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Happy New Year readers and supporters of deaf sports!

It has been an exciting start to 2011 with the Lord's Taverners Deaf Ashes and Tri-Series held in Geelong over the last two weeks. The tournament was the result of a five-way partnership between Deaf Sports Australia, Deaf Cricket Australia, Cricket Australia, Cricket Victoria and the Lord's Taverners over the last few months. It was fantastic to go down to Geelong and watch Australia, England and South Africa do battle over a number of matches including a Test, several One Day Internationals and Twenty20 matches. To my delight, Australia retained the Deaf Ashes after a gripping final day when any of three outcomes could have easily occurred – a win, a loss or a draw. We also skittled the Poms for 62 runs in the One Day final and won by 9 wickets. Congratulations Australia!

I was able to post regular score updates on my Twitter page – a novel way of keeping fans and the deaf community informed of scores. This has been very well received and I would hope that Twitter could be a source of information and sport scores during the Australian Deaf Games. Feel free to follow me at @brenty80 or visit my Twitter page – www.twitter.com/brenty80 - don't forget DSA has our own Twitter account too - @deafsportsaus

I had the pleasure of being MC for the launch of the tournament, held at the majestic MCG during the Australia v England one day international on 16 January – a short video highlighting the launch and cricket play can be found here: http://www.cricketaustralia.tv/articles/20110120/deaf-cricket-tri-seriesashes-launch_2271495_2271189

We also held our 2012 Australian Deaf Games One Year to Go launch in Geelong during the first day of the Ashes Test. The launch was attended by local Geelong media representatives, DSA Board Directors, members of the Games Organising Committee (GOC), Councillor Kylie Fisher from the City of Greater Geelong, Gavin Balharrie of Vicdeaf and a large contingent of deaf community members, predominantly from Geelong. Vicdeaf took this opportunity to announce a \$20,000 sponsorship of the Games – with their focus being to highlight sport, and the Games, as presenting healthy and active lifestyles for deaf people. It was also announced that the State Government of Victoria, through their Significant Sporting Events Program, would provide \$50,000 funding towards the Games. DSA is thrilled to secure the support of the State Government and Vicdeaf as we strive to deliver an outstanding Games in twelve months' time!

On this topic, I am pleased to announce that DSA Board Director, Phil Harper, was appointed as Chair of the GOC. Good luck to Phil and the GOC!

Lastly, in relation to the Games, I urge you to book accommodation for the Games as soon as possible. A full list of accommodation providers and options can be found on our website, as well as the new Games website – www.austdeafgames.org.au – due to be launched any day now.

The DSA Board of Directors held a Board Meeting on 13 January to discuss several items, including electing office bearers. I have been elected as President for a further twelve months, with David Peters elected Vice President for a further twelve months as well. Unfortunately, Sonia Heath tendered her resignation from the DSA Board. Given her new role as Media Advisor to the Deputy Premier of Victoria, she was not able to devote much time to DSA as she would have liked to, however she remains a supporter of DSA and continues to assist us in our media and communications strategy. Thank you Sonia for your contribution over the last

year! The DSA Board will be convening on 2 February to discuss 2011 priorities and Board Director recruitment so stand by for further details.

Phil Harper and I will be representing Australia at the 43rd ICSD Congress, held in Vysoke Tatry, Slovakia during 16-19 February 2011. For the first time, Congress will span three days, with several agenda items for discussion, as well as 60+ proposals put forward by ICSD and member nations. It is also expected that the new Chief Executive Officer will be announced or attend Congress. One item that may interest you is the election of the host city for the 2017 Summer Deaflympic Games – currently a race between two cities – Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Barcelona, Spain. I look forward to updating readers about the outcome of Congress in our next eNews edition. Phil and I will be taking this opportunity to meet with members of the Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation, and members from Oceania to discuss their potential involvement in the Australian Deaf Games.

