

BFA News

BANGLADESH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION (UK)

1. BFA News and Updates

A) Summer League

The Summer League came to an end in the last week of August. Below are the winners and runners ups.

Premier Div: Bromley By Bow FC
Runners Up: Mohammedan Sporting Club

1st Div: Ash –Shabaab
Runners Up: Beaumont Athletic

2nd Div: Aldgate Club East
Runners Up: London Tigers B

3rd Div: Ponders End
Runners Up: SOUL

Sonali Bank Cup

The Sonali Bank Cup final was a tight affair between Shadwell and Bromley By Bow. Shadwell won it 3-2 in the end.

C) Islamic Relief

Islamic Relief is the official charity partner of BFA. BFA will be working with Islamic Relief to host an annual tournament starting in April 2009. BFA will also adopt a vocational educational project in Bangladesh and organise a tournament for the poor students on these projects.

We would like all BFA teams to be part of this project and raise as much money as possible in the near future. More information will follow on this....



Bromley with the Premiership Shield



Shadwell with the Sonali Bank Cup

B) Support for Teams (FA Charter Mark)

As you know BFA is offering all teams 10 hours of support with FA Charter Mark, fundraising and policies and procedures. If you need any help with achieving the charter mark and help with finding or filling in application forms then get in touch ASAP.

Just to inform everyone that we are working on set of criteria's for teams playing in each division of the Summer League starting with 2009. Teams playing in the premier division one of them will definitely be working towards and achieving the FA Charter mark. So if you have not got it please get in touch. Don't come back in the Summer and say you were not warned.

The full list of criteria's for each division will be emailed to all teams by end of September.

D) Shahjalal & Shahporan Village (SSV) Charity Cup

The Shahjalal Shahporan Village Cup came to an end where Beaumont and Bromley By Bow contested the final in front of a crowd of 600 people. It was a great day of football and the supporters were full of pride of their team, and were chanting throughout the game.

The game was building up to be a clash of champions as previous week Beaumont were crowned Umbro International Cup Champions, and Bromley recently becoming the Premier league champions in the summer League. Beaumont were the pre game favourites to lift the SSV cup, but Bromley had other things on their mind and upset the odds to win with a massive margin of 5 goals to one, with Marlon Boateng of Bromley netting a hat trick and topping it off by becoming the best player in the tournament.



Bromley with the SSV Cup

E) Free Courses

BFA organised Free FA Level 1 and First Aid at Work course for volunteers and member clubs last month. 8 people passed the level 1 course and 9 people passed the first aid at work course. Well done to all those volunteers and member teams that took part.



Participants on the FA course

F) Sports Open Day

BFA organised a Sports Open Day encouraging local sports organisations to come and promote their services to local people. We had a really good turnout from local people and had some very interesting sports organisations attending. BFA would like to see more member clubs involved in this next time. We will be organising a second open day soon so watch out for this space.

2) Community News

A) Vallance Lose in the Semis

Vallance FC U16 competed in the Umbro International Cup in August 2008, in Manchester. The team played some exceptional football and went to the semi-final and were narrowly beaten by the eventual winners.

Manager Junel Uddin said; "*It has been an amazing tournament for these boys and to think we came last year and did not win a single game. We can take pride in the fact that the team that beat us in the semi final won the tournament and the referee who done all the games in our group said Vallance FC were the best team in the U16 age group. We conceded just 4 goals in 7 games and were the only team from London that were*



Vallance U16's Team

B) Free Gym Sessions

Women' Sport & Fitness foundation are offering free gym membership to 16-24 year old women and girls. See leaflet.

SWEAT IN THE CITY
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Are you a 16 – 24 year old woman living in London?

Do you want to feel fit and fabulous?

Then sprint along to www.sweatinthecity.co.uk for the chance of a fitter, healthier and happier you!

Sweat in the City is an exciting new programme aimed at young women living in London who currently do little or no exercise. We're offering a **free** 3 month package (29th September – 21st December 2008) of exercise and support including:

- membership at a gym near you
- top exercise tips
- group work-out sessions and;
- access to a special members-only web community

If you, and your friends, want to get fit and have fun, for free, check out www.sweatinthecity.co.uk for more information and your chance to sign up to the programme.

Women's Sport & Fitness Foundation | r10 | LOTTERY FUNDED | SPORT ENGLAND

3) Funding

A) Yapp Charitable Trust

The Yapp Charitable Trust makes grants to small charities registered and working in England and Wales. Applicants must have a total expenditure budget less than £60,000 per year. The trust focuses on sustaining existing work rather than funding new work. Core costs can be funded.

The trust makes grants to small charities to sustain their existing work with:

- elderly people
- children and young people aged 5-25
- people with disabilities or mental health problems
- people trying to overcome life-limiting problems of a social, rather than medical origin, such as addiction, relationship difficulties, abuse, history of offending

Applications are accepted all year with the following closing dates:

- 26 May 2008
- 30 September 2008
- 31 January 2009

Full criteria and application packs are available on

http://www.cnet.org.uk/uploads/yapp_application_pack.doc

B) Time is running out to make an application to the UnLtd Sport Relief Awards...

Do you know a young person who wants to make a difference in their community by organising sport or recreational activities?

UnLtd Sport Relief provides cash and support to young people who want to organise a project that:

- **brings communities from different backgrounds together to increase understanding**
- **encourages peace, understanding and respect amongst young people**
- **or solves conflict in the community**

Possible examples of projects include engaging young people from different backgrounds by organising an indoor cricket mini world cup, a skateboarding competition aimed at reducing tensions between local groups or workshops in music and drama that explore different cultures.

There are two age categories within the award:

- **In the 11 – 16 age group, Awards of up to £500 are given but applicants are legally obliged to have a project advisor (a youth worker, teacher etc).**
- **In the 17 – 21 age group, Awards of up to £5000 are granted to the young people and applicants do not need to have an advisor and complete the form themselves (average Award size is £2200).**

Both application forms (11-16 and 17-21) along with team member forms can be downloaded from our website at:

www.unltd.org.uk/sportreliefawards

The next deadline for funding applications is 1st September and following that it will be the 1st October which is our FINAL DEADLINE so please get going now if you know of somebody who might be interested!!

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