

Welcome to the Oxfordshire Netball Newsletter!

The Oxfordshire Netball Gala Evening was held for the first time on Friday 15th May 2009. With over 150 netballers in their smart evening dress it was always going to be an exciting evening of celebration!

Maggie Fisher, The Oxfordshire Netball Chair gave a speech congratulating all our volunteers in Oxfordshire for their hard work and dedication to developing the sport.

Congratulations to Phyl Adams, who gained the

Special Recognition Award for long and dedicated service (Abingdon Centre NC). Unsung Hero was awarded to Liz Pummery, The Oxfordshire League Secretary (Brize NC). Junior Unsung Hero went to Caitlin Williams (Trinity NC). Nikki Dewick was awarded Umpire of the Year (Abbey NC) having recently gained her B-award. Jackie Rhodes-Brown was given the award for Coach of the Year (Abingdon Centre NC). Club of the Year was awarded to Kidlington Netball Club.

I think all who attended would agree the event itself was a complete success, raising much needed funds towards

the facilities project, and celebrating all that our volunteers are doing at all levels throughout Oxfordshire. South Regional Manager, Helen Wynn, and TeamBath Coach, Jan Crabtree were there to present the awards.

A big thank you to all those who helped to organise the event, and we do hope that this will become an annual celebration!

Thanks to all those clubs who provided raffle prizes and who asked local businesses to donate great prizes for the raffle, which raised money for the Court Place farm facilities project.

Oxfordshire Academy Success

Congratulations to the following Academy players, who have been selected to attend the PDP (Player Development Programme) U16's – Bella Hemsey, Jodie Elms, Tessa Hughes & Shanice Peart. U14's – Emily Heritage, Tilly Vaughan-Fowler.

Ella Rogers, Emily Davey, Laura West, and Rebecca Haigh were selected to trial for the National Talent League. Congratulations to the players and to all those involved in this year's Academy Programme.

Information has been distributed to schools regarding this year's Academy programme. The letter to clubs is at the end of this newsletter, and the

nomination forms have been attached. These are also available from Kate Hopcraft ondbsecretary@gmail.com

Coaches interested in helping at the academies should contact Gilly, our Netball Development Officer (gbettis@buckssport.org).

HIGH QUALITY COACHING WORKSHOP IN OXFORDSHIRE

On behalf of the South Region, Jan Crabtree (National and Regional Performance Coach) and Peter Carter (Regional Performance Coach) will deliver a high quality coaching workshop from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm on Sunday 16th August 2009 at White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre,

Abingdon. The workshop will be aimed at Level 1 and Level 2 coaches.

Detailed information will be sent out very shortly to coaches and contacts on the Netball Oxfordshire database

This is a great opportunity for Oxfordshire coaches' to further development their skills and learn some new and innovative practices and drills to take back to their club!

If you are a coach and would like to ensure that you are on our database to receive this information, please contact Rhonda Forbes-Smith, Coaching Secretary, r.forbes-smith@tiscali.co.uk 07863 172155.

Allcomers Saturday Netball Winter Season 2009/10

I hope to run Saturday Netball over the winter season. It would be central venue every other Saturday.

Would your club be interested in entering a team?

Or would any individuals from your club be interested in forming a maverick team or entering a work team?

Rules about playing for more than one club will not apply.

Please e-mail me on tessa.horn@gmail.com to express an interest and pass this onto your individual club members.

Players will need to be England Netball Affiliated.

Costs will depend on venue, but will be approximately £10 per match per team

Tess Horn
Oxfordshire Netball

JUNIOR NETBALL ROADSHOW

The Ultimate Netball Coaching Experience for young players.

Oxfordshire Netball are planning a roadshow to take place at White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre, Abingdon, aimed at young players aged 11-14 during the summer holidays.

Coached by some of the Best Netball Players & Coaches in the Country– Karen Atkinson (England Player and current Co- Captain), Tracey Neville

(former England Player), Amanda Newton (former England Player and Captain) Information will soon be sent out to all junior clubs and all secondary schools in the county.

For further information, please contact Rhonda Forbes-Smith, Coaching Secretary, r.forbes-smith@tiscali.co.uk 07863 172155.

Do you have any exciting club news or notices? If so, please email them to me to add to the next newsletter

ondbsecretary@googlemail.com

Events

MK Netters Junior Tournament

Sat 26th September 2009 @ The Hazeley School, Milton Keynes.