On a sombre note, my thoughts are with those who lost their homes and lives as a result of the devastating Queensland and Victorian floods over the last few weeks. I attended a fundraiser hosted by Melbourne Deaf Cricket Club and Deaf Sports Recreation Victoria last Saturday for the floods – it was amazing to see how quickly the community gets together in times of need. May they rebuild their homes and lives as quickly as possible with our support.

Yours in deaf sports,

Brent Phillips

President



2011 Winter Deaflympic Games
18 - 26 February
Vysoke Tatry, Slovakia

www.2011deaflympics.org



It has been a hectic start to the year at the office of DSA with The Lord's Taverners Australia Deaf Cricket Ashes & Tri Series taking priority. It has been fantastic to see the deaf community support the event and I am sure all players involved in the event will have made life long memories and friendships from the event.

Given the success of the tournament it is an opportune time to sit back and reflect on how the event was put together and how Deaf Sports Australia, Deaf Cricket Australia and Cricket Australia were able to work together and understand each other's needs. The key to forming a successful partnership was communication, trust and in some cases compromise.

Understanding deaf culture is not an easy experience for a hearing person / organisation and it is an ongoing process to learn the unique cultural understanding and sensitivity that underpins deaf sport. The Lord's Taverners Australia Deaf Cricket Ashes & Tri Series took over 6 months to arrange and during this time all parties involved learnt more about one another. It must be said it was not always smooth sailing as many issues cropped up during the event and I am sure all parties will take away many key learnings.

The foundation has now been set for what I hope will be a long lasting partnership between Cricket Australia and Deaf Cricket Australia and it is very pleasing that Deaf Sports Australia was able to play a key role in bringing both organizations together.

The challenge for us now at DSA is to continue to foster relationships between our other National Deaf Sporting Organisations and National Sporting Organisations. While some relationships are strong, others are only in their infancy and must be developed.

At the end of the day both National Deaf Sporting Organisations and National Sporting Organisations share the same goals - to get more people playing sport and to perform at our best at international level. I hope that the positive experience undertaken with Cricket over the last year will be the case study for the future.

I hope you enjoy reading this month's e-news and I look forward to working with you all over the next 12 months in what will be another exciting, challenging and ultimately rewarding year in the world of deaf sport.

Yours in sport,

Craig Dodson

2011 Deaf Ashes & Tri-Nation Series - 17 - 27 January 2011

Held at Geelong Grammar School, Corio, Victoria



Deaf Ashes Test

17-19 Jan Australia drew England

1st Innings: AUS 157 ENG 188

2nd Innings: AUS 246 ENG 129

Australia retains Ashes



One Day Internationals

21 Jan Australia def South Africa

AUS 5/279 to SAF 147

22 Jan England def South Africa

ENG 5/235 to SAF 123

23 Jan England def Australia

ENG 6/278 to AUS 180

27 Jan Final: Australia def England

AUS 1/63 to ENG 62



T20 Internationals

24 Jan England def South Africa - 91 to 85

24 Jan England def Australia - 5/154 to 104

26 Jan Australia def South Africa - 4/147 to 8/140

26 Jan Final: England def Australia - 1/91 to 9/90

For further information go to <http://www.cricket.com.au/community-cricket> and www.deafcricketaust.com

One Year to To Go ADG Launch

Friday 14th January 2011 marked exactly one year until the 2012 Australian Deaf Games, to be held in Geelong during 14-21 January 2012. Involving up to 20 sports and held every four years, the Games attract competitors and visitors from all over Australia with up to 1000 athletes and 2500 visitors expected to flock to Geelong.

The Games is the pinnacle of deaf sporting events in Australia and while sport is central to the event, the Games also provide a major social and cultural festival for the whole deaf community.

Deaf Sports Australia President Brent Phillips said that momentum was building and planning is now in full swing with the event now less than one year away.

"Interest and anticipation for the 2012 Games is very high in the Australian deaf and hard of hearing community and we can't wait to get the event underway and host an unforgettable Games."



