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Phipps climbs Kilimanjaro

GBWR would like to congratulate former GB international and current Team Solent Sharks player Aaron Phipps following his expedition to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro.

Having starred for the national team in London 2012, Phipps has raised over £20,000 for the Meningitis Research Foundation, an illness which saw him lose his legs as a teenager.

Phipps showed true grit and determination to complete the gruelling climb and although parts were completed in a specially modified chair, he was reduced to crawling for some stages of the trip.

Aaron's father, Grahame, accompanied his son on the challenge and we would also like to congratulate Grahame who volunteers with the Team Solent Sharks.

If you would like to donate, here is a link to Aaron's Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/AaronPhippsKili>



Picture: @AaronPhippsGBWR

Try Wheelchair Rugby In...

Wheelchair rugby is coming to Bristol this summer, with sessions open to any disabled person aged 16 and over looking to try wheelchair rugby!

The sessions will take place on the 23rd June, 7th July, 21st July and 4th August between 8:30pm-10:00pm at the Merchants' Academy Sports Centre.

The full address for the venue is: Merchants' Academy Sports Centre, Molesworth Drive, Withywood, Bristol, BS13 9BL.

To find out more or register for a place, please contact: Paul Arnold, GBWR Regional Development Officer, at paul.arnold@gbwr.org.uk or on 07872 664 927

Manchester Taster Sessions

Wheelchair rugby is coming to Manchester this summer, with sessions open to any person aged 8 – 17 with a disability (physical or intellectual) looking to try something new!

The sessions will take place every Sunday 5th June-10th July between 2pm-4pm.

The full address for the venue is: Cedar Mount Academy, Gorton Education Village, 50 Wembley Road, Gorton, Manchester, M18 7DT.

To find out more or register for a place, please contact: Stuart McLindon, GBWR Youth Programme Manager, at stuart.mclindon@gbwr.org.uk or on 07956 411 706

Bridgend Taster Sessions

There had been one Bridgend taster session remaining in June as advertised online and in issue 19 of Tip-Off.

Unfortunately, this taster session will no longer be taking place. Please get in contact at involved@gbwr.org.uk if you would be interested in attending similar events in the future.

Colwyn Bay Taster Sessions

Wheelchair rugby is coming to Colwyn Bay throughout July, with sessions for young people and adults looking to try wheelchair rugby!

The sessions will take place Saturday 9th, 16th, 23rd July with youth sessions between 2pm-3pm and adult sessions between 3pm-4:30pm.

The full address for the venue is: Colwyn Leisure Centre, Eirias Park, Abergele Road, LL29 7SP.

To find out more or register for a place, please contact: Amanda Thomas, GBWR Regional Development Officer, at amanda.thomas@gbwr.org.uk or on 07950 545 014

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GB Win Silver in Japan

GB took more positives as they secured silver in the Japan Para Championships last month as they continue their preparations leading up to Rio.

The four team tournament consisting of Japan, GB, Australia and USA was a great test for the side as the lowest ranked team at the event.

Coach Paul Shaw would have been pleased with his sides start to the tournament, winning the opening four games, including a tense 52-51 victory over USA on Day Two. Australia were the opponents in the final and the world number four team managed to take the winners medal with a 57-49 victory.

There will be another chance for Shaw to take a look over his side when they head to Canada later this month (23rd-26th) where they will be competing against Canada, USA, Japan, Sweden, Australia and Switzerland.



Picture: @Ayaz_Bhuta

GBWR Job Opportunity

An exciting opportunity to work for GBWR has arisen for a Regional Development Officer to cover Northern England and the Midlands. The role will commence 1st August 2016 and is a fixed term contract until 31st March 2017.

For further details, please visit gbwr.org.uk in the About Us section where you can find the full job description and advert.

The closing date is 12pm Monday 20th June 2016 with the interview date on Friday 1st July at Twickenham Stadium.

To apply, please send your CV and Covering Letter to danielhook@rfu.com

GB Squad and Draw Confirmed for Rio

Great Britain have announced their 12 player squad as they prepare to win their first ever Paralympic wheelchair rugby medal in Rio.

From the 12 selected, there are 11 European champions in the squad, alongside newcomer Ryan Cowling, who was part of the GB team that won gold at the Rio test event earlier this year.

Veteran Alan Ash returns to the ultimate international stage for his fifth Paralympic Games having missed out on London 2012. The 43-year-old featured in 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2008 before missing out on the home games four years ago.

Head Coach Paul Shaw has selected a good mix of youth and experience with seven players all preparing for their first ever Games, including captain Chris Ryan.

Gavin Walker, Jamie Stead, Ryan Cowling, Ayaz Bhuta and Jim Roberts will be heading to their first Paralympic Games, alongside Chris Ryan and female player Coral Batey.

Batey, 21, becomes the third female to represent GB at the Games following Josie Pearson (2008) and Kylie Grimes (2012).

Jonny Coggan returns for his fourth Games whilst a hat trick of appearances awaits for Mandip Sehmi and Bulbul Hussain. Mike Kerr rounds off the squad, competing at his second Paralympics having been part of the 2012 team that finished fifth in London.

The Draw has also been finalised ahead of the Games with GB placed in Pool A alongside Canada, Australia and Brazil. Japan, USA, Sweden and France make up Pool B.

GB Squad: Alan Ash, Ayaz Bhuta, Bulbul Hussain, Chris Ryan, Coral Batey, Gavin Walker, Jamie Stead, Jim Roberts, Jonny Coggan, Mandip Sehmi, Mike Kerr, Ryan Cowling.



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