

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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SURREY STORM



England Netball recently announced that following the restructure of the L&SE Superleague team, the Surrey Sports Park at the University of Surrey will host the squad for the next two seasons. Formerly known as Brunel Hurricanes, the new look L&SE side, now the 'Surrey Storm' will represent the L&SE region in the Co-operative Netball Superleague. Paul Clark, Chief Executive of England Netball said, "The Surrey Sports Park is an ideal partner for the London & South East Superleague Franchise, they are very ambitious and we are thrilled that they have stepped in to take over the Franchise." It promises to be an exciting season for the squad with former England coach Mary Beardwood taking up the Head Coach role, and some big name signings in Sonia Mkloma, Geva Mentor and Tamsin Greenway. For further details of Surrey Storm please visit: www.surreystormnetball.co.uk

are currently undefeated and in pole position, with AquilaTel in 2nd. Wealden and Vibrant battled it out at the weekend and are now 4th & 5th respectively. Raiders are still looking for their first win of the season. Meanwhile in Division 2, newcomers London Lionhearts had a great start with 2 wins out of 2. However, Saturday's match against league leaders Academy was a tougher proposition with Lionhearts suffering their first defeat. These season matches are held on a home and away basis at indoor venues across the region, a change much appreciated by players and coaches alike!

Full fixtures, results and league tables can be found at www.londonandsoutheastnetball.co.uk

Kent County League

As part of the EN Competition Pathway, Kent Netball provides a Senior County League. The league provides the pathway to the next level of club competition, the L&SE Regional League. This season the league has 4 new clubs taking part - Electra, Lorikeets, Raiders and Telstars. To date there has only been one round of matches, but previous winners, and last year's runners up Comets, have already set the standard with a 65-28 win over Electra.



Kent County Junior League

The KCJNL welcomes two new clubs this season, Canterbury Academy and Raiders. The first round of fixtures has already been played with some great netball on show. The early matches in the U16 section will determine which two teams will progress to the U16 Regional League starting in November. So there should be some close contests to come!

Also new this season is the U19 section to which four clubs have entered - CFX, Comets, KCNC, and Wealden. As well as providing competition within their own age group, the League will hopefully give the squads an opportunity to gain further experience in time for the National U19 competition, which this year has been rescheduled to the end of the season.

Further details on the County Leagues can be found on the Competition page of www.kentnetball.co.uk.

CLUB COMPETITION UPDATE



This season's Premier League started in September, with mixed results for the Kent clubs. It was a tough start for KCNC in Premier 1, