



S&SCC Mini Series 2016

Another successful Mini series at Stafford & Stone Canoe Club. A big thanks to Pete Appleton and John Homer for organising the 3 winter slaloms for a 3rd year.

The 1st mini was held on Sunday 17 January. It was very cold but paddlers still arrived for this popular event. The first course was designed by Rebecca Harratt, S&SCC K1W div 2 and C1W div 3. Stafford & Stone paddlers competed well and achieved some great results.

The C2 category was won by last years champion Shannon Judge with C2 partner Jess Magson, closely followed by new C2 team Dhanuja Perera and Leah Godfrey. On to C1M—in division 3 S&SCC paddlers took the top 3 spots—1st Harvey Groves, 2nd Dhanuja Perera and 3rd Christopher Royle. C1 div 2 Kurts Adams Rozentals took 1st place with Luc Royle coming 2nd, in div 1 Dan Bate came 2nd and Prem C1M winner was Sam Maingay.

C1W was dominated by Stafford and Stone ladies, Rebecca Harratt taking 1st place in division 3, Shannon Judge 1st Place in division 2, Jess Magson 1st place in division 1 and Megan Bate coming 2nd in Premier division.

The K1 ladies were out in force at the first mini with some new 2015 paddlers attending their first mini series. In division 4 Mia Rose Lawson came 2nd, division 2 was won by Tyler Dickinson, 1st place for Shannon Judge in division 1 and Hannah Bailey took 1st place in Prem.

The K1 men as always put on a very exciting and closely fought race. Graeme Fryer put in an outstanding performance to take 1st place in division 3, with Klass Francisks Rozentals taking 2nd place. Thomas Mayer came through to take 1st place in division 2, with Dhanuja finishing 3rd. Carl Sunderland took 1st place in division 1 and Tom Hill came a close 2nd. Premier division K1M was won by Rob Holdway with Pete Willett in 3rd place. An excellent performance by S&SCC paddlers and the overall winner off the day was Harvey Groves.

Sunday 31 January was the date for the 2nd mini of the series and course designer this time was Tom Hill. C2 Prem/1 was dominated by the brothers Oz and Burt Roden. C1M—and a change in places for S&SCC's Harvey and Dhanuja, this time round Dhanuja took 1st place and Harvey came 2nd, in division 2 Fraser Parsonage came in 2nd place with Thomas Mayer taking 3rd place. C1M division 1 was won by Dan Bate with Arron Godfrey taking 3rd, and in Prem Burt Roden took 2nd place. In C1W Rebecca Harratt took the top spot again in div 3 as did Shannon in div 2.

K1W was tightly fought again with Beth Morgan taking 1st place in division 2, Leah Godfrey winning the top spot in division 1 and Hannah Bailey winning Prem.

K1M would see Graeme Fryer storm through for another win in division 3 and in division 2 Thomas

Mayer came 2nd. Division 1 K1M was very closely fought with S&SCC paddlers Mick Berwick, Thomas Hill and Arron Godfrey taking 1st, 2nd & 3rd respectively, and just to add a little more excitement we were joined by Prem paddlers Chris Bowers, James Bailey and Paul Sunderland who took the top 3 spots in Premier division after a close battle.

The 2nd mini overall winner this time was Dhanuja with Harvey now in 2nd. Onto Mini 3 and the Grand Final on Sunday 21 February, course designer was George Harratt. We arrived at the club at 7.30am to discover an extremely high river, we all crossed our fingers that it would drop in time for the start of the race.

By 10am it had dropped enough for the race to go ahead.

Stafford and Stone paddlers pulled out all the stops again and were to dominate the Grand Final taking 9 of the 10 spaces available!

After a short break the final began and everyone was on the river bank to cheer our paddlers on.

We knew that it would be a close final and they would be battling all the way to take the title. The 9 S&SCC finalists were Harvey Groves, Tyler Dickinson, Dhanuja Perera, Shannon Judge, Rob Holdway, Carl Sunderland, Graeme Fryer, Dan Bate and Mick Berwick.

It was a very exciting final and the champion on the day was Dhanuja Perera, Harvey Groves came a very close 2nd and Tyler Dickinson took 3rd place.



**Mini Series
Champion 2016
Dhanuja Perera**

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New Years Day Race 2016



New Year's Day Race
Winner 2016
Tyler Dickinson



The 2016 New Year's Day race was organised by last year's winner Arron Godfrey. The theme this year was Nursery rhymes.

There were a few weary parents and kids after the New Year's Eve party, but spirits were high.

