Regional Development Officer – Leinster May 2011 Deirdre Faul

Goals as Regional Development Officer:

- Introduce Squash to new players at junior level.
- Insure clubs are supported in their junior activities and ensure they have on-going activities (junior club, coaching, fun sessions). Development Plans. Player Pathways.
- Develop a team of active Coaches working together with open communication.
- Increase number of schools active in squash.
- Increase Irish Squash Membership.

It has been another busy month. I am continuing to work on the above goals with the following being achieved.

- Irish Squash Summer Camp officially 18th 22nd July. Flyers went to some schools in the area around Old Belvedere. The camp is open to all and is being advertised on the Irish Squash website. More advertising avenues being explored.
- Naas Health and Fitness Junior coaching occurred between Sunday 8th 29th May (14 to 17 year olds). 4 Juniors attended each session. Feedback was very positive in relation to the sessions. Naas are now very motivated to develop a junior squash programme and now have a junior committee.
- John Scottus Senior School addressed a morning assembly in relation to starting a Squash programme in September for the Senior School.
- St. Conleth's Sports day attended the Junior School sports day with the Squash walls. Lots of FUN was had by the kids and a few parents.
- St. Conleth's coaching finished at the end of May One individual received a sponsored membership of Old Belvedere.
- Mount Pleasant I emailed some schools in the vicinity of Mount Pleasant. I am currently in talks with one school interested in starting Squash in September.
- Irish Squash board meeting was invited to attend Board meeting that was dedicated to development. Gave account of my experience on the ground and put forward some ideas for discussion.
- Attended meetings in relation to Irish Squash/Trinity College Schools
 Development Programme. As a result Squash now part of the Trinity College
 Summer programme and now working towards September and schools.

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Immediate objectives for June:

All junior squash coaching occurring within a club should be advertised on Leinster Squash and Irish Squash websites so parents can see what is happening. I will make a list of all junior coaching I am aware for the various websites.

To Approach schools and determine if they are interested in Squash with a view to approval for a September start. If possible attend some sports days with squash walls. This is ongoing and I am trying to do as much of this as possible bearing in mind we have few coaches working on the ground.