

Coaching Report 2011.

2011 was my first full year as Director of Coaching and it has been both challenging and rewarding.

I would like to acknowledge the support and inspiration I received from Kim Saltmarsh in her time as Junior Development Officer, and I hope she one-day returns to the role.

I have also been delighted with the support from the general polocrosse community and have enjoyed the willingness of every one who has helped out. Many of the initiatives put in place this year are labour intensive and it has been terrific to have so many willing helpers.

It is really important that this enthusiasm and willingness to help doesn't drop of so that we can capitalize on the progress we have made.

The development weekends, the junior and under 21 coaching clinic, the roles of assistant coaches are all things, put in place this year which need to be part of our annual programme.

We must not lose sight of the big picture, which is and must always be the development of polocrosse, particularly in our younger players.

Development is not something that we can just pick up and put down when it suits, it must be constant and cohesive.

The spring junior coaching weekends have been successful and I am sure that over time they will be much looked forward to. A very big thank you to Brian Davage for his willingness in making them happen. He is a very popular and challenging coach.

There are still a number of activities on this year, not the least of which is the horsemanship weekend, organized by Vikki Morris. It promises to be a great event and I hope it gets the support it deserves.

There will be a Junior and Under 21 development day in December.

Once again thank you to all those who have helped and be prepared to do it all again.

**Cheers,
Hugh Armstrong.**