

KENT NETBALL

Welcome to the latest edition of the Kent Netball newsletter. In this edition you will find the latest news around school and club competition, talent development and training.

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CLUB COMPETITION

Kent County Junior Netball League

The KCJNL, now in its 2nd season, continues to provide strong competition for the county's top clubs at U16 and U14 level. In the U16 age group Wealden were eventual champions after a very close battle with second placed Sabina. The competition in the U14 age group was even closer with 5 teams all in contention in the final stages. In the end, KCNC took the title with CFX Jays in 2nd place.

U16 Final Placings			U14 Final Placings		
		Pts			Pts
1 st	Wealden	64	1 st	KCNC	50
2 nd	Sabina	60	2 nd	CFX Jays	48
3 rd	Comets	49	3 rd	Canterbury Pilgrms	44
4 th	Breakaways	41	4 th	Telstars	39
5 th	Canterbury Pilgrms	40	5 th	Hurricanes	23
6 th	CFX Falcons	37	6 th	Breakaways	23
7 th	Topaz	30	7 th	Comets	10
8 th	Medway Lynx	3			

The **KCJNL End of Season Tournament** was played on 18th May at Rainham Girls School. It was an enjoyable and competitive day of netball, well attended by all the clubs and spectators. Telstars were winners of the U16 section with Wealden in 2nd place. Whilst in the U14 section, a last game decider meant Canterbury Pilgrims came out top, with CFX Jays in 2nd.

Kent County Senior Netball League

The Kent County Senior League (KCSNL) was established this season to provide the route into the L&SE Regional League. Four clubs took part this year, playing their fixtures at indoor venues across the county. After a strong and enjoyable season first season, Aquila took the title of County Champions, remaining unbeaten all year.

Aquila will now be hoping to win a place in Division 2 of the Regional League in 2008/09.

		Play	Won	Lost	Pts
1 st	Aquila	6	6	0	25
2 nd	Crystal Palace	6	4	2	18
3 rd	Comets	6	1	5	9
4 th	Dagers	6	1	5	7

Full fixtures and results can be found on the County Competition page of www.kentnetball.co.uk

London & SE Regional League

Kent club Comets have had a great season in the senior Regional League, finishing in 1st place after a close battle with Essex Met club, Leyton. Comets will progress to the Premier league Play-Offs where they will compete with other Regional Champions for a place in Premier 2.

Regional League Final Table 2007/08

		Pts			Pts
1 st	Comets	56	5 th	Vibrant	38
2 nd	Leyton	55	6 th	Queens	32
3 rd	Floater	52	7 th	Telstars	29
4 th	Raiders	48	8 th	Hillcrest	11

Telstars and KCNC have been representing Kent this season in the Regional U16 League. New Cambell from Essex were the outstanding team in the competition having not lost a match, with Telstars and KCNC battling it out for 2nd place.

Junior Regional League Final Table 2007/08

		Pts			Pts
1 st	New Cambell	30	5 th	Academy	14
2 nd	Telstars	24	6 th	Troy	5
3 rd	KCNC	21	7 th	Hillcrest	2
4 th	Mole Valley	16	8 th		

U14 Regional Festival

On 11th May U14 teams from the county competed at the L&SE Regional Festival from which the top 2 teams went through to the National U14 Finals. Well done to Pilgrims (4th), CFX Jays (5th) and Kent Club (6th). Two Essex teams, New Cambell and Essex Open went through to the finals, to be held on 7th June.



SCHOOL COMPETITION

County Schools Tournament

The Kent Schools tournaments were completed for this year with the U12 & U13 finals taking place in March. Both tournaments were well attended with over 60 schools taking part. Sevenoaks School performed particularly well winning the U12 final and finishing in 2nd place in the U13s. The winners of the U13 final were Tunbridge Wells Grammar. Results for this year were:

	Winners	Runners Up
U19	Benenden	Homewood
U16	Colfes	Simon Langton Girls
U14	Kings	Benenden
U13	Tunbridge Wells Grammar	Sevenoaks
U12	Sevenoaks	Kent College Canterbury



U13 Winners, Tunbridge Wells Grammar

A Schools Forum will be taking place on 11th June at Rainham Girls School. The meeting will be to discuss the future structure of the Kent Schools Tournaments. All schools are invited. For further information contact sally@chennells53.freeseve.co.uk

National Schools Championships

Winners and Runners Up of the Kent U14, U16 & U19 finals, went on to represent Kent at the Regional Tournament in February. The day saw a very high standard of netball and our congratulations to Benenden who progressed through to the England Netball National Schools Finals. The finals took place on 15th March in Bournemouth. Benenden were in a tough group but competed well, finishing in 6th place in their group and 11th overall. Well done on your achievement!

Full scoresheets and final placings can be found at www.Englandnetball.co.uk/Competition/National_Schools

KENT SCHOOL GAMES

This summer sees the arrival of The Kent School Games,

the first of its kind in Kent and possibly a first in the country. Schools across Kent have been taking part in local heats and area competitions, hoping to make it through to the Finals. The Finals will be held in June and July 2008, involving 5,000 children over nine days at 15 facilities at eight venues; resulting in 1,200 medallists !!

