

Welcome

Welcome to the first email newsletter from Pro-Action.

We have kept the style of the printed newsletter and have added some new features, including some great news stories from across our membership, from sporting success to recognition for some of the young volunteers via the YOPEY awards. Plus a new feature 'Spotlight on a Club', where in each newsletter we will highlight a particular club and write an article about it.

When I first started I was amazed at the amount of resources that collectively our membership has across the county, so to kick-start the sharing/use of those resources - we have put together a map of the county with some of the outward bound facilities that are open for you to use.

Finally this is your newsletter - so please do send in contributions. It can be anything, a success story from the club of the young people involved, or if you wish to be featured on 'Spotlight on a Club' - please do get in contact with Hardeep hardeep@pro-actionherts.org

Nick Webb
Pro-Action

Training Dates

FREE training opportunity for you and your volunteers provided as a part of the Pro-Action membership benefits. Please take this chance to increase awareness and develop your knowledge about Child Protection and First Aid.

Child Protection Training 6.30 -10pm

- Weds 20th May – Welwyn Hatfield / St Albans / Hertsmere
- Tues 2nd June – East Herts and Broxbourne
- Thurs 11th June – North Herts and Stevenage
- Tues 30th June – Dacorum / Three Rivers
- Tues 7th July - Watford.

First Aid Training 12 - 4pm

- Sat 16th May – Welwyn Hatfield / St Albans / Hertsmere
- Sun 31st May – North Herts and Stevenage
- Sun 7th June – East Herts and Broxbourne
- Sat 20th June – Dacorum / Three Rivers
- Sun 21st July - Watford

Please contact your District Co-ordinator for more information.

Successful 'Rurban' Project is expanding!

In partnership with Hertfordshire Sports Partnership, Pro-Action ran in Autumn 08 the very successful 'RURBAN' project. The project involved qualified sports coaches delivering multi-sports Activity Sessions for 1-2 hours per week for 8 sessions. Pro-Action members have included this as part of their evening sessions either weekly or fortnightly. The sessions are designed for either the junior age 5-11 years or senior age 11-18 years.

Pro-Action has applied for and received funding to run this in 2009 and will be expanding the number of clubs which the Rurban Project can visit.

If you would like your club to be considered for the Rurban Project please contact your District Co-ordinator.

Members who have taken part have received a Sports and Activities Pack sessions (SAP pack). Designed by National Clubs for Young People and Sport England. The pack itself provides leaders (not necessarily sports qualified) to introduce young people to sport and personal development.

The pack is delivered in 3 areas

1. Sport specific activities
2. Team challenges/circuits
3. Street activities.

What makes this unique, is that it does not rely on traditional sports, and emphasizes team building and communication skills. The aim of the project is to build on your project or clubs current activity programme ideas. You benefit from receiving a SAP pack and an equipment filled sports bag to keep and refer to.

YOPEY Awards!

Nominations for Hertfordshire's Young People of the Year Awards (YOPEY) have been submitted by Pro-Action. The award aims to recognise young people's achievements and contribution to providing positive activities in their communities. Pro-Action submitted 7 applications of which 4 have been shortlisted for the finals.

A list of candidates: Kirsty Holden – Herts West, Garry Sheehan – Herts West, Josh Cox – Herts West , James Gaitskell – Herts West.

For more information about the YOPEY award and the nominated entries please visit www.youngpeopleoftheyear.org

YOPEY winners will be announced on Friday 15th May 2009 at County Hall, Hertford. We will keep you up-dated with the outcomes!

Spotlight on a Club!

Pro-Action help set up the first Gaming Club in Hertfordshire.

Pro-Action helps set the first Gaming Club for Young People. Keen enthusiast Adam Ramsden, Shenley, and his brother Matt, will open their doors to young people to let battle commence!

Gaming is a turn-based strategy game. Two players, or more, in much larger battles control model armies, which are used to fight each other in a number of different scenarios. The purpose of the game is for each side to try and outwit and outfight their opponent's forces.

The Lodge, Scout Hut, Borehamwood, will host the club, which will open every Monday, 6.30-9.30pm. All young people, 12+, from first timers to experienced players are welcome to join.

Adam has a vision is to bring together the Gaming community and promote it to young people. For more information about the club please visit www.thorshammers.tv



Bushey Boxing Club Punch their way to Victory!

Bushey Boxing club celebrated incredible success as 2 members won National Boxing Competitions. On Saturday 4th April, Jez Smith, 15, Bushey, won the National School Boy Championship. The prestigious award is sponsored by The Royal Navy and is known for its high boxing standards.

