

## OXFORDSHIRE NETBALL AWARDS EVENING 2009



AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION AND RECOGNITION...  
 DRAYTON PARK GOLF CLUB, DRAYTON, ABINGDON  
 FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009, 7.30pm to 12pm  
 HOT FORK BUFFET AND DISCO  
 £25 per person, book per table of 10  
 Open to Oxfordshire Netball members and their partners.  
 Smart Evening Wear.

RSVP BY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH TO TESSA HORN [tessa.horn@gmail.com](mailto:tessa.horn@gmail.com)

### NOMINATIONS

TIME TO GET YOUR THINKING CAPS ON!

- CLUB OF THE YEAR
- COACH OF THE YEAR
- UMPIRE OF THE YEAR
- UNSUNG HERO
- JUNIOR UNSUNG HERO

SEE NOMINATION FORM FOR DETAILS  
 DEADLINE 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY



### Welcome to the tenth edition of the Oxfordshire Netball Newsletter.

We have lots to celebrate as a county, and now we get a chance to do this in style at the Oxfordshire Netball Awards Evening.

This is our chance to reward all the hard work that goes on, and we want every club to be a part of it - no matter how new or established the club is, or how few or many can attend. So, get involved, get thinking of who you can nominate! Lots of hard work goes on at every level across the county – the categories are as follows:

- Club of the year
- Coach of the year
- Umpire of the year
- Unsung hero
- Junior unsung hero

The nomination forms are attached. Hurry, there's only just over a week to nominate as the deadline is the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009 (forms to [tessa.horn@gmail.com](mailto:tessa.horn@gmail.com)).

To give you some inspiration, the ONDB would like to congratulate our members who were shortlisted at the Oxfordshire Sports Awards in November 2008:

Club of the year: Trinity  
 Junior Unsung Hero: Caitlin Williams (Trinity)  
 Unsung Hero: Lesley Williams (Abbey)

It is fantastic to have our sport represented at these awards, and I'm very pleased to announce that Caitlin and Lesley won their categories! Congratulations!

### New Coaching Secretary in Oxfordshire!

I am very happy to announce that Rhonda Forbes-Smith has agreed to take on the role of Coaching Secretary on the ONDB. This post has been vacant for a long while now and it is very exciting to have someone able to move forward coaching with Oxfordshire.

### UKCC LEVEL 2 IN OXFORD!

The course will be at Lord Williams School in Thame, 25/26 April, 16/17 May, 5 July 2009. £360.

You need to book through England Netball.

There is a course in Chichester later in the year.

## Taster Affiliations

EN have announced their taster affiliation scheme again for this Summer, I've pulled this next bit directly from their email to the county:

"The Taster rate has been developed specifically to cater for clubs, leagues and other organisations that are running "back to netball" or "welcome to netball" schemes, however the rate can be applied to "new" and "returning" members joining existing clubs.

Members joining under the Taster Rate scheme will have access to the full range of EN benefits, such as insurance and magazine. The Taster Rate will apply to a "new" and "returning" members once only, and the full affiliation rate would apply from renewal in September 2009."

The application forms for the taster affiliation are attached to this newsletter, with more info about who can qualify.

The fees are as follows:

### Over 18's total fee = £15

(England Netball £11  
South Region £2  
Oxfordshire £2)

### Under 18's total fee = £10

(England Netball £6  
South Region £2  
Oxfordshire £2)

Taster Affiliation cannot be done online, you have to use the forms attached.

You can use the taster affiliation scheme from the **1<sup>st</sup> April 2009**, and affiliation will last until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009.

## Facilities Update

Plans for Court Place Farm are moving ahead, albeit slowly and carefully, but with much of the pre-needed surveys on the site having been carried out.

I hope very soon to report on the planning situation - meanwhile any openings that anyone can think of for accessing further financial contributions to the cost of the build would be welcome. Any private or commercial donations over £1000 can be equally matched through a program called Sportsmatch - don't forget that we are able to introduce around 1000 families to a sponsor's product; and these numbers are likely to grow significantly once the courts are built - and we know who has the purchasing power in most households!

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## Goalden Globe Awards

The England Netball Goalden Globes are back again, and this time there are more categories (ones which relate to our own in Oxfordshire I am pleased to say!)

See the EN website for more details  
[www.Englandnetball.co.uk](http://www.Englandnetball.co.uk)

## Netball on the BBC

**Did you catch Karen Atkinson on the BBC news on the 19<sup>th</sup> Feb? If not, please look at it on iplayer if you can (it was 7.30-7.45am ish in the sports bulletin). It was raising awareness about the Test Series this weekend, encouraging men, in particular, to get into watching the sport.**

## Coaching Disabled Performers Course

26<sup>th</sup> February 2009, 18.30 – 21.30.  
Oxford City Council Offices. £30  
"The course aims to help you develop your own coaching knowledge and skills to coach disabled players through inclusive and separate coaching sessions. Discover new ways to adapt equipment and identify appropriate safety and medical considerations to meet your players needs."  
<http://www.oxfordshiresport.org/courses.asp?section=881&sectionTitle=Education+for+Sport>

## Get writing those Oxfordshire Netball Award nominations!

Get organising your club table for the Awards night (don't worry, we can put clubs together on tables if you don't get enough response to fill up tables as a club!) [tessa.horn@gmail.com](mailto:tessa.horn@gmail.com)

## South NTL (National Talent League (U19s))

HOME matches  
at The Garrison, Aldershot:  
21 February versus Brunel  
2.30pm)  
28 February versus Celtic  
Dragons (3pm)

These matches sit within the Co- operative Superleague structures.

Further information at  
<http://www.netballsouth.co.uk/Competition/NTL/Fixtures.php>

Don't forget to let me know if you have any news or notices for the newsletter  
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