

Welcome to the third issue of the Oxfordshire Netball Newsletter! As ever there is lots of news, announcements and information here for anyone involved in Netball in our area... so enjoy!

Firstly, congratulations and good luck to the new Chair of the Oxfordshire Netball League, Hannah Saunders, who recently volunteered to fill the post! It's been a great winter season and we look forward to the summer!! The secretary of the league, Liz Pummery, has a new email for all to use for enquiries etc: onlsecretary@hotmail.co.uk

ONDB Constitution

All members should by now be aware that the ONDB proposed a new constitution to officially take into account the change from the County Committee. I am pleased to announce that the proposed constitution – with a few minor amendments, was accepted by the members at the EGM held on 23rd April 2007.

We need your input!

I am personally very aware that the ONDB is a new entity. The county committee was long-running and they did a fantastic job in organizing the county teams as the focus of netball in Oxfordshire. However I for one am very proud and excited to be part of the new development board. We now, more than ever, have a fantastic opportunity to develop netball in Oxfordshire across the board. You are our

members, and as such we need to know what it is you need as clubs, players, umpires, and coaches, in order for us to help you achieve what you want to! Our voluntary roles in the ONDB are supported by the Oxfordshire Netball Development Officer, Sarah Tamone. If you have ideas or suggestions either Sarah as Development Officer, or myself as Secretary can forward them onto the Board, please use us!

Email: stamone@oxford.gov.uk

What's happening in the Region....

The Under 14 and Under 16 Regional clubs festivals were held on March 10th 2007 at Kingsmead Netball Centre. From the U14's the top six clubs from this festival qualify for the National U14s clubs finals, to be held on 10th June 2007. If you entered/got through then please let me know, and a write-up for the newsletter would be great!

In the U16 Regional league, Oxford Blues A team finished 4th, with the top five teams very close on points. They narrowly missed out on coming in the top two, who will be going through to the National Semi-Finals on 11th/12th/13th May 2007. The U16 B team have played well all season, but have been unlucky with the way matches have finished. Tricia Kilczynski noted: "We are extremely proud of all the girls performances and have really enjoyed coaching them." The U14's team have struggled with commitment to matches, but despite not finishing very well, lost matches

have been very close.

Both Abingdon Centre and Trinity represented Oxfordshire in the South Region leagues this season.

Congratulations to Trinity who won Division 1 of the SR league. They will be attending play-offs for entry into Division 2 of the Premiere League on the 5th/6th May – Good luck!! Abingdon Centre finished the season 7th in Division 3.

Good luck to Abbey, who will be playing in South Region Division 3, for the first time next season!

Congratulations...

Alice Badcock for passing her B umpiring award!!

Abbey U14 team, captained by Emily Read, have been named Oxfordshire Sports Council Junior Team of the Year – gaining a certificate and £500!!

Courses

Please click on the link or visit www.oxfordshiresport.org for information on generic courses such as first aid and Safeguarding and protecting children happening in Oxfordshire <http://www.oxonactivesports.co.uk/main.asp?page=688>

For all coaching courses please visit www.englandnetball.co.uk

To register your interest for beginner/C Award course please phone 01865 467238 or email: stamone@oxford.gov.uk

England Netball "Taster" affiliation

As of 1st May 2007 and until 31st August 2007, any new netballer can apply for "taster" affiliation. This is a reduced rate of affiliation designed to encourage new participation in netball over the last few months of the affiliation year.

The reduced affiliation rate only applies if the person affiliating has not been a member of England Netball for the past three years (ie has not affiliated in the past three years).

The benefits to individuals as set-out by EN are as follows:

- Two issues of Netball Magazine – an informative and vibrant Netball and lifestyle journal, of interest to participants and non-Netballers alike.
- Liability and Personal Accident insurance.
- England Netball branded gift.
- Membership card and access to our exclusive Members Login section on the website.
- Access to England Netball courses, awards and events.
- Discounts on Netball merchandise and test series tickets, as well as an increasing range of exclusive offers from EN partners.

Including the Oxfordshire and South Region fees, the "taster" rates are as follows:

Over 18 - £12 (£7 for EN, £3 for Oxon - 1 of which is for facilities, & £2 for South)

Under 18 - £9 (£4 for EN, £3 for Oxon - 1 of which is for facilities, & £2 for South)

This "taster" affiliation cannot be done online. Forms, which have been sent out to all local clubs, are

available from the secretary ondbsecretary@googlemail.com

These should be sent onto England Netball to the address provided on the form, with the collated payment for fees as indicated on this newsletter and in the box on the form.

NB: Those people wanting to affiliate for the summer season that have affiliated in the past three years must pay full affiliation – i.e. Senior = £30, Junior = £20, (the junior league has finished hence the usual reduction cannot apply).

Notices:

Mixed Netball Tournament:

Sunday 1st July, 10-4pm @ John Mason School. £40 per team Refreshments/BBQ/Raffle, a very enjoyable day for all, and a great opportunity to raise money for new central venue facilities. For more information or an entry form please email kateblackshaw@gmail.com

Coaches Wanted

- Abingdon Ladies Netball Club are looking for a coach – "initially would be looking for a once a month coaching session. We train most Wednesday's when we do not have matches, currently at Fitzharry's school. Training times are 7pm til 8.30pm".

Please contact Shane Didcock - on shanedegs@tesco.net

- Oxford Brookes University team are looking for a Level 2 coach to coach them from October 07 to March 08. All sessions to be held at Iffley Road Sports Centre, Oxford, with training 2-3 times a week, sessions are currently 7-8.30am

with matches on Wednesday afternoons. This will be a paid position. If you are interested or want more details please contact Katelin Fuller on katelin.fuller@queens.ox.ac.uk

- St Edburgs School in Bicester are looking for a coach to take their U11's High 5 players for 6 weeks after school from 3.30-4.30pm. They are able to pay expenses. If you are interested or require more information please call Fiona Lightfoot on 01869 252393.

Friendly Matches Wanted

Kidlington Netball Club's new Yarnton team is looking for friendly matches throughout the summer. Please contact Lisa, initially at the club email address (until a team email has been set-up) at Kidlington.netball.club@gmail.com for more information.

Umpires Needed

As mentioned at the League meeting the Oxfordshire Youth Games are on Sunday 8th July and there is a High 5 netball tournament taking place. Eight umpires are required to assist at the event and also other volunteers to assist with scoring and general activities. Umpires will be paid for their time and do not have to be qualified, just have some experience of umpiring in their club or elsewhere.

Please complete the attached form and return via email stamone@oxford.gov.uk or post to Sarah Tamone c/o Oxford City Council, Leisure and Cultural Services Northway Centre, Maltfield Road, Oxford, OX3 9RG.