There were some fantastic home made costumes with several spiders from Little Miss Muffet who's legs got very wet! There was a mouse from Three Blind Mice, Peter Piper, an Owl and many more.

Everyone had made the effort to dress up on the day even though it was pretty cold.

The race commenced at 11.00am and paddlers set off in reverse order of divisions with the Premier paddlers setting off

last.

Luckily this year the river was ok and there were no obstacles to navigate.

Everyone had a great day and this years winner was Tyler Dickinson.

The winner of the best costume was Phil Gooding, Stafford and Stone Canoe Clubs President.



Adam's Activity Day

Adam Burgess organised another Christmas Activity Day at the club over the festive period.

The day was well attended by junior and senior paddlers. Teams were formed in the morning and there were lot's of challenges ahead for them through the day.

Activities were varied, some water based and some land based. There were gates and obstacles, fitness, gym and lot's of will power was needed!!!

The winning team was Rob Holdway's Team!

Everyone said they really enjoyed the day, and we hope Adam will be available to do the same again this year. Thanks Adam!





Photo Competition 2015

Another successful year for Stafford and Stone Canoe Club, and as always it was captured by the many photographers that attend the Canoe Slalom events.

This year we again received a large amount of entries and the

judges had a tough job choosing the winners.

The categories were S&SCC members, Junior and Open. The winning photo's have now been framed and mounted on the wall at the club.

If you didn't win, fear not! I have a copy of every entry and will be publishing them through the year in Gateline!

Editor



S&SCC Winner
Adam Burgess & Greg Pitt
at Pau
by
Andy Neave



1st Junior
Edward Dickinson at HPP
by
Yvonne Mayer

S&SCC 2nd Place
Harry Ship at Pool Session
by
Darren Ship



Open Winner
Adam Burgess at Lee Valley
by
Neil Proctor



S&SCC 3rd Place
Lizzie Neave at Lee Valley
by
Lalith Perera

Cool Blue Canoes

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Thank You Mr Neave!!!



Yes a big thank you and a special gift from the club was presented to Andy Neave at the end of the 2016 Mini Series. Andy has been involved with the club for no less than 33 years and has held many positions within the club infrastructure over that time—Coach, Chairman, Bib Officer and Secretary to name but a few. We are in no doubt that his input has been one of the largest contributions to the clubs ongoing success, and he has coached hundreds of junior paddlers over the years. At least 20 of these juniors have gone on to win International and World Championship medals, and 3 have represented Great Britain at the Olympics. As he moves on to pastures new we all wish Andy, and Sally, the best of luck for the future!

Sports Stafford Borough Awards

The 2015 Sports Stafford Borough Awards took place this weekend. S&SCC had put forward 3 members for awards based on their achievements in 2015, and 1 for a special sports contribution award. We are very pleased that all 4 nominees received an award on the night!

Joe Clarke—Sportsperson of the Year

Joe had a rollercoaster year in 2015. He started the 2015 season by securing his place on Team GB for the 3rd year running. Joe went on to the European Championships in Germany where he finished in 8th place. World Cup results rewarded Joe with a World Cup ranking of 17th and then it was on to the World Championships in London where Joe came away with a Bronze team medal. Next was Olympic Selection!

Race 1 would see Joe finishing in 3rd place, but Joe stormed through races 2 & 3 to secure his nomination for Team GB for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. At the end of the 2015 Canoe Slalom season Joe was crowned U23 Men's Kayak British Champion. Joe has been training over the winter with team GB and has attended test events at the Canoe Slalom Olympic course in Rio.

Adam Burgess— Male Sports Performer of the Year

In April 2015, Adam was crowned U23 Men's C1 World Champion after competing at the Championships in Brazil. Adam became the first British paddler to achieve this title! Adam secured his place on the Senior GB team in C1 & C2, competed in European Championships in Germany winning a team Bronze, and

achieved a team Silver in the Prague World Cup race. In the Senior World Championships in London Adam made the final and finished 9th. A great achievement in his 1st year competing as a senior! Adam has already competed in senior selection and secured a 2nd year on the 2016 GB team. To finish the season off in style Adam won the British Open. Adam still supports S&SCC by putting on coaching days when he is home. This winter Adam has been globe trotting for his winter training and recently competed in Australia winning a Bronze medal. Unfortunately Adam couldn't make it back in time to attend the ceremony but mum Carole stepped in to proudly collect the prize for her son.

