National Champions!

Loud and Proud Choir
Saltire Thistle Top of LGBT League

Glasgow and the West of Scotland’s LGBT friendly side Saltire Thistle FC have been crowned national champions of the Gay Football Supporters’ Network (GFSN) League - the world’s only permanent national LGBT football league. After beating local rivals HotScots FC 5-3 at the end of March, last year’s champions London Falcons needed a win over Yorkshire Terriers at home to be in with a chance of catching Saltire Thistle, but they lost 1-0. The result meant that Saltire Thistle FC were champions, becoming the first Scottish team to win the league in its twelve year history.

This is Saltire Thistle’s 3rd title in three seasons, winning both the third and second divisions en route to their maiden first division title. Having only been established four years ago, it has been a quick and dominant rise to the top of the GFSN for a team that started out with ten strangers meeting up for a game of five-a-side. The club now boasts a membership of over forty with that number continuing to rise.

The proud Saltire Thistle chairman Iain Sharkey said, “By progressing through the divisions of the GFSN and winning three consecutive titles our vision and planning has paid off, allowing us to become the club we are today. As well as our players, manager, committee and loyal supporters we would not have been as successful as we are without the support of the local LGBT community, in particular our sponsors Underground Bar. Their commitment to Saltire Thistle has been invaluable and I’d like to thank them for their continued support. Our success is only the beginning, the foundations are set to allow us to continue to grow and we are already planning for the future. Today however we can celebrate and enjoy our success as the first Scottish club to win the GFSN league division 1.”

Simon Smith from the Gay Football Supporters’ Network added, “It’s great to see Saltire Thistle going from strength to strength, winning the GFSN’s top league and strongly supporting LGBT sport in Scotland. We congratulate them in their progress up the leagues and wish them well in the future.”

In May, Saltire Thistle will be marking the 25th Anniversary of the GFSN by participating in the annual GFSN Get together with over twenty other LGBT friendly UK teams. www.clubwebsite.co.uk/saltirethistle www.gfsn.org.uk

Borders Gay Group Hits 30!

A few members of the Borders Gay Group recently got together to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the formation (and the inaugural meeting) of the group back in April 1984.

TD1 Radio is now making a documentary featuring music and memories of the Group from the past 30 years. If you’ve been involved at any level and would like to contribute some information or be interviewed (anonymity assured if required) then they’d love to hear from you. In particular they’re looking for original group members, or those that helped set up the group all those years ago. They’re also keen to speak with members of the Edinburgh Gay Switchboard which assisted with the establishment of the Borders group as well as recollections of what it was like to be gay in Scotland in the 80’s and how these small groups and organisations helped. For more information please contact the programme producer, David Henderson, either by E-mail: david.henderson@td1radio.com or Tel: Galashiels (01896) 888111.
that month ago when I got my feet up with a glass of wine and let you know what's happening in the Kingdom for our girls.

Starting with the girls at Fife Inbetweeners, Gay and the girls are now hosting their social evenings monthly. The next one to take place will be on Sat 26th Apr from 7pm onwards at The Steadings in Kirkcaldy with free entry and the chance to meet other like-minded women from Fife and beyond. If a pub night is not your thing, you can check out the Facebook page for details on the ladies goings on from pool competitions to curry nights and a walking group. If you need any further information on the ladies goings on just drop me an E-mail braedhekdy@btinternet.com

Col had another good turnout for his cocktail themed evening at GAY-D-Y Bar. This gay friendly venue is open to all with food served Mon-Sat Noon-10pm with a Sunday Carvery 4-6pm. Once a month it goes from being GAY-D-Y night to being a Pride Scotia 2014 Fundraiser has done well winning several awards at Best Bar including Best Independent Bar. Sat 29th Mar will be having the masses entertained and dancing the night away at DJ Kev Ann keep the drinks flowing from behind the bar. Entry as always is free and a good night is guaranteed. Ter -minator is now on using the stage. stool Krantlars will also be appearing on the stage, as well as the Vilarossa, Kimmen Dun -bar, Balmoray alumni Andrew Agnew, Barbo La Bush and of course myself. Tickets for Pride are available now! Lets hope the sun shines as bright as all the gays of Glasgow!

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Meanwhile, next door in the Grampian community, Grampian Sexual Health Awareness (GSHAW) created in 2004 to promote a world of safety, respect and freedom regardless of love and identity. The city of Aberdeen is a wonderful city and in particular on our doorstep. The team inform me that afoot for a 21st Anniversary JOY night on Sat 27th Sep. The wickedly funny Bucking Bronco Cock. Yes, you read that right. Filming the Grampian community, the Grampian Girl Miss B bring you peer to peer advice, support and comfort, entertain- ment, and much, much more. This will be a celebration of love and friendship as well as the aforementioned events, there are other things, taking place to find out more and get involved get in touch with GSHAW. For more information about services and pick up some free condoms and lube. With other fun throughout the week. On 4th May, the Chervil Cabinet from Cher and Stewart House will be taking place on 5th and 6th and the final day on May 7th the Witches of Eastwick is Aurora's biggest and best production in the works. The choir will be taking homosexuality out of the list of mental disorders. The THT and a film on Habana things me busy with the usual band of entertain- ment and affairs making Habana a winning night. They’ve got a full line up to pop into our theatre for the weekend in the city CC Blooms, Planet, Nom De Plume and The Regent plus those lovely boys in the New Town Bar. The International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia (23rd May) was created in 2000 to promote a world of safety, respect and freedom regardless of love and identity. The city of Aberdeen is a wonderful city and in particular on our doorstep. The team inform me that afoot for a 21st Anniversary JOY night on Sat 27th Sep. Meanwhile plans are rapidly for Pride Scotia on 21st June. Everyone is doing the best they can, but they are planning to take homosexuality out of the list of mental disorders. The THT and a film on

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Dogs Trust West Calder is appealing to local dog lovers to help find a living home for one of their longest term residents. Despite her fearsome name, the Roman Goddess of Love, eleven year old Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Venus has been continually overlooked at the rehoming centre since she arrived in 2007 which means she has spent fifty years in dog years working for someone to fall in love with her. This special girl is looking for a special home as she is a very girly girl and is only looking to lap up the love of a lady owner.

Susan Tonner, Rehoming Centre Manager at Dogs Trust West Calder says: “Venus is the most affectionate dog, however, staff at the centre has noticed that this does not always ex- tend to men, and is therefore best suited to a lady-only home. She is very loyal, and we very much look forward to seeing her find a new home. She adores cuddles, going for walks and lots of play. She also has a cheeky side. Venus must go to an experi- enced Staffie home, with a high fence for a champion jumper who will make a wonderful best friend for a very lucky lady!”

Susan adds, “Venus has loving man- ners and walks well on the lead, she’s a bright spark and will pick things up quickly. We are hoping that someone will find a space in their heart to offer Venus a forever home as well as the af- fection she deserves. Venus doesn’t feel- er to give in an adult women only home with no other dogs and ciplina- cally no men. She would make a super pet in the right home and we are wishing fifty years we really hope she doesn’t have to wait any longer to find the lovely lady she deserves.”

If you think you could offer Venus some puppy love, please call Dogs Trust West Calder on West (01563) 855459 or email the staff at bennethead, West Calder, EH51 8LE.
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