

Welcome to the seventh issue of the Oxfordshire Netball Newsletter.

Since the last one in February, a lot has happened. We've finished another great winter season, and now are almost at the end of the summer playing season - very much looking forward to the break in August! We've had our first successful funding application for the Court Place Farm facilities project, with WREN awarding us £50,000. There's still a long way to go, but Sue is pushing hard to get the project moving and secure the rest of the £200,000 needed!

We've had the versatility tournament, raising yet more of our own contribution to the project, and very successful Junior and High 5 tournaments. The High 5 tournament was organised by Lauren Addison, and raised over £300 for Sobell House Hospice. Congratulations! It was lovely to see so many youngsters enjoying netball, and it's great to see how well many of our clubs in Oxfordshire are supporting the development of juniors from this early age and beyond.

I'm also very proud to say we've kept the Young Volunteer of the Year Award for the South Region in our county this year. I'd like to thank Kidlington put me forward, and so I'm heading to the national Golden Glove awards in September

News

Firstly we welcome Gilly Bettis, our new Netball Development Officer. It is fantastic to have someone back in this role, and we look forward to having this support for the development of CAPS and other specific targeted areas for the new season. At the ONDB AGM, we were also able to recruit some new volunteers, the board therefore stands as follows:

Chair - Maggie Fisher
Vice-Chair - Tricia Kilczynski
Secretary - Kate Blackshaw
Treasurer - Jo Woodbridge (née Blackshaw)
Umpiring Secretary - Deborah Horne
Coaching Secretary - vacant

Plus, Lindsey Bellingham has agreed to help Debs with Umpiring administrative support, and we have Sue Blackshaw - Facilities, Lucy Collinson - Disabilities, Sue Hook - School's Treasurer, Sandra Airey - School's Secretary, and representatives from the Oxfordshire League, the Central Venue League, and the Junior League.

Despite the success at the AGM, we still do not have a coaching secretary. This is a really good opportunity for someone to get involved in development of netball in Oxfordshire. The role will involve creating and maintaining a list of active coaches in Oxfordshire

get in contact with me (ondbsecretary@googlemail.)

As secretary all I am able to do currently is keep a track of the bursaries, and I feel Oxfordshire is missing out by not having someone in place to drive coaching forward.

Club News

TRINITY JUNIORS GO TO PONTINS!

On the weekend of the 27-29th June 2008, Trinity's U13s squad took part in Pontins Junior Netball Tournament held at Brean Sands in Somerset. This was the most exciting and well organized junior netball tournament the team has ever played in! They had an opportunity to play against some of the biggest named club sides in the country, such as Oldham and Turnford, and the Trinity team played the best netball they have ever played. On the Saturday, 34 teams in the U13s section battled it out to determine who would be playing for the cup and who would be playing for the plate on the Sunday. Trinity had some good games and qualified for the cup, and played even better on the Sunday to convincingly win 2 out of their 3 matches, losing only to Tameside. Unfortunately, they were 1 point and one place off going through to the semi finals but came 9th overall! The team also had great time off the court by spending their free time swimming and playing tennis as well as a fun evening at the adjoining theme park. Needless to say, the squad can't wait to go back again next year!
Rhonda Forbes-Smith

ACADEMY SUCCESS

Oxfordshire ran its first Satellite Academy this year, and all reports have shown it to be very successful. Four girls were selected to go through to South PDP training sessions over the summer, Jemma Gregory (Didcot), Bell Hemsley (Vale), Natasha Watson (Trinity), and Olivia Rogers (Abbey). Congratulations to you all!

Winter Central Venue League

Tess Horn has recently sent forms out to clubs to get feedback about winter central venue, please take the time to fill this in, and get it back to Tess as soon as possible – decisions will have to be made soon about when and how you want this to be run. Take this chance to have your say!

Affiliations 08/09

This is a guide to affiliating within Oxfordshire, South Region and England Netball

The vast majority of clubs have chosen to affiliate online, and therefore from the 1st August clubs can log-in at www.englandnetball.co.uk/members, and click on the "club login" on the left side of the page, and enter their log-in and password. If you have forgotten what these are you will need to contact England Netball directly, at affiliations@englandnetball.co.uk. Once logged-on, you can then add, amend and remove participants as required (NB you can only "remove" participants for the first submission, not for subsequent submissions).

When all the details are updated and you are ready to submit, the fees will be calculated for you.

For the 08/09 season, the fees are as follows:

Over 18's = **£32.50** (EN, £21.50, SR £2, Oxfordshire £9)

Under 18's = **£22.50** (EN £13.50, SR £2, Oxfordshire £7)

You will need to send the total to England Netball, who then distribute the money back to the regions and counties on a monthly basis.

Jo Woodbridge, as Treasurer, will be collating the money received from EN, however if you have an enquiry regarding affiliations to do with the county then please contact myself, as secretary, (ondbsecretary@googlemail.com). For any clubs not affiliating online, I will receive the "manual" paperwork from EN from 28th July, and send this on for completion, with further instruction as to the process for manual affiliation.

EN no longer has cut-offs for on-line affiliation dates, so you can affiliate from 1st August, and re-submit more affiliations at any time. However, the following information is taken directly from EN paperwork regarding eligibility for competitions etc:

"to register for our major competitions starting in September, participants must be affiliated and paid by 12th September 2008 for affiliating manually via County, for those clubs submitting online the date is 19th September 2008. After this first return, Clubs may continue to affiliate players online at anytime. To be eligible for a competition, participants must be affiliated and fees paid to EN **no less than four days** before the competition. Clubs that affiliate manually will retain the same affiliations deadlines as previous years."

Courses/Events

Umpiring Forum – 31st August 2008, time and venue to be confirmed. More info will follow, but please be aware it is compulsory for all umpires at all levels to attend, in order to hear the rule updates, and for coaches and South Region players. Also, two players per team should attend to ensure the new restrictions etc are communicated to all players and officials within Oxfordshire.

Oxfordshire Sports Partnership courses – See their website for current info regarding Duty of Care, Club for All, First Aid, Equity in Coaching, and other courses www.oxfordshiresport.org/courses

For funds for coaching, take a look at the following: <http://www.oxfordshiresport.org>

Also, don't forget you can download the Coaching bursary form from our website, www.oxonnetball.co.uk. Keep in touch with what's happening at South Region at www.netballsouth.co.uk - NB UKCC Level 2 upgrade dates announced! Plus they are looking for more talent scouts across the Region.

Mixed Netball Tournament 2008. The competition this year will be held on Saturday 20th September 2008 at John Mason School, again raising funds for the new facilities. Entry forms will soon be out, and I hope it will be another successful tournament for the whole family to come and enjoy!