa O Hara** for their/her commitment also. And of course, my special thanks to **Brian Adams** for the use of Richmond Park. A special mention for **Derek Mc Donald** for his extended work on our new 'home' and the 'forthcoming web site'. A unique thanks and mention to the Halloween Festival Brigade headed up by **Eddie Gibson**...and finally, **Lorraine Hughes** for her secretarial attributes. If I have left anyone out – I apologise.....it was not intentional. There will be one or two structural / squad changes and these will be indicated in the first Newsletter of the New Year. Friday training will finish at **8.30 pm** tonight and Sunday training will finish at **11.30 am**. A small token gift will be given to each student from the Academy. **Best Wishes once again to all of you. Have a wonderful time and I look forward to seeing you all again on either 12th January or 14th January 2007.**



Subscription money this week

Will be collected this **FRIDAY** by **KATE BLACK** ...once again. Kate did a fine job last time in the absence of Theresa who is going on a deserved 'works' night out. Theresa **WILL** be back for Sunday.

Scotland Boys Club – Coaches and Committee 'night out'

This event is **postponed** until sometime in January because of staff commitments and of coursethat little thing called **XMAS !!!!**

'Aldo' recovering !!

As you may or may not be aware, Aldo Thomson, one of the Academy PLUS assistant coaches was involved in a serious car accident last weekend. His 'taxi' was written off and he was extremely fortunate not to sustain serious injuries to himself. Fortunately he is 'up and running' and he declared himself fit enough to referee the Livvy Hearts games on Sunday afternoon. You just can't keep a good man down....our best wishes go to him and his family...and we wish him a full recovery.

1999 and 1998 Improvers 'parties'

No-one sent me any photos for either of these events but I understand that both events were well organised, well supported and the kids enjoyed them immensely. In fact the 'improvers' intend making it a bi-annual event. They went 'ten pin bowling' whilst the 1999's got involved in the Braehead 'experience' with Mr Keegan. Thanks to all the parents who organised and made the entire events a success.

Bonus Ball

The **BONUS BALL** winner this week was **Geraldine Glackin** – Well Done to her !!! Remember the **LOTTERY** is not being collected tonight or for the next few weeks until after 'startback'.

Four Ball Lottery

We now have **THIRTY TWO** contributors for the **NEW LOTTERY SHEET**....Another few 'new starts' last weekend.Would it be possible to get another **twenty** or so to make the event viable ...**PLEASE**...

It was **NOT WON** again last week so the **prize money for this week will be topped up slightly and is currently standing at £120.....**

Kits

The 'kits' from **DEE SPORTS** are not going to be ready in time for Xmas by the looks of things. We managed to get hold of some bags and T Shirts/Shorts/Socks...but on the whole it is a disappointing result from the company. Even some of that material was incorrect to specification. My apologies to all concerned. It is widely known that the 'material' is being held up in customs. What next....I will keep pursuing the matter and if I get a delivery from **DEE** ...and it looks **OK** (before Xmas) ...I will phone you all and arrange to meet at a central point for collection purposes. If you don't hear from me....then unfortunately we will have to wait until after the holidays.

Scott Holland

My thanks to Scott who is doing a remarkable job taking photos of the students during training and at games to combine a very useful and worthwhile album for future presentations, newsletters and of course our forthcoming website. The photos (of which I have been given my first CD of from Scott) are of an extremely high standard and quality...and I am looking forward (eventually) of getting some when the new kits arrive. Keep up the good work Scott.



Aiden Gray and Carla locked in battle

The Academy

Last week's games and results

School of Excellence and Academy PLUS

- **The School of Excellence and the Academy PLUS Squads played against Wishaw Wycombe last weekend on 'astrograss'** against all odds (re-the weather). The **School of Excellence** managed two very convincing victories against what seemed like a very competent Wishaw squad and the **Academy PLUS** managed one victory and a 'draw'. Anthony Croal and Matthew Innes turned out for the two squads and each done exceptionally well. My thanks to them. The experience will do them good.. The two squads played on Sunday against Livingston Hearts along with Andrew Gallagher and Paul O Hara from the 'Improvers' – but this game was a complete 'mismatch' in the rain. The School of Excellence won 30-0 and the Academy PLUS 13-1.

1998 Improvers

- **Played at Hamilton Palace**on Sunday morning.....against the 'fancied' Milton Rovers. Expecting a really tough game (s)that is precisely what they got. The 'white' team won both their games by the odd goal...and the 'Navy' squad lost both their games by the odd goal. But essentially they had four terrifically evenly balanced games...which...after all...is exactly what we are looking for. My thanks to 1999 player Josh Mc Fall who put in an excellent 'shift' for the 'Improvers'.

1999 Age Group

- **GAME CANCELLED.....AGAIN !!!!!**

The 'New Year' Raffle tickets

There are still quite a **FEW** not got Raffle Books. IF YOU HAVE NOT GOT YOUR TICKETS – PLEASE GET THEM FROM KATE or THERESA THIS WEEKEND.

ALL BOOKS MUST BE SOLD AND HANDED IN BY START BACK DATE WHICH IS THE WEEKEND OF FRIDAY 12TH JANUARY to SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY.

The **DRAW** will be held the following week. (Although the ticket indicates otherwise). We have had to delay the DRAW due to the change in our startback date which is outwith our control. The time and venue for the draw will be announced and **all are welcome to attend**. I am collecting **RAFFLE PRIZES** now. **CURRENTLY** I have **25** prizes from 70 families so we have a long way to go. If each family hands in one prize each we will have **70 prizes**. **Please give this stuff to Theresa NOW...so I can get organised....**

ONCE AGAINMERRY XMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ALL THE COACHING STAFF

Bobby Mc Donald