Chris Bowers—Under 18 Male Sports Performer

Chris had a great 2015 season

and with no doubt has established himself as Britain's number 1 junior men's kayak star. Chris secured his place on the GB junior team in early 2015 then flew off to Brazil for the Junior World Championships. Chris achieved 6th place and a personal best at this event. Chris also competed at the European Championships in Poland finishing 11th and coming home with a team bronze. Chris finished the season as British Junior Champion.

Andy Neave—Special Contribution to Sport

Andy has spent 33 years at S&SCC and has influenced many Championship medal winners. Andy has been an integral part of the club in many varied roles. His guidance on and off the water with his log books, gym plans, nutritional advice and homework has supported hundreds of junior paddlers. Well done to you all!

2016 Taster Sessions

The 2016 taster session's will take place this year in April. If you know any adults who would be interested please use the contact details on the flyer.

There will be adult and junior sessions (although we already have a waiting list for juniors plus school applications).

We look forward to welcoming new member's and their families to the club.



Current Club Nights

S&SCC Current River Sessions

Monday	17.45-19.00 C1 & C2: Div 1/P 19.15-20.15 C1 & C2: Div 2/3/4
Tuesday	18.15-19.15 Junior Beginners 19.15-20.15 Div 2/3 - J12/J14 20.15-21.15 P/1 - J16/J18 & Snr
Wednesday	18.45-20.00 Div 1 – J14/J16
Thursday	18.30-20.00 Snr Beginners/Improvers 20.00-21.00 Seniors
Friday	17.30-19.30 Developing Seniors



Staffordshire Talented Athlete Fund

The Staffordshire Talented Athlete Fund (STAF) uses County Council funding to provide financial support to Staffordshire's most talented young sportsmen and women. The fund has been created to help cover the costs associated with training and competition, including such expenses as travel and sports equipment. STAF funding is divided into three tiers (Gold, Silver and Bronze) according to athlete's performance standards and the value of the award.

Who can apply?

STAF is looking for athletes who are committed, motivated and proud to represent Staffordshire. Athletes must meet the following criteria:

1. You must either attend school/college or be a resident in one of the areas below. If you live outside the County because of training commitments or higher education, your parent/guardian must live in one of the districts below:

Cannock, East Staffordshire, Lichfield, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Stafford, Staffordshire Moorlands, South Staffordshire, Tamworth

N.B. Athletes from the City of Stoke-on-Trent are not eligible to apply for the grant. If you are from the City and wish to find out more about local funding opportunities, please contact Stoke-On-Trent City

Council.

2. You must have a date of birth that falls between 1st September 1995 and 31st August 2004.

Athletes with a disability must have a date of birth that falls between 1st September 1988 and 31st August 2004.

3. You must be able to demonstrate the performance criteria necessary for the tier of award you are applying for.

4. You must participate in a Paralympic or Olympic sport or, alternatively, one of the 46 Sport England-funded sports listed on their website.

5. You must **not** be in receipt of UK Sport Athlete Personal Awards

How do I apply?

Firstly, check that you are eligible for STAF using the criteria above. Having read the guidance notes thoroughly, complete the application form with all the necessary supporting information. Please note that Gold applicants **MUST** include a letter of reference (on headed-paper) from the participating sport's governing body, confirming you meet the performance criteria. This could be your regional or county development officer or someone from the talent team, but not a personal coach. Silver and Bronze applicants should provide a letter of reference from their club, coach or school.

Copies of press coverage of your

achievements and relevant certificates or results may also be enclosed to support your application.

How will the successful athletes be selected?

The panel will score all eligible applicants against the following criteria:

Current performance standard (weighted as a priority)

Evidence of progression in performance over the last 12 months.

Intended use of funding and how this will contribute to performance.

Commitment and desire to achieve.

The highest scoring athletes in each category will be awarded grants. The panel will ensure that there is an equitable representation from a gender, disability and sports perspective. STAF opens for applications on 8th February 2016 and closes at midnight on 20th March 2016. The selection panel will meet during the week commencing 29th March 2016.

Successful applicants will be notified during the week commencing 11th April 2016. To read the full criteria and download an application form use this link.....

<http://sportacrossstaffordshire.co.uk/funding/>

Editor



"STAF is looking for athletes who are committed, motivated and proud to represent Staffordshire."

"Many S&SCC paddlers have been supported by the Staffordshire Talented Athlete Fund"

Support Grants for Juniors

This year I have made some links with a charity that provide grants to junior athletes in need of support. The charity supports junior's who may be unable to continue with their chosen sport, or reach their full potential due to financial hardship.

