



AFA Development News

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February 2007

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FA Level 1 Coaching Course

Our next Level 1 Coaching Course will be held at Norsemen FC, Church St, Edmonton N9 9HL on Sundays 25th February and the 4th & 11th March 9.00am—5.00pm (Practical & Theory)

The Emergency Aid Module will take place on Tuesday 20th February and the Child Protection Workshop on Tuesday 27th February, both 7.00pm—10.00pm

There are still some spaces available so if you are interested in taking the first step on the coaching ladder, contact Bob Leeds

Centenary Dinner



As you will no doubt be aware, 2006/07 is the centenary season of the Amateur Football Alliance and we are holding a series of events throughout the next 9 months. The highlight of the celebrations will be the dinner which is being held at the Brewery, Chiswell St London EC1 on Friday 11th May 2007 6.30 for 7.30. Tickets are priced at £40.00, and tables of ten will be available.

We will be hoping for a good turn out of faces old and new to help make it a night to remember.

Tickets will be available soon, if you require more information, please e-mail centenary@amateur-fa.com or call 020 7359 3493

AFA Coaches & Managers Association

We are delighted to announce that England under 16 assistant manager John Alpress has kindly agreed to hold a session for us on Monday 12th March at Lea Valley High School, Bullsmoor Lane, Enfield EN3 6TW - 7.00pm—9.00pm

John's session will be the same as used by the England squad, which I am sure will be of interest to anyone involved with running a team. There is no charge for AFACMA members, non members will be charged a nominal £2.00. If you would like to attend contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667

FUTSAL Tournament 07

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This years AFA Futsal Tournament will take place at The Harrow Club in White City and will run for 7 weeks on Sunday afternoons from 12.00 to 4.00pm, starting on Sunday 22nd April. Each team will rotate their kick off times throughout the tournament.

The winners of the tournament will go into a play off with the eventual winners taking part in the FA National Futsal Finals which will be held at the English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. Each team can have up to 12 squad members, matches will be 5 a side. The entry fee will be £20 per team with a weekly match fee of £35.00

If you would like an entry form please contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 or e-mail bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com. To find out more about Futsal visit www.TheFa.com/grassroots



AFA v ISFA

On Sunday 4th February the AFA kicked off their centenary celebrations with two fixtures against the Independent Schools Football Association, at Norsemen FC

The under 16s had a dream start and found themselves 1-0 up within a minute through Josh Djelal. Soon after ISFA were awarded a penalty which keeper Mark Jackson saved superbly. This spurred the home side on and further goals from Lewis Barclay and Charlie Merson seemed to have put the result beyond doubt. However the visitors had other ideas and two quick strikes saw them back in the game. Djelal eased the pressure with his second of the game before Thomas Simmonds completed the scoring to leave the AFA somewhat flattered.

The under 18s on the other hand, suffered a 5-0 defeat to a very well organised and disciplined ISFA side, despite good performances from Seb Khan and Tom Slabber.

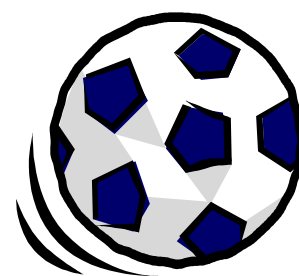
Thanks must go to Norsemen Football Club who did everything to ensure that the day was a success and thanks also to Referees Len Wilcock, Grant Mathias, Dave Littler, John Taverner, Chris Allen & Kevin Lowe.

250
spectators
help kick off
centenary
celebrations

Quiz Results

Congratulations to of Old Challoners who were the first name out of the hat for our Christmas Quiz and win 25 matchballs for the club. Answers below.

- 1) Old Etonians and Old Carthusian
- 2) Alan Day Volkswagen
- 3) 5 including a keeper
- 4) Back of the knee
- 5) Wake Green Amateur F.C.
- 6) East Barnet Old Grammarian Ladies
- 7) Under 14 use size 4. Under 15 use size 5
- 8) Red tops, black shorts & black socks



FA Goalkeeping Coaching Certificate

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The Development Team hope to hold the above course during the summer, and will need a minimum of 18 candidates. The cost of the course is £130.00. The venue will be decided to suit the candidates who enrol.