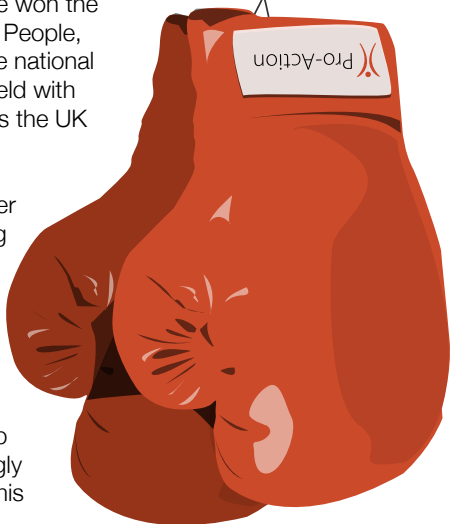
The finals took place in Dagenham, with Jez competing in the Class 3 under 40kg category. Jez's determined performance won him 5 rounds, beating Thomas Wilson, Knowsleybale Boxing Club, in the finals. Jez picked up his national award with great pride after putting on a dazzling show for spectators.



Dan Shinkwin, Head Coach (left)
Jez Smith, Schoolboy Champions Winner (centre)
Royal Navy Representative (right)

Jez's brother, Mitchell, 16, Bushey, also tasted success as he won the National Clubs for Young People, Class B boxing finals. The national finals took place in Sheffield with over 12 clubs from across the UK attending.

The competition is another annual event encouraging youth clubs and organisations to participate in sporting activities. Bushey boxing club entered Mitchell into the 48-50kg category. Mitchell's sharp hitting form overwhelmingly defeated Denard of Nimmis Boxing Clubs, 6 – 2.



Daniel Shinkwin, Head Coach, was delighted with the results and his club 'All boys at Bushey Boxing Club train very hard, have a good attitude and are disciplined. I am extremely pleased Mitchell and Jez won at National levels, they are champions of England!

Bushey Boxing Club has been running for over 40 years. It welcomes any young person interested in Boxing.

For more information about the club contact Dan: 01922 226380



Mitchell Smith, CYP Winner

Success - Clubs for Young People Football Central Finals!

On Saturday 18th April, 3 Pro-Action members represented Hertfordshire at CYP Central Football Finals.

Under 19s Evergreen Boys Club

Under 16s Swan Youth Club

Under 14s Watford Sports Development Team



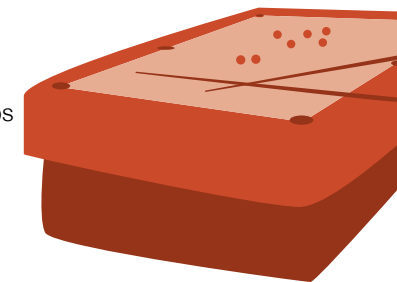
Hertfordshire came away with a trophy, as Watford Sports Development Team won their game and became winners of their category!!

However each club played to a very high standard. Congratulations to the other two teams in reaching the finals and getting trophies as runners up.

There will be a new tournament starting with a Hertfordshire round in Hatfield on Saturday 24th October. This will be followed by a central area final on Saturday 21st November possibly again in Derby. The UK finals will be on Saturday 5th December at the Trafford Centre in Manchester.

Pool Competition

Well done to everyone that took part in The Clubs for Young People Pool Competition. The Central Area competition was well attended with two categories:



Boys

2 under 12
 2 under 14
 2 under 16

Girl

2 under 12
 2 under 14
 1 under 16

Hertfordshire's Young People played brilliantly against some very stiff competition. Unfortunately there were some excellent players who just miss the opportunity to compete in the finals. There was some success with 4 young people from Hertfordshire taking part in the finals, which take place in Barnsley, 12th May.

Congratulations to:

Under 12: Dean Walker - Harewoods adventure playground

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 Toni Bonnick - Harebreaks adventure playground

Under 14: Natasha McCarthy: Harewoods adventure playground.

Pro-Action will keep you updated with final results!

Dates for the Diary!

Pro-Action Events....

- Pro-Action Youth Forum 25th April 2009 @ Hitchin
- Highland Games 31st May 2009 @ De Havilland Campus
- Stubbers Weekend 16th-28th June @ Essex
- Super Teams 18th July 2009 @ De Havilland Campus

*Please contact your District Co-ordinator for more information