The criteria to apply for this grant is as follows:

You must be 18 or under at the end of the period in which your Organisation is submitting your application.

You are a citizen of the United Kingdom and you are currently resident in the United Kingdom. You have a particular, recognised talent in any of the fields covered

by Sports.

You are affiliated to a school, club or Organisation that actively promotes, supports and encourages activities and excellence in your chosen field.

You can demonstrate a track record of successful activity, achievement and commitment in your chosen field.

You can give a clear indication of how any grant will be used to further your aspirations in the field of sports.

The charity has set dates for applications, twice a year.

As part of my role on the committee I have registered with the charity and am able to put

forward candidates, who are struggling to meet the costs of accessing training or specialised equipment, for consideration for a grant.

Any application or personal information will be dealt with in the strictest confidence, we may need to request references from your coach and this will also be confidential.

Please be aware that I cannot guarantee that your application will be successful as the charity receives many applications, but I can support you to put together a thorough application to give you the best opportunity for success.

Due to work, family, canoeing and

committee commitments I will only be able to deal with two applications at a time, therefore if I receive a lot of requests I will need to put in place a waiting list and a selection policy, and I will notify you when I am able to help you. To ensure I am able to support as many of you as possible I will aim to support one application per paddler only. Once the trust has made a decision on your application, whatever their decision is, I will move on to the next applicant.

If you wish to access this support please contact me by email at editor@staffordandstonecc.co.uk and I will arrange to meet with you to discuss your application.

Editor

Fundraising

Dates for your diary!

Easter Raffle Draw
Good Friday

Spring Fayre
Saturday 14th May
2016

Christmas Fayre
Saturday 3rd Dec
2016

Bag Pack
Date TBC

Watch this space
More events to come

5/6 March—Shepperton 1/2, Dulverton 3/4, Stone 3/4
12/13 March—Llandysul 1, Llandysul 4
19/20 March—Matlock 2
26/27 March—Grandtully Prem
2/3 April—Grandtully 1
9/10 April—Lee Valley Olympic Course Prem (U23 & Junior Selection), Tynedale (Hexham) 2/3/Open, Nene WWC 4, Bedford (Duckmill 3/4)
16/17 April—Washburn 2/Open, Brecon 4
23/24 April—Llandysul 2/3/4, Oughtibridge 3/4, Alva 3/4
28 April—Adult Taster Sessions 2016 Commence
30 April—Junior Taster Session 2016
30 April/1 May—Aberfeldy 3/4
2 May—Cardiff International Prem, Cardiff International 4
7/8 May—Holme Pierrepont 1/2
14 May—S&SCC Spring Fayre
14/15 May—Wagon Lane 3, Kingsland Basin 4, Winchester 4/Open
21/22 May—Holme Pierrepont Prem/1 (Paul McConkey Memorial Slalom), Llandysul 2/3, Seaton Park 3/4, Llandysul 4
28/29 May - Pinkston 2/3, Orton Mere 3/4

All race information can be found at
www.canoeslalom.co.uk

S&SCC AED Fundraising

As you may be aware we now have a defibrillator installed at the club. Thanks to Suzie Boote for organising this. The fundraising is going well from the various events—Family Quiz Night, New Years Eve Party, the S&SCC Mini series, and Suzie & her family have hosted AED Pie Night's at their homes. We still have a way to go to raise the £700 so please be generous with your support of future AED fundraising events.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is the UK's biggest killer, accounting for over 100,000 deaths a year. A malfunction of electrical pulses that fire into the heart suddenly & unexpectedly stop the heart from working, causing it to shut down, stopping blood flow to all vital organs in the body. Without effective treatment within minutes, SCA will usually result in death. AEDdonate also provided a free training session at the first mini

which was well attended. The machine is simple to use and talks you through using it step by step. I believe the current funds raised are close to the £400 mark after recent events. Thanks for your support and here's hoping we never have to use it!

Thanks S&SCC Committee

Next
Gateline
22nd April

S&SCC
Custom Kit



Available to order
online from



Easter Raffle

Our fundraising officer Julie Stokoe has put together this fantastic large Easter hamper and we will be selling raffle tickets between now and Good Friday. Tickets are £1 per ticket and are available from Julie or Debs Homer.

If you would like to take the raffle book to sell to your family, friends or at work please contact Debs and I will arrange to get the book to you.

The fundraising team has raised £5,000 over the last 2 years which has been used for two new ergo's, repairs to riverbanks and groins, a new boombox and gym equipment.

Please support your club to support you!
Many Thanks from the Fundraising Team!