Mr Phillips outlined that planning for the event was well on track. "The Games Organising committee has been working diligently with our major partners, the Victorian State Government and the City of Greater Geelong to put in place the necessary planning and infrastructure to deliver a world class event and I am sure all that attend the Games will not be disappointed. The Games Organising Committee is set to unveil a brand new Games Website, in addition to releasing registration prices highlighted by a \$99 registration fee for youth - part of a strategy to boost youth

participation".

Minister for Sport and Recreation Hugh Delahunty said the Victorian Government was proud to have provided \$50,000 through the Significant Sporting Events Program to support the staging of the 2012 Australian Deaf Games in Geelong.

"Staging major and significant sporting events like these not only builds on Victoria's reputation as the sporting capital of the world, but attracts millions of visitors to our State, provides a stimulus for the economy, and most importantly, helps to inspire us all to get physically active and involved in sport and recreation, whatever our ability," Mr Delahunty said.

City of Greater Geelong Mayor Cr John Mitchell said the event was set to be an exciting week for Geelong.

"Our world-class facilities, social and entertainment opportunities as well as our proximity to iconic tourist attractions all make Geelong the ideal place for major events," he said.



DSA Appoints New ADG Chairman

Deaf Sports Australia has appointed Board Director Phil Harper as Chairman for the 2012 Australian Deaf Games. Phil replaces Richard Pearce who resigned due to work and family commitments.

Phil and the GOC Team are looking forward to providing a successful and exciting games!



ADG Website

The 2012 Australian Deaf Games website has now been launched! The website can be viewed at: www.austdeafgames.org.au

Volunteers Wanted

Put your hands up if you are interested to volunteer for the 2012 Australian Deaf Games! The Volunteers Coordinator, Melissa Bryson and her team are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who would like to contribute to the success of the Games.

It is now the time to gather all people to ensure the event is a success for everyone!

Volunteers will be required to assist with Registrations, sports, logistics, and so on. Volunteer forms will be released soon so keep your eyes peeled for future announcements in the meantime. For further information about volunteering or to express your interest, please contact Melissa on melissa.bryson@austdeafgames.org.au



2012 Australian Deaf Games Update (continued)

ADG Dates

The 2012 Australian Deaf Games will be held from Saturday 14th to Saturday 21st January 2012 with the opening ceremony on the evening of the 14th. The schedule has been reduced from the original version following feedback from the deaf sports community so that we can condense the program to allow participants to only have to take one weeks leave from work.

The program will feature 20 sports as outlined below and is designed to maximize participation and ensure those wishing to play multiple sports are given the opportunity to do so where possible.

2012 Australian Deaf Games Schedule

	Sat 14/1	Sun 15/1	Mon 16/1	Tue 17/1	Wed 18/1	Thur 19/1	Fri 20/1	Sat 21/1
Opening Ceremony	NIGHT							
Closing Ceremony								NIGHT
Aquatics			DAY	DAY				
Athletics		DAY						
Basketball			DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	
Beach Volleyball		DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY			
Cricket			DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	
Cycling							DAY	DAY
Darts					DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY
Eight Ball		NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT			
Futsal								DAY
Golf			DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	
Lawn Bowls		DAY	DAY	DAY		DAY	DAY	
Netball		NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT	
Rugby 7's							DAY	DAY
Shooting		DAY	DAY	DAY				
Squash		DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY			
Surfing			DAY					
Table Tennis							DAY	DAY
Tennis		DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY		
Tenpin Bowling		DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY		
Touch Football					DAY	DAY		

* Please note the ADG Schedule is subject to change.

