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EGLSF Newsletter: News & Information from European Gay & Lesbian Sport Federation



Summer ends

The summer is over, and most European LGBTIQ sports clubs in Europe are back from the summer break. The same goes for EGLSF; you will soon be able to read about new development. Enjoy the September issue of our newsletter. We look forward to your feedback.

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Board Meeting

Six out of eight EGLSF Board members participated in a teleconference in the first week of September. Several issues were discussed; mainly Pre-conference and conference in Rome, status and progress of Committees, Sports (emphasis on WinterGames and EuroGames 2011), Finances, Inspection visit and Board meeting in Barcelona.

EGLSF would at this point like to invite all clubs interested in hosting either the next WinterGames or the EuroGames to contact us as soon as possible to get more information.

Other details about the decisions taken in the teleconference and the Barcelona board meeting will be posted in the October issue of the EGLSF Newsletter.

*“Labels are for filing.
Labels are for
clothing. Labels are
not for people.”*

Martina Navratilova
tennis player & activist



Update from Federation of Gay Games

The Federation of Gay Games (FGG) published a new newsletter Participate! which is also available at the official website of federation. The newsletter contains the report on FGG's 25th Anniversary and the announcement of the 2007 annual meeting, which will take place in San Francisco, USA from October 24 to 29, 2007. In the newsletter, you will also find new membership section, info on IGLFA Championship in South America, the summary on the Gay Games Cologne 2010, and results of Chicago GG participation survey. For details, please visit <http://www.gaygames.com>.

EGLSF to receive Gay Games Legacy Award

As part of its 25th year celebration, FGG is honoured to select EGLSF to receive the first Gay Games Legacy Award in recognition of its long history of advocating against homophobia in sport. FGG appreciates that the EGLSF and the EuroGames began as a direct result of the Gay Games and are proud to share a commitment of working together to promote inclusion for all in sport, to fight against homophobia, and to bring about social and political change worldwide.

<http://www.gaygames.com>

1st Asia Pacific OutGames 2008

The 1st Asia Pacific OutGames comprises of a multi-sport tournament, a human rights conference and cultural event that embraces the Asia Pacific's gay and lesbian community and their friends.

The OutGames will take place in Melbourne, Australia, from January 30 to February 3, 2008. Under licence from GLISA Asia Pacific (Gay and Lesbian International Sport Association), the event



will be held during the Midsumma Festival – Melbourne's premier gay and lesbian cultural and arts festival and includes Pride March.

Sport tournaments at the 1st Asia Pacific OutGames will include: Badminton, Dancesport, Hockey, Lawn Bowls, Rowing, Run, Squash, Swimming, Ten Pin Bowling, Tennis, Volleyball and Water Polo.

Play with your neighbours!

<http://www.melbourneoutgames.org>

so the tournaments will be fair on all grounds.

The ranking system is a simplified version of the French Badminton Federation especially as far as the point allocation and category threshold are concerned, and a lot of statistical studies have already been done. As it is written in the New Ranking Document, a new software called BADNET(C) has been developed and works very closely with the ranking in order to manage tournaments smoothly.

LGBTIQ would appreciate feedback and comments on the New Ranking System at the earliest time possible. Their email: iglbff@yahoo.com.

Sports

Changes of the ranking system in IGLBF

IGLBF, International Gay & Lesbian Badminton Federation, calls upon the revision of the IGLBF New Ranking System which will allow players to get an official ranking, for them to know which category they should enter, for tournament organisers to check that players enter the appropriate category

WinterGames and EuroGames bids

Although we are preparing additional information for potential bidding clubs for the organisation of WinterGames (offering winter sports in years without EuroGames), and the bids for the EuroGames 2011, we welcome questions about the bidding process, and other details. Interested clubs can contact Lou at lou@eglsf.info regarding the EuroGames 2011 and Juha at juha@eglsf.info regarding the WinterGames.



News Section

News submitted by our members

Atlasz Budapest Kupa Cancelled

14 September 2007

Dear Dancers, we are extremely sorry to announce that we have to cancel Atlasz Budapest Kupa 13-10-07.

Since the number of registered couples is very low, it does not make any sense to reserve a large venue and technical support for financial reasons and we are not able to put the decision off any longer.

However, we would like to invite those who have registered and booked their stay to a weekend of a local championship, dance workshops, sightseeing and a wonderful dinner and party.

We do have hosted housing and are prepared for a memorable event but it seems there are just too many dance championships around... We are really very sad we have to take this step but let's make the best out of it!

See you in Budapest or at the next championships, in Vienna and Cologne!

