

Welcome to the Oxfordshire Netball Newsletter!

Congratulations: Back to Back wins for Netball at the Oxfordshire Sports Awards!!

Following on from the successes of Lesley Williams and Caitlin Williams at the 2008 awards, it was wonderful to see Alice Moger (Trinity) receiving the Junior Unsung Hero award, and Maggie Fisher winning Unsung Hero of 2009! Congratulations to you both, and it's excellent to see how well our volunteers are doing in Oxfordshire, and to receive both of these awards two years in a row is just outstanding!

FUNDRAISING

There's a lot going on at the moment, so please keep looking out for the weekly fundraising leaflet to keep up with all that is going on.

Calendar sales are going well, but we do need to keep going with this to make sure we hit the £18,000 target we could get from Calendar sales! If your club hasn't got any to sell yet, you can always ask Michelle for some just for you to sell individually, or why not order a bulk lot from her and encourage those in your club to get selling!

Another thing you can do really simply is register on www.easyfundraising.org.uk and make your usual online purchases via this. If you

register for Oxfordshire Netball, we get 1-5% back on anything you spend at the over 600 online stores.

Thanks to Nikki Dewick for sending letters out to lots of our parish councils, and to Sue Campbell and Michelle Mahoney for sending out letters to local businesses.

I am personally so proud of how well the clubs in Oxfordshire have banded together and got behind this project. We just need to keep going a little bit longer, there are some great ideas out there raising a lot of money – keep going ladies, and make sure your club is getting involved as much as you possibly can!

Dates for your diary:

C-umpire course – April 17th

(paperwork to follow next year, umpiring experience is essential prior to this course)

Oxfordshire Netball Awards – CHANGE OF DATE – May 21st 2010

Application forms for the awards will be sent out in January

Venue will be Drayton Golf Club, as per last year, 7pm – midnight, tickets £25 per person.



Netball Leagues

There are companies wanting to start-up leagues in Oxfordshire, and whilst competition is healthy, we wanted to communicate out that these are businesses, and the leagues are designed to make them money, rather than develop the sport or provide safe opportunities to play. Your EN insurance will not cover you to play/umpire these leagues as there will be unaffiliated players on court. The business will have Public Liability Insurance, but they do not provide cover against personal injuries etc, as the EN affiliation insurance does.

Finally, please make sure that you do not pass any contact details for other netballers/clubs onto these businesses as this is a breach of data protection. This has happened in other counties, particularly where a local individual has been 'employed' by the business to deal with the administration.

Free Access for National Standard Sports People (FANS Scheme)

This is a scheme enabling National Standard players in Sport England recognised sports to access Bicester LC, Spiceball LC, Kidlington LC or Woodgreen LC free of charge for individual training purposes, for example, swimming, gym.

If you know of anyone who may qualify for this scheme, please pass this information on and ask that they contact their relevant leisure centre directly and speak to the Centre Manager.

Sue Pearson (Cherwell Senior Recreation and Sports Development Officer)

SUCCESSFUL BID TO DEVELOP JUNIORS FOR CLUBS IN OXFORDSHIRE!

The VWHDC have secured Oxfordshire Netball a successful Sport Unlimited bid! The project needs to identify a school and a club in each of the 5 districts to work together. Coaches from that club will then deliver 9 weeks of netball coaching to 20 Year 7/8 girls that the school will identify to establish/build school club links. The aim is for these girls to join that club either during or after the 9 weeks. There are good rates of pay for coaches for the whole 9 weeks, plus this is a superb opportunity to increase junior membership at your club. The project needs to start in January 2010 and the sessions should be out of school hours at the school site.

If your club would like to develop its junior section, please contact me asap if you would like your club to be involved. Rhonda Forbes-Smith at rhonda.forbes-smith@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

The same pot of funding (Sport Unlimited) is available for similar projects next year, and this is something individual clubs can apply for. The deadline for this is 20th January, for a project between April 2010 to March 2011. Email ondbsecretary@gmail.com for the information and application form.

Leighton Buzzard Youth and Junior Netball Tournament – 20th March (High 5's, U13's and U16's). Call Myra on 07884485293, entries by 12th February.

Help Needed

There is a group of 'Back to Netballers' in the Iffley Road area who want some information from those with more experience, i.e. a coach or umpire, to help get to grips with the basic rules etc. They are also in need of balls and bibs. If anyone can help, please email Gilly Bettis, our Netball Development Officer gbettis@buckssport.org

Courses: Oxfordshire Sports Partnership:

First Aid (26th Jan, 8th March)
Safeguarding & Protecting Children (15th Feb, 16th March)
Equity in your Coaching (9th February)
Register for these online at www.oxfordshiresport.org/courses

Academy dates:

U16: Held at White Horse Leisure Centre Abingdon
Saturday 5th Dec 1.00 till 5.30
Saturday 30th Jan 1.00 till 5.30
Sunday 28th Feb 12.00 till 4.30
U14: Held at White Horse Leisure Centre Abingdon
Saturday 12th Dec 1.00 till 5.30
Sunday 31st Jan 11.00 till 3.30
Sunday 28th Feb 12.00 till 4.30

Development Programme dates:
U14 Times (10.00 till 1.15) held at John Mason, Abingdon
Already did first one in November
9th January
30th January
20th March
10th April
8th May

U12 Times (10.00 till 1.15) held at John Mason, Abingdon
23rd January

13th Feb
13th March
17th April
15th May
Last one TBA

Coaches are welcome to attend any of the academy sessions, but to ring first and speak to Maggie (01235 533335) to make sure times venue etc is still same.

The Bournemouth Sevens International Rugby/Netball Music festival is now approaching its third year. The event has been crowned the largest festival of its kind in the World playing host to a staggering 250 teams (3500 athletes) and 20,000 visitors over the last Bank Holiday Weekend in May FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK OUT THE NEW WEBSITE www.BournemouthSevens.com

Advertisements

Superleague has started! The first Teambath match was Thursday 10th December – look out for coverage of the matches in the new year on Sky!

Level 2 Coaches are being called on to attend **Assessor Courses** for UKCC. The nearest course to Oxfordshire is on the 30th and 31st January 2010 at The Holiday Inn, Farnborough. For more information, contact Kate, or the South Regional Office (south@netballstaff.co.uk)

