

## **Grant Aid For Clubs 2001/02**

One of the key functions of the Sports Council is to disburse grant aid on behalf of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar and western Isles Enterprise.

The Grants Policy is geared to providing support to clubs, organisations and individual members of affiliated clubs to encourage participation, improve performance and promote the importance of sport. Over the past twelve months a total of 28 grants for sport were awarded by the Lewis & Harris Sports Council. A summary of how this money was used and the benefits which were obtained are detailed below.

### **New Clubs Started**

One of the objectives of the Sports Council is to encourage and support the development of new clubs and organisations or the formation of junior sections to existing clubs. Three new organisations were assisted this year which will hopefully lead to increased participation in sport:

North Tolsta Primary Youth Club; Harris Badminton Club; Westside Football & Recreational Club

### **Coach Education**

The Sports Council views the training of coaches and instructors as being the cornerstone for good club development. Clubs and organisations which have invested time and money improving the knowledge and coaching skills of their coaches are regarded as being in the best position to offer quality experiences to their members. Clubs and organisations which made use of the Sports Council's Coach Education Grand Aid Scheme this year included the following:

Lewis and Harris Junior Football Club

To help one of the Association Members who is an A-Licence Coach attend an SFA Tutor Training Course.

Stornoway United and Lochs FC

Provide D Certificate coaches to increase the number of coaches within the clubs.

Westside Football Club

Provide D Certified coaches to help with the primary Development Centre in the Westside area.

Stornoway Rugby & Athletics Club

For 2 SRAC coaches to attend UK athletes workshop at Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh

Stornoway Karate Club

To enable the club to provide members with top-level instruction with a grading available on the final day

Stornoway Squash Club

To provide an introductory squash coaching course to club players and interested members of the public. The course to be run by a top Scottish Squash Club.

Stornoway Canoe Club

For a member to attend the level 2 coach assessment course in kayaking at Glenmore Lodge. Also for 2 club members to attend level 3 kayaking (sea) training course at Loch Eil.

Sports Equipment

Video Camera

This was purchased by the Sports Council for the affiliated club to help improve and develop the skills of club members by assessing the video evidence.

North Lochs Girls Club

Provide the club with their own equipment to develop the members sporting skills.

### **Sports Coaching Development Grant**

Lewis & Harris Sub Aqua Club

Help the local club to provide instruction to new members towards gaining assistant instructor qualification with a view to being examined for the qualification of Club Instructor.

Western isles Pony Club

For members of the Western Isles Pony Club to attend the riding school in Dingwall to improve their skills in cross-country, eventing and showing at competition level.

Lewis & Harris Riding Club

Allow the Club to bring a top riding instructor to the island to help members improve their skills and performance.

### **Sports Events**

Lewis & Harris Women's Football Association

Set up a junior girls 7 a-side football league at Smith Avenue All Weather Surface and Sgoil Nan Loch Football Pitch. This is to help continue the girls development by improving their game awareness and competing against each other in their local team.

Western Isles Disability Sport

For an athlete to attend the BT Scottish Senior Championship for physically disabled and blind swimming in Glenrothes, Fife and also send a team to attend the Discovery Centre in Dundee.

Island Archers

Compete in the John Clark Memorial Rally in the Borders.

Isle of Lewis Gymnastics Club

For coaches and members of the club to attend a gym rest at the Athens International Gymnastics Festival in Greece

### **Excellence**

Western Isles Amateur Swimming Club (Ness Section)

Send a team of swimmers to attend North of Scotland Championships in Inverness.

Stornoway Running & Athletics Club

8 junior athletes attend the inter district championship to represent the North of Scotland Cross Country Team. 7 junior athletes attending the Scottish national Track/Field Championships and also help a club member to allow him to defend his European IVet Title in 500m/1500m.

John Mitchell

Competing in British Quad Championship. Take part in events in England and Southern Ireland.

Lewis & Harris Junior Football Association

Help send 4 players from the junior football league to represent Ross County Football Club at under 15 level in the SPL Youth League.

Stornoway Bowling Club

Send members to the regional qualifying round of the Scottish National Bowling Championship in Inverness.

### **Discretionary**

Lewis & Harris Sports Festival

To provide a part time administrator/co-coordinator for the duration of the festival 2002.