U13's, U14's & U16's

Entry fee £30. Deadline for entry 31st July 2009

Email ondbsecretary@gmail.com for more info and an application form

Karen Atkinson's Summer Camps

I deliver various netball services from coaching sessions, inspirational talks and INSET sessions. Please see the attached flyer and booking forms for my Workshop I am running at St Mary's School, Gerrards Cross at the end of September. (Available from ondbsecretary@gmail.com)

The course is geared towards primary and senior school teachers or beginner to intermediate coaches.
Karen Atkinson.

SAS Netball Tournament

Saturday 5th September,
Stanborough School, Herts

Entry fee £40. Deadline for entry 31st July 2009.

Email ondbsecretary@gmail.com for more info and an application form.

Notices

Visit www.heartsafety.co.uk to find out more about heart safety and sport, and get your chance to win a free defibrillator for your club.

Affiliation – Key dates from England Netball

- ◆ 29th June: Online affiliations for 2008/09 'temporarily shutdown'. Contact EN affiliations on 01462 442344 if you still need to affiliate new players this season.
- ◆ 10th July: deadline for clubs to tell EN if they wish to affiliate online (unless they already do so).
- ◆ 3rd August: Affiliation can begin for 2009/10
- ◆ 18th September: latest date for online affiliation to register for EN competitions starting in September.

NB: To be eligible for an EN competition or event, participants must be affiliated and fees paid to EN no less than four days before the competition or event.



Oxfordshire Netball Academy

As you may be aware England Netball has a Talent Pathway with the aim of developing athletes with the attributes to attain excellence. As part of this programme Oxfordshire County Sports Partnership working together with the Oxfordshire Netball Development Board will be running Netball Academies for the U14 and U16 age groups providing the selected players with an opportunity to be involved with higher level training. We are looking for players predominantly in Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 as of September 09. Further information on the pathway can be found at www.EnglandNetball.co.uk

The purpose of the academy programme is to provide performance-enhancing training for individuals, not squads. Competition is seen as valuable but is delivered outside the Excel Pathway programmes in clubs / schools leagues and tournaments.

Academies will also provide an opportunity for players to be seen by the Regional Talent Coach, and potentially the opportunity to move up the England Netball player pathway ladder.

Essentially the academy player criteria are for players who are of a very high netball standard or have the potential to get there with transferable skills from other sports. Where possible please do not nominate or hand out player entry forms on mass as this will not be productive for players who are not of the required standard or the coaches and scouts attending the selection days. The academy programme is focusing on quality and not quantity.

Oxfordshire Netball will be providing four sessions for both age groups. Players will also be given the opportunity to practice and improve their skills at these sessions. Nominated players will be asked to attend at least two sessions to be considered for selection. The Trial/coaching sessions will be held as follows:

8th August at John Mason School from 10am till 4pm
5th September at Headington School from 10am till 4pm
22nd August at John Mason School from 10 till 4pm
19th September at Headington School from 10 till 4pm

Up to 20 players will be selected per academy. The selection criteria will cover different skills which will include shooting, footwork and movement, getting free, defending, balance and ball control, mental attitude and concentration.

Players who are selected for the Academy programme will be expected to commit to a 10 week programme commencing in September. Coaching will take place between 7 & 9pm on a Thursday evening – venue is to be confirmed.

Should you wish to nominate player(s) to attend trials it is important that the **attached entry form be completed and received by the Netball Development Officer by the 20th July. Nominations received after this date will not be accepted for trials.** Please also note that players who turn up **on the trial date** who have **not completed an entry form will not be able to take part in the trials.**

Players should wear a white t-shirt and dark skirt to trials and **no club colours**. Appropriate footwear is essential and dark soled shoes are not permitted. Players will need a packed lunch, drinks and snacks. Games will be played on outdoor courts and therefore players should be prepared for all weather conditions. The cost for each of the trial/coaching sessions will be £2 per player, this will be payable on each of the days. Once selected the overall academy cost will be £50 payable by cheque to "Oxfordshire Netball" at the first academy session. Please note that the costs of the Netball Academy programme are subsidised by Oxford County Netball Association.

I look forward to receiving your nominations. In the meantime should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Gilly Bettis Tele 01296 585215 e mail: gbettis@bucksport.org