The course is intended for those who coach goalkeepers at either non-league or youth level and candidates should hold the FA Level 2 Certificate in Coaching Football.

Course objectives;- To coach basic individual techniques, to understand how to develop and improve GK techniques, to plan & prepare progressive technical & functional practices, to maintain the health & safety of players and other coaches and to maintain high standards of conduct.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667 or e-mail bob.leeds@amateur-fa.com



National Charter Standard Club Awards

All clubs who achieved Charter Standard status via the AFA should now have received details of the National Charter Standard Club Awards. This Awards programme is only open to clubs who have received Charter Standard Club status. There are six categories at County, Regional and National level: CS Club, CS Adult Club, CS Development Club, CS Community Club, CS Club Coach & CS Club Administrator. To nominate your club, or individual coach or administrator, please complete the nomination form you will have also received. If you wish to nominate in more than one category, please photocopy the number you require.

The winners at AFA level will be announced at the end of May and the AFA winners will receive a County Pennant.

The Regional Awards will be announced at the end of July and Regional winners will receive a plaque and a £100 Umbro voucher.

The National Awards will take place at a prestigious FA and the National winners will receive a plaque and a £300 Umbro voucher

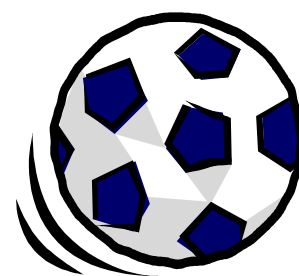
If you are not in you can't win so get your nominations forms completed and sent to Bob Leeds at the AFA by 27th April.

**AFA
FAMOA
Event at
White
Hart
Lane**

Referees Corner

The AFA are holding their FAMOA (FA match officials association) meeting at White Hart Lane, the home of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club on Tuesday 20th February starting at 6.15pm. All are welcome, but entrance is by ticket only. To find out more visit www.amateur-fa.com or contact the office on 020 7359 3493

The next AFA & London Society of Association Referees meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd February at Old Isleworthians FC, starting at 7.30pm, Guest speaker will be Stan Rosenthal, who will speak on law changes in small sided football.



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AFA FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT TEAM SERVICES

The Football Development Team at the AFA is able to offer a number of services to affiliated clubs. Here are just some of them.

Improving your facilities

- Helping you secure grant aid from the Football Foundation and a wide range of other sources
- Assisting you in negotiations with Local Authorities and other pitch providers
- Providing venues and establishing partnerships with adult clubs

Coach Development

- Finding Coaches to coach your sides
- Training your people to obtain coaching qualification
- Organising specific coaching sessions for your players

Volunteers

- Helping you recruit new volunteers and training your existing volunteers and EFCA

Specialist Training

- Child protection, Refereeing, Medical Training

Competition

- AFA Youth Cups at all age groups on Saturday and Sunday
- AFA Under 16 and Under 18 Representative Sides in Home Counties Competition

Information Centre

- Sourcing information about any aspect of football
- Reference Library and database of contacts

FA Charter Standard

- Helping clubs to become part of the FA Community Club concept
- Helping clubs to achieve FA Charter Standard status

Communication

- Sending you all the latest FA initiatives
- Development News (Monthly) and AFA Record (Quarterly)

Manager Wanted

Kent Magpies Ladies FC are searching for an experienced 1st team manager (minimum level 2) to run their ladies team who play in Division I of the London and South East Regional Women's League, and are based in Eltham. The club was established in 1994 and were awarded FA Charter Standard status in 2005

If you are interested, or would like to find out more, please contact Bob Leeds on 020 7359 3667

Forthcoming Representative Matches

Southern Counties Competition, Final - AFA v Middlesex FA, Wednesday 14th March, Potters Bar Town, 7.30pm kick off

Home Counties Youth Competition (U18) Sussex FA v AFA Tuesday 27th February 7.30pm kick off

Sunday 25th March, Royal Navy FA v AFA, Portsmouth 1.00pm kick off

Home Counties Youth Competition (U16) AFA v Sussex FA Wednesday 28th March, Carshalton Athletic, 7.15pm kick off