2012 Australian Deaf Games Accommodation List

Hotels	Address	Phone
Four Points Sheraton	10-14 Eastern Beach Rd, Geelong	1800 074 545
Mercure Hotel	Cnr Gheringhap & Myers St, Geelong	1300 656 844
Chifley on the Esplanade	13 The Esplanade, Geelong	1300 650 464
Serviced Apartments	Address	Phone
Chifley on the Esplanade	13 The Esplanade, Geelong	1300 650 464
Quest Geelong	18 The Esplanade South, Geelong	03 5228 2000
Aaron Lee Waterfront Apartments	30 Western Beach Road, Geelong	03 5222 7733
Alexandra Apartments	15-17 Alexandra Ave, Geelong	0419 320 955
Nireeda Apartments	1-3 Clare Street, Geelong	03 5221 0566
The Waterfront Apartments	2-4 Yarra Street, Geelong	0409 931 396
Geelong Apartments	90 McKillop St, Geelong	03 5221 5959
Haymarket Boutique Hotel	244 Moorabool Street, Geelong	03 5221 1174
Shannon Motor Inn	283 Shannon Ave, Geelong	03 5222 4355
Vailima Waterfront Apartment	26 Eastern Beach Rd	0417 300 877
Barwon Valley Lodge	99 Barrabool Rd, Belmont	03 5244 2111
Sea Mist Holiday Apartments	62-64 Western Beach Rd, Geelong	03 5222 2447
Corio Villa	56 Eastern Beach, Geelong	03 5221 3838
Bayview Villas	C/- 366 Ryrie Street, Geelong	03 5229 0264
Motor Inns	Address	Phone
Comfort Inn Eastern Sands	1 Bellarine Street, Geelong	03 5221 5577
Comfort Inn Bay City Geelong	231 Malop Street, Geelong	03 5221 1933
Colonial Lodge Motel	57 Fyans Street, South Geelong Cnr Shannon Ave & Ballarat Rd, North Geelong	03 5223 2266
Parkwood Motel	15 Mt Pleasant Rd, Belmont	03 5278 5477
Hacienda Motel	14-16 Settlement Rd, Belmont	03 5243 5844
Rose Garden Motel	67 Melbourne Rd, North Geelong	03 5241 9441
Rippleside Park Motor Inn	68 High Street, Belmont	03 5278 2017
Comfort Inn Parkside	308-310 High Street, Belmont	03 5243 6766
Abbotswood Motor Inn	218-230 Princes Hwy, Corio	03 5243 0122
Gateway Hotel	292-296 Princes Hwy, Corio	03 5275 1091
Corio Bay Motel	422 La Trobe Tce, Geelong	03 5275 1489
Kardinia Park Motel	283 Shannon Ave, Geelong	03 5221 5188
Shannon Motor Inn	9 Aberdeen Street, Geelong	03 5222 4355
Aberdeen Motor Inn	66 McKillop Street, Geelong	03 5221 2177
Admiralty Motor Inn	Cnr Princes Hwy & Kooyong Rd, Geelong	03 5221 4288
Geelong Motor Inn	Geelong	03 5222 4777
Hotels - Pub Style	Address	Phone
Jokers on Ryrie	211 Ryrie Street, Geelong	03 5229 1104
Irish Murphys	30 Aberdeen Street, Geelong	03 5221 4335
National Hotel	191 Moorabool Street, Geelong	0410 529 935
Carlton Hotel	21 Malop Street, Geelong	03 5229 1955
The Sphinx	2 Thompson Rd, North Geelong	03 5278 2911
Other	Address	Phone
Geelong Conference Centre	Adams Crt, Eastern Park Geelong	03 5226 2121
Deakin Management Centre	Deakin University, Geelong	03 5227 3000
Caravan parks	Address	Phone
BIG4 Geelong Riverview Tourist Park	59 Barrabool Rd, Belmont	1800336225
Riverglen Holiday Park	75 Barrabool Rd, Belmont	03 5243 5505
El Dorado Tourist Park	360 Ballarat Rd, Batesford	03 5276 1386
Barwon Caravan Park	153 Barrabool Rd, Belmont	03 5243 3842
Pelican Shores Holiday Park	Clifton Ave, Leopold	1800 816 429
Moolap Caravan Park	365 Bellarine Hwy, Moolap	03 5250 1381

2012 Australian Deaf Games

14 – 21 January 2012

Geelong, Victoria



www.austdeafgames.org.au

**For more information:
dsa@deafsports.org.au
T: (03) 9473 1191**



2011 World Deaf Futsal Championships

Announcement of teams entered in the 2011 World Deaf Futsal Championships

Men's Championships:

(16 entrants): Brazil, Bulgaria, Denmark, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Russia Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine.

