

Welcome to all Volunteers!

Welcome to the November update for volunteers in Paddlesport. Please show this update to your fellow volunteers – coaches, officials, helpers and administrators - and if they would like to be added to the mailing list please email volunteers@bcu.org.uk

National Volunteer Awards

Many thanks to everyone who has already made their nominations for the Canoe England Volunteer Awards 2007, the response has been overwhelming. Nominations close at 5pm on November 30 and late nominations will not be accepted.

Volunteers, officials and coaches will be recognised for their contribution over the last 12 months at a special awards presentation. The awards will lead onto the UK awards where presentations are made to individuals who qualify for the already well established awards of Merit, Valour and Honour as well as the prestigious BCU Services to Canoeing and Geoff Good Coach of the Year award.

Anyone can make their nominations for the Canoe England awards on the official form and you are not restricted to the number of people you can nominate. Forms can be found on the website or please email volunteers@bcu.org.uk or call 0845 3709530 for a form.

Have your Say!

Make sure you have your say on the decision by British Airways to not carry canoes and kayaks – the British Canoe Union have a petition against the decision and you can add your name on the home page www.bcu.org.uk.

Club Forums 2008

Canoe England will be hosting regional club forums across the country in Spring 2008 to provide valuable information and guidance to club members and volunteers. The forums will provide useful information to club members to assist in the running and development of their club. Child Protection will be a key focus to enable club welfare officers to attend the Time to Listen workshop during the afternoon. Other workshops will run throughout the day providing information and advice on key topics.

Places are limited to up to 4 members per club and workshops will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. Make sure your club doesn't miss out, and sign up now! For more information and updates on club forums please keep checking the Canoe England website – www.canoe-england.org.uk. Alternatively contact us direct, email volunteers@bcu.org.uk or telephone 0845 3709530. Information will also be included in these newsletters.

Christmas Card Competition

Over the last four years the BCU have had some great entries for the BCU Christmas Card competition and the search has started for a design for 2007. The picture must be about Paddlesport and Christmas, and 150 x 210mm (A5) in size. It can be in colour or in black and white but it must be hand drawn or painted.

The deadline for entering this year's Christmas Card Competition has been extended until Monday 19th November and entry is restricted to under 18 year olds. For more details on how to get involved visit www.bcu.org.uk or email kimberley.walsh@bcu.org.uk.

Workshops in Your Area

The courses detailed below are a selection of those submitted to Canoe England and not a complete list of those held throughout the country. If you would like to find out more details of courses in your available contact your County Sports Association. You can find more information on your county on:

www.sportengland.org/get_resources/developing_sport/county_sports_partnerships/csp_contacts.htm

October:

Tues 13 th	Running Sports Valuing Volunteers Mentoring Sports Coaches Coach Development in Disadvantaged Communities Equity in your Coaching Equity in Your Coaching SCUK Equity in Your Coaching	7pm –9.30pm, Hathershaw, Oldham 7pm-10pm, Cambridge 6.30pm-9.30pm, Stafford Grimsby Suffolk Adventure Dolphin, Berkshire
Weds 14 th	SCUK Safeguarding & Protecting Children How to Coach Disabled People in Sport Guide to Mentoring Sports Coaches Funding for Your Club	6.30pm-9.30pm, Stoke on Trent Wigan Mapperley, Nottingham 6.30pm-9.30pm, Bolton
Thurs 15 th	First Aid Guide to Mentoring Sports Coaches Funding for Your Club	6pm-10pm, Peterborough Bury 6.30pm-9.30pm, Wallingford, Oxon
Sat 17 th	6hr St Johns Ambulance First Aid	9.30am – 4pm, Tamworth
Mon 19 th	Fuelling Performers Introduction to the FUNdamentals of Movement SCUK Safeguarding & Protecting Children Club for All	Salford North East Harlow 6.30pm-9.30pm, Somerset
Weds 21 st	Club for All How to Coach Disabled People in Sport Coaching Children and Young People	6pm – 9pm, Loughborough Plymouth Ipswich
Thurs 22 nd	Coaching Disabled Performers Coaching Disabled Performers Club for All Equity in your Coaching SCUK Safeguarding & Protecting Children SCUK Safeguarding & Protecting Children FUNdamentals of Movement	Beverley, Hull Widnes 6.30pm-9.30pm, Bicester Oxon Uttlesford, Essex Clacton-on-Sea Uttlesford, Essex 2pm-5pm, Cambridge
Sun 25 th	SCUK Safeguarding & Protecting Children	Leeds
Mon 26 th	Running Sports Club for All	6.30pm-9.30pm, Huntingdon
Tues 27 th	SCUK Safeguarding & Protecting Children	Bicester, Oxfordshire
Weds 28 th	How to Coach Disabled People in Sport Fitness and Training SCUK Safeguarding & Protecting Children	Flitwick, Bedfordshire Bolton Hertfordshire
Thurs 29 th	Running Sports Valuing Sports Volunteers Running Sports Club Volunteer Coordinator SCUK Equity in your Coaching	6.30pm – 9.30pm, Loughborough Coventry – FREE COURSE Northallerton
Sun 2 nd	Getting the Most Out of Coaching Children	1pm-5pm, Cambridge
Mon 3 rd	SCUK Safeguarding & Protecting Children	7pm-10pm, Bridport, Essex
Tues 4 th	SCUK Club for All SCUK Safeguarding & Protecting Children SCUK Safeguarding & Protecting Children Introduction to Long Term Athlete Development	6.30pm – 9.30pm, Hatfield, Herts Norwich Suffolk Luton
Weds 5 th Dec	Coaching Disabled Performers	Fakenham, Norfolk]1
Thurs 6 th Dec	Sports Coach UK Equity in your Coaching Sports Coach UK Club for All SCUK Safeguarding & Protecting Children	6.30pm – 9.30pm, Melton 6.30pm-9.30pm, Oldham 7pm-10pm, March, Cambridge