Would you like to be involved? Kent Netball are organising the Netball Finals and we are looking for C Award umpires, ideally with High 5 experience. The Finals will take place on Friday 27th June at the University of Kent, Canterbury. If you are interested please contact Natalie Beckett on natalie.beckett@kent.gov.uk or 07786 191562. Further information on the Games themselves can be found at www.kentsport.org/schoolgames/

TALENT DEVELOPMENT

Regional Talent Development Programme (RTDP)

This year, 13 girls from the Kent Academy programme were selected into the L&SE RTDP

- Hannah Button
- Channel Charlery
- Francesca Desmond
- Amanda Hicking
- Lyndsey Piper
- Melissa Steingass
- Sophie Ware
- Sally Burden
- Emma Chivers
- Charlotte Hall
- Kim Piper
- Becky Reardon
- Debbie Ubochi

Channel, Amanda, Kim and Sally were also selected into the Brunel Hurricanes Talent Squad. You can read about the squad and their progress on the Brunel website www.Brunelhurricanes.co.uk

National Success

National Screening took place in March and our congratulations go to Channel, Kim, Amanda and Debbie who were all selected to attend.

Special congratulations go to **Debbie Ubochi** and **Channel Charlery** who were successful at screening and have earned a place in the England Talent Programme. Debbie, a 15 year-old pupil at Bullers Wood School in Bromley will be in the U17 Talent Squad. Channel, 16, is a student at St Catherines and has earned a place in the U19 Talent Squad. Both girls are members of Telstars Netball Club. Their selection is a great achievement and Kent Netball wish them every success in their England careers!!



UKCC

Are you a Level 2 coach and looking to become a tutor? England Netball are offering a training programme that will enable you to join their workforce to deliver the UKCC Level 1 & 2 qualifications. These courses will provide you with a nationally recognised tutor and/or assessor transferable qualification.



Tutor training

13th, 14th & 27th September Haslemere, Surrey

Assessor Training

26th & 27th July Colchester, Essex

25th & 26th October Taunton, Somerset

Full details of the training programme can be found at www.englandnetball.co.uk/Get_Involved/TutorAssessor_Training

Level 2 Upgrade Courses are being held in the region. This course is designed for Level 2 Coaches who hold the 'old' Level 2 Coaching award and who wish to upgrade their award to a UKCC qualification. Courses are being held on the following dates:

- 13 Sept 08 at Middlesex University, London N14
 - 14 December 08 at Croydon Sports Club, Croydon
- Visit www.englandnetball.co.uk/Get_involved for more details

Funding maybe available from Kent Netball to assist with UKCC courses. Coaching bursaries are also currently being offered by Skills Active and the Pro-Active Partnerships to coaches working in London. For details on both of these contact Natalie Beckett on natalie.beckett@kent.gov.uk

YOUTH OFFICIAL AWARD

A new Youth Official Award has been launched by England Netball to promote the development of youth officiating. The award is for 13–18 year olds, and aims to improve an understanding of the game and introduce the generic skills of umpiring. It also fits with the National Curriculum requirements at Key Stage 3 & 4 and can be delivered in curriculum time, by teachers, who have attended a Teacher Orientation Workshop. If you are interested in attending an Orientation workshop then please contact Natalie on



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE COUNTY

The Karen Tappin Tournament will be held on Sunday 13th July at Rainham Girls School. The tournament is open to the lower divisions of our affiliated leagues; teams for over 40s; and youth teams. Entries are still being taken for this years tournament. For an entry form and full details of eligible teams please visit www.kentnetball.co.uk

Kent Colleges Student Sports Association was established to provide sporting opportunities for sixth form colleges and colleges of further and higher education. The KCSSA League currently includes 14 colleges participating at a high level of competition in 3 core sports: Football, Basketball and Netball. At the end of the year the league culminates with a multi-sports tournament, this year held at the Dartford campus of NWK College on 21st May. 9 colleges took part in the netball finals, which were eventually won by West Kent College.

Malling & Maidstone Netball League hosted their annual High 5 Netball Tournament on Friday 14th March. 30 teams attended, representing junior schools from the Maidstone and Malling area. The afternoon finished with Allington 1 winning the Cup with Sandling a very close second. The winners of the Plate were Mereworth and runners up Hadlow. Trophies and medals were awarded by The Mayor of Maidstone.

On 22nd May the netball finals of the **Greenwich Mini Games** were held at Coldharbour Leisure Centre. 18 schools from across the borough took part in what was a very enjoyable day. Eventual winners were Plumcroft Primary, narrowly beating last year's winners, Eltham CoE in the final. Plumcroft will now represent Greenwich in the London Mini Games and Man H5 Festival.



Dates for your Diary

07 June	United Nations Tournament
07 June	Regional League Play-Offs
11 June	Schools Forum
27 June	Kent School Games
29 June	Challenge Cup Finals
03 July	London Mini Games
05 July	London Youth Games
05 July	Beginner Umpire Course, Welling

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