It is unfortunate there are 11 EDSO men teams in the men championships but there has to be a minimum of one "victim" per region in the regional qualifying stages. As APDSC had only 5 teams (not the original 6) during their qualifying therefore the spot opens up.

There were no additional teams from PANAMDES or CADS regions so the extra slot goes to an EDSO team. Norway Men got in after no response from EDSO qualifiers #10 or #12 while EDSO qualifier #11 responded with a no.

All men's teams will be drawn into four groups of four teams (4 x 4 teams).

Women's Championships:

(14 entrants): Australia, Brazil, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Great Britain (England), Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia Federation, Sweden.

World Championships Draw:

The draw will be held in London, England in February 2011, date and venue to be announced very soon.

Regards

Christof Niklaus

Football / Futsal Technical Director

Past Results Available on ISCD Website

Dear Members

This is to inform you that ICSD have two (2) separate past results available on website for both Games and Championships.

Games - <http://www.deaflympics.com/games/results.asp>

Championships - <http://www.deaflympics.com/sports/resultswc.asp>

Enjoy viewing results!

Regards,

Wayne Langbein
ISCD Technical Delegate



Melinda Vernon Continues to Inspire

BY DAMIEN MADIGAN - 27 Jan, 2011

Blue Mountains Young Citizen of the Year Melinda Vernon plans to use the honour as a platform to promote disability rights in the community.

Born profoundly deaf, the 25-year-old athlete was due to be recognised for her inspirational role at a Blue Mountains City Council Australia Day ceremony in Springwood today (Wednesday).

“Aside from demonstrating excellence in her chosen sport with consistent achievements in recent years, Melinda continues to contribute to the community as an Ambassador for Eloura Industries and for International Day of People with a Disability,” her council citation states. “Melinda actively gives back to the community by attending and speaking at local organisations and events. As an accomplished young sportsperson, Melinda is using her talents as an opportunity to make a difference and to inspire deaf and hearing children to realise their potential.”

The Springwood resident said “being Young Citizen of the Year will definitely help promote my role as an Ambassador for Eloura, as well as an Ambassador for International Day for Persons with Disabilities (IDPWD).

“I hope I can bring awareness regarding issues surrounding disability by being recognised.”

While injury hampered her athletics career last year, Melinda had a stellar season in 2009, winning the Sydney-Herald Half Marathon, Oceania Cross Country Championships, the Sun-Herald City2Surf, and the 5000m and 10,000m at the Deaflympic Games in Taiwan.

“Winning the City2Surf is still one of my favorite races,” she said. “It was an amazing experience having the Sydney community back up to support and cheer on me the whole way. I hope to race in it again this year, as last year I had a back injury and was forced to pull out.”

Melinda will graduate with a degree in occupational therapy this April before concentrating on her athletics career.



Orange Camp Ideal for World Cup Qualifiers

BY BEN HARRIS - 26 Jan, 2011

LOOK out Orange Waratahs, your international opponents have arrived.

The Australian Deaf Football (ADF) team rolled into Orange yesterday afternoon and immediately got down to business for tomorrow's trial match.

They did fitness testing and a recovery session yesterday afternoon before settling down for the night.

Today they will be hitting the football field for a rigorous training session this morning and another in the afternoon.

Tomorrow features a light training session before a coaching clinic with young local up-and-coming football stars, which is an appetiser for the trial match against the Waratahs.

The stern training regime and tough trial match against last year's Western Premier League grand finalists is all preparation for the Deaf Football World Cup qualifiers in South Korea starting on May 13.

ADF coach and former Young Socceroos representative Robert Stanton said the preparation was key to Australia's success at the qualifiers.