<http://atlaszbpkupa.uw.hu>

Consolidation within Out for Sport

13 September 2007

Out for Sport (OFS) started its first ever Strategic Planning Offsite meeting in the beginning of September. Bringing

together LGBT sport, physical activity and dance groups across London and Britain; OFS is looking to review the needs of its membership and build a sustainable strategy for the future.

OFS believes that the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games will be a catalyst for change within the UK. OFS, inspired by the London Games, seeks to bring together the different views of its member organisations to speak with a unified voice to engage in the planning, delivery and legacy of the 2012 Games.

OFS will use this once in a lifetime opportunity to consolidate its position as a major voice in LGBT sports across the UK. OFS is seeking to raise awareness of discrimination in sport and support the development of diversity at all levels, leading to an overall change in perception of LGBT sports and a move towards full acceptance of LGBT figures within mainstream sport.

<http://www.outforsport.org>

FARE Action Week against Racism & Discrimination

28 August 2007

The annual FARE Action Week against Racism and Discrimination has grown over the last years into Europe's biggest anti-racism campaign in football. Last year more than 35 countries got involved in a united effort to rid the game of racism and discrimination.

This October, the 8th FARE Action Week (17-30 October 2007) will once again feature activities by fans, players, clubs, associations, minority organisations, anti-discrimination groups, youth centres, schools and the sports media. A highlight of the week of action will be the anti-racism activities at all the UEFA Champions League matches during this period.

The FARE network, in partnership with

UEFA, calls upon the entire European football family to get involved in the forthcoming FARE Action Week.

The emphasis of the FARE Action Week this season is a call for:

- * greater participation of ethnic minorities and migrants;
- * inclusion of women and girls;
- * action against homophobia in the game.

The FARE network also aims to encourage more groups in southern Europe to participate in the FARE Action Week.

To find out how you can join the Action Week, please see the Guidelines and Application Form on www.FAREnet.org.

Sports Events Coming

up...

Events submitted by our members

Synchronized Swimming

Men's Cup2

Sweden, Stockholm
21 Sep – 22 Sep 2007

Second Male World Synchronized Swimming Cup Solo and team.

<http://www.menscup.org>
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Volleyball

Barbie & Ken Volleyball Cup

Germany, Berlin
21 Sep – 23 Sep 2008



<http://vorspiel.le-dimanche.de>
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Football/Soccer

IGLFA World Championship 2007

South America, Buenos Aires
23 Sep – 30 Sep 2007

Buenos Aires, Argentina, will host the World Gay Football Championship this September in which over 20 teams from all over the world are participating. The Championship is a sports and political event with a clear message: every player has the right to freely express his sexual orientation without any kind of prejudice.

The event bears the slogan “the right to be different”, and is supported by the Argentine Football Association (AFA), Argentine LGBT Community (CHA) and FIFA.



<http://www.iglfa2007.org>
info@iglfa2007.org

Badminton

9th International gay-lesbian badminton tournament Hamburg

Germany, Hamburg
28 Sep – 30 Sep 2007



Startschuss Hamburg invites you to join its 9th international gay-lesbian Badminton tournament!

<http://www.badmintonturnier-hamburg.de>

Volleyball

Volleyball Tournament Barcelona 2007

Spain, Barcelona
28 Sep – 30 Sep 2007



Panteres Grogues Barcelona is preparing a male volleyball tournament for September.

<http://www.panteresgrogues.org/volleyball07>
volei@panteresgrogues.org

Golf

3rd German-Rainbow-Open



Germany, Hamburg/Schwerin
29 Sep – 30 Sep 2007

The international German gay & lesbian golf championship 2007.

We expect up to 120 participants for this 2-days 36 holes tournament. Please check our website for further information.

<http://www.german-rainbow-open.com>
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Multisports

London Meet

United Kingdom, London
29 Sep – 30 Sep 2007

Out to Swim is set to host a major aquatics competition in London this September, drawing competitors and spectators from across Europe. The event, taking place over two days, will include swimming and water polo, as well as a range of social events.

From the 29-30 September the meet will be held at Gurnell Leisure Centre in Ealing, London. Featuring a variety of individual, relay and team events, it aims to be as much about sportsmanship as competition.



<http://www.outtoswim.org>
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Volleyball

2nd David Volleyball Tournament

Florence (Firenze), Italy
 5 Oct – 7 Oct 2007



International GLBT volleyball of the city of Florence. We expect up to 200 athletes from Europe, United States and Canada. We will provide accommodation for the first registrations and a tour of the city of Florence! Included Uffizi and Accademia Museums.

<http://www.materialguys.it>
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Running

Copenhagen Frontrunners Cup

Copenhagen, Denmark
 6 Oct – 6 Oct 2007



The running competition: The competition

takes place Saturday the 6th of October 2007 at 10:00 AM in the common park Fælledparken with start and finish at Østerbro Stadium. You may choose between either 5 or 10 km. The best man and woman on both distances receive a prize. Registration fee: 60 DKK (app. 8 €).

Guided tour: A guided tour "Romance in the golden age of Copenhagen" from 2 to 4 PM. Discover the charming old town of narrow crooked streets and astonishing backyards filled with memories of past times. Registration fee: 100 DKK (app. 14 €).

Dinner: Dinner and party at night at 6:00 PM at Jailhouse event bar and restaurant, Studiestræde 12 located in the centre of Copenhagen. A three-course dinner is served inclusive a glass of wine to each course. Price: 260 DKK (app. 35 €).

How to register and pay: To register you must transfer the payments to account: 3148-3148245320 (Danske Bank) with information of your name, club (if any), e-mail address and which activities you want to participate in. Final date for registering and payment is Friday the 21st of September 2007.

<http://www.panidraet.dk>
jao29@mail.dk

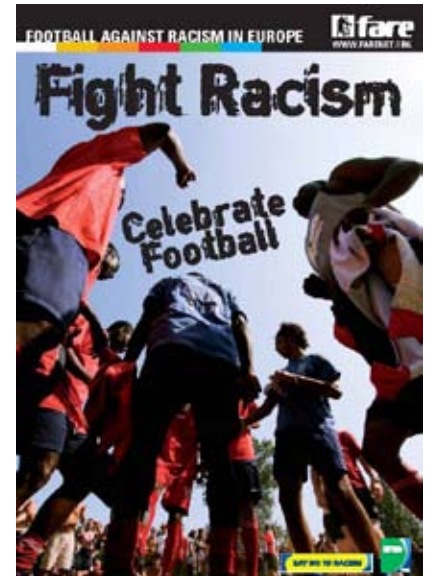
Football/Soccer

FARE Action Week

Europe
 16 Oct – 30 Oct 2007

Every season, the FARE Network coordinates action against racism in and around football stadiums across Europe. In a massive show of strength, fans, ethnic minority groups and football clubs all stand united against discrimination.

<http://www.farenet.org>



Running

Magdeburg Marathon

Magdeburg, Germany
 21 Oct – 21 Oct 2007



Hi! I want to invite you to Magdeburgs greatest sport event. The Magdeburg Marathon at 2007-10-21 in Magdeburg/Germany Marathon/Halfmarathon/13-km-running/Halfmarathon-Walking/13-km-Walking.

<http://www.magdeburg-marathon.eu>
dirk.m.boche@ptb.de

Meeting

FGG 25th Anniversary and Annual meeting

San Francisco, USA
 24 Oct – 29 Oct 2007

From 24 to 29 October, the Federation of Gay Games w meet in the city where the Gay Games





began: San Francisco. This annual meeting is historic on at least two levels. First, the meeting and surrounding events will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the first Gay Games. Second, this will be the first annual meeting since the 2006 annual meeting in Lyon when the organisation voted to adopt modified bylaws, the first major restructuring of the FGG in years. The other major issues covered during those five days included reports and meetings of all committees, subcommittees and advisory boards. Elections were also held, under the newly-adopted structure. The new Federation Board will no doubt have much to report to the Assembly at the 2007 annual meeting in San Francisco.

<http://www.gaygames.org/25>
registration2007@gaygames.org

Beach Volleyball

Sofia-Tangra Open

Sofia, Bulgaria
 26 Oct – 28 Oct 2007



3. International Tournament. Men in B and C level. EUR 35,00 incl. foreigner get private hosted, welcome drink and snack on Friday, tickets for public transportation, free entrance for winner party, farewell brunch on Sunday.

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Multisports

Smash & Splash Tournament 2007

Eindhoven, Netherlands
 26 Oct – 28 Oct 2007



The annual Kourros Smash and Splash Tournament comes to venues in the Netherlands. Gay and lesbian Eindhoven gets smashing with volleyball, tennis, badminton and squash, as well as getting into the swim of things for the aquatic competitions. The competition has an international flavour, attracting sportsmen and women from all around Europe. The weekend also features a lunch, a party and a special brunch.

<http://smashsplash.kouroseindhoven.nl>
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Volleyball

LIVE 2007

London, United Kingdom
 26 Oct – 28 Oct 2007



London International Volleyball Extravaganza LIVE 2007 is an intimate tournament which offers three levels (A, B and C) of competitive and fun volleyball. This is going to be the third year we organise this tournament and we would like to welcome all of you.

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