"We've been planning this [the camp in Orange] for the past two or three months," he said.

Orange player Scott Simpson and Blayney's Mark Davis are members of the 22-man ADF squad in Orange for these next two days.

Stanton, who was impressed with the set-up at Kinross Wolaroi School, said he would be putting his players through their paces.

"These camps are really good to prepare for the [World Cup qualifying] tournament because the games are close together," Stanton said.

"So doing double sessions will help us prepare for the quick change of games."

The ADF team arrives in South Korea on May 12 and plays their first three games from May 16 to May 19.

If they finish in the top two of their group they play again on May 21 and need to win that match to qualify for the World Cup in Turkey in 2012.

Stanton said the match against Waratahs would also prepare them for their opposition in the qualifiers.

"We want to be strong because we need to learn different styles of football, which is good for us," he said. "Waratahs will be more than a great opposition. They are very strong in the sense they will be street-wise."



Janelle Wows Judges

by Judith Maizey

WITH a smile that lights up a room, 24-year-old Janelle Riding of Boronia Heights looks no different to her peers.

She is married, drives, works, plays netball and loves the beach, surfing and swimming.

She also has a loving family, plenty of friends and three cats.

It is only when you start talking to her that you realise Janelle is deaf.



Like her two older sisters, Diahnne and Tanya, Janelle was born deaf due to a genetic disorder to hearing parents Kym and Susan Whalan, also of Boronia Heights.

Mr Whalan said his youngest daughter started using sign language to communicate when she was only six months and had learnt 50 signs by the time she was nine months.

He said his daughter had never let her disability stop her from doing anything.

Janelle was named the 2010 Deaf Australian Youth of the Year in recognition of her “exceptional efforts and dedication” helping other young deaf people.

With her father interpreting her sign language, Janelle said she was surprised when she received the award as she did not know she had been nominated.

“It’s amazing and means all my hard work has paid off,” she said.

Working at Deaf Services Queensland for the past two years, Janelle said she wanted to encourage young deaf people to realise their dreams.

“That they should just go for it and keep on improving so they can have the same things I have,” she said.

“Our lives are no different to those of hearing people ... We go to work, cook, drive, everything is normal, the only thing different is that our hearing is off.”

Janelle said her eyesight was far more powerful as a result of her hearing loss.

As well as playing for the Netball Queensland deaf team, Janelle teaches hip hop to deaf children.

At work, she is involved in the marketing and organising of Australian sign language (Auslan) courses and camps for hearing parents and deaf children.

Deaf Services Queensland chief executive officer Brett Casey said Janelle was a role model for deaf youth in Brisbane and Queensland.

“She is a vibrant, energetic woman who shows a lot of leadership to other deaf youth. This (award) is a deserving accolade for Janelle.”

Employment Opportunity at Deaf Sport Recreation Victoria

SPORTS COORDINATOR POSITION

12 hours per week, based at East Melbourne.

Working alongside a young and vibrant Board of Directors. Position is contracted until June 30th 2012.

Deaf Sports Recreation Victoria (DSRV) Inc is the peak organisation to represent the Deaf/deaf/hard of hearing people in sport, recreation and health and wellbeing in the State of Victoria, Australia.

Deaf Sports Recreation Victoria is seeking an experienced and motivated Sports Coordinator to undertake a number of roles. With the forthcoming Australia Deaf Games in 2012 and the opportunity to build on the excellent work of the departing Sports Coordinator, this position is an opportunity to make your mark in all things sports and recreation.

The Ideal candidate for this role would be someone who has had relevant experience in a similar role, the drive and initiative to make things happen, the flexibility to cope with a highly varied list of tasks and the ability to prioritise competing tasks, and an appreciation of the sport and recreation development and skill needs of administration.

The Key Duties of this Position are as following:

- Implement 11 current Memorandums of Understanding with State Sporting Associations and Deaf State Sporting Associations/Clubs.
- Expand and deliver on the Deaf Sports Awareness Training program
- Organise professional development sessions for member associations
- Provide advice, support and referrals
- Undertake duties required by the Board and fulfil requirements of projects
- Attend meetings and meet all the reporting requirements of our financial contributors such as Sports Recreation Victoria

Key Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated knowledge of issues impacting on access to Sport and Recreation for Deaf/deaf and Hard of Hearing Victorians
- Experience in the development and implementation of projects
- Demonstrated ability to develop and maintain networks.
- Demonstrated time management and organisational skills.
- Demonstrated communication skills - both personal and written

Apply by submitting a short statement that addresses each of the Key Selection Criteria above and include two referees with your resume. Your application can be sent electronically by emailing Grant Roberts, President at groberts@dsrv.com.au or faxing or by posting to the address below by

Friday February 4th 2011 at 4 30pm.

For any enquiries about the position, please email the President at groberts@dsrv.com.au

DSRV website also has further information about the organisation: www.dsrv.com.au

Swedish Deaf Sports Federation learns from Gallaudet Model

By Larry Musa - Gallaudet University

When Touria Ouahid Boren came to Washington, D.C., in the fall of 1996 to begin her freshman studies and to join her Swedish compatriot and best friend, Therese Rollven, it marked the beginning and ascent of the women's basketball program at Gallaudet University.

With Boren and Rollven, who started her studies at Gallaudet the year before Boren, playing point guard and shooting guard, respectively, and the dominating force of Rhonda Jo Miller, the women's basketball team rose to a height unprecedented in the program's history. It captivated the entire Gallaudet community, the American deaf community, and the Capital Athletics Conference. At every game, spectators could count on Rollven's tenacious defense style and fast speed to the corner for a three-point shot, and Boren's uncanny ball-handling and razor sharp accuracy for captivating passes.

In 2010, another sort of revolution took place back home in Sweden. The Swedish Deaf Sports Federation, (Svenska Riksidrottsfurbundet--SDI), competed for and won a grant from the Swedish Deaf Olympic Organization to send representatives to Gallaudet University to study how it provides support to its student-athletes, both academically and athletically. Joachim Sundström, SDI president and sports director, Alenka Horvath, a physical education teacher at Sports Education for the Deaf (RIG) in Örebro, and Leif Jarnkvist, football (soccer) coach and physical education teacher at RIG, were at Gallaudet December 6-8 to meet with the Gallaudet University Athletics Department staff and Clerc Center Athletics Director Mark Burke.

"Swedish deaf school children these days, unlike their counterparts in the past, are not encouraged to participate in after school sports activities," according to Boren. Instead, they attend after school programs geared towards leisure and computer games, she said. This has led to stagnation in physical activity and sports skills development in deaf youth. SDI would like see this trend reversed, and the key, according to Boren, "would be to establish an after school program that will combine both academic and athletic activities."

The SDI representatives' visit was also an opportunity to get acquainted with Gallaudet's admissions process and the educational programs, since a number of deaf students at RIG are interested in applying for enrollment to Gallaudet in the future. "SDI would like to prepare these students before they take the steps to apply to Gallaudet," said Sundström.

"It was interesting to see the difference between how high school sports and academics are administered, and that activities for all students are conducted at the school where the students themselves act as leaders," he said. The visitors also learned that students who are doing poorly academically may not be eligible to participate in a varsity sports program. Or, should a student be tardy to practices, team meetings, and game, the student risks losing his or her place on the team. Another interesting fact the Swedish visitors noted was that Gallaudet University student-athletes tend to specialize in one sport, playing year-round, whereas the Clerc Center offers seasonal sports with student-athletes compete in two or three sports during the course of a school year.



Alenka Horvath (left), a physical education teacher from Sports Education for the Deaf in Örebro and Joachim Sundstrom (center), sports director for the Swedish Deaf Sports Federation (SDI) meet with Touria Boren, project specialist for Enrollment Marketing Services during a visit to Gallaudet in December

Swedish Deaf Sports Federation learns from Gallaudet Model (cont'd)

Sundström, Horvath, and Jarnkvist were elated to find that their Swedish basketball player star, Boren, has been elected to the Athletics Hall of Fame for her contributions to the Bison's past success.

During the last day of their visit, the group got to watch both the women's and men's basketball game play visiting Pennsylvania State, Abington. They were impressed that the women's basketball coach, Kevin Cook, has Women's National Basketball Association experience, and has learned sign language.

"We value our international trip, and think we got a lot of inspiration and ideas to improve deaf sports back home in Sweden", said Sundström. "Of course, we can't copy the Gallaudet sports model because of the difference in culture and how sports competition is viewed, especially at the high school level, but there are some things we saw and learned that we can implement at RIG; for example, mandatory attendance at training, the period of training, and the reward system to athletes and awards/scholarship to students."

SDI and RIG hope to create a partnership with Gallaudet for students who may want to enroll at the university. "Our Swedish basketball and [soccer] players have a natural place in Gallaudet sports programs," said Sundström.

Want to Play Golf?

THE 2011 AUSTRALIAN DEAF GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

LINKS LADY BAY

NORMAVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MAY 6-8, 2011



Deaf Golf Australia are proud to be the hosts of the 19th Australian Deaf Golf Championships to be held at Links Lady Bay, South Australia - see website : www.linksladybay.com.au

The proposed programme for the Championships includes

Thursday 5th May 2011	3pm	Official Pick Up Transfer from Adelaide Airport
Friday 6th May 2011	9am	Official Pick Up Transfer from Adelaide Airport
	11am	Stableford Competition
Saturday 7th May 2011	8am	Round 1 of Australian Deaf Golf Championships
	5pm	Annual General Meeting of Deaf Golf Australia
Sunday 8th May 2011	8am	Round 2 of Australian Deaf Golf Championships
	2pm-4pm	Presentation Lunch
	5pm	Official Departure Transfer to Adelaide Airport

Anyone wishing for transfers to airport separate to above times, will need to arrange for own transfers.

Entry Form attached on next page.

Please send to 2 Holly Court, Mitcham, Victoria

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES : 28 FEBRUARY 2011



THE 2011 AUSTRALIAN DEAF GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

LINKS LADY BAY

NORMAVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MAY 6-8, 2011

ENTRY FORM

PLAYER NAME	
ADDRESS	
EMAIL ADDRESS / FAX	
HANDICAP	
GOLF LINK NUMBER (IF HAVE)	
SHARE ROOM WITH ?	
TWIN BED OR DOUBLE BED	

		I Enclose
CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY FEE (Includes 3 Rounds of Golf + all competition prizes + presentation lunch)	\$170	
2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION (FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS) - GRAND MERCURE LINKS LADY BAY (4.5 STAR) INCLUDING CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST		
...TWIN SHARE (PER PERSON)	\$190	
...DOUBLE (PER PERSON)	\$170	
EXTRA NIGHT ACCOMMODATION (IF ARRIVE THURSDAY)		
...TWIN SHARE (PER PERSON)	\$95	
...DOUBLE (PER PERSON)	\$85	
AIRPORT TRANSFERS	\$50	
TOTAL		

DSA Affiliated Members

National Deaf Sporting Associations (NDSO)	State Deaf Sporting Organisations (SDSO)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Deaf Darts Association • Australian Deaf Lawn Bowls Association • Australian Deaf Squash Association • Australian Deaf Tenpin Bowling Association • Deaf Aquatics Australia • Deaf Basketball Australia • Deaf Cricket Australia • Deaf Eight Ball Australia • Deaf Football Australia • Deaf Golf Australia • Deaf Tennis Australia • Deaf Netball Australia • Deaf Volleyball Australia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DeafACT • Deaf Sports Recreation Queensland • Deaf Sports Recreation South Australia • Deaf Sports Recreation Victoria • Western Australia Deaf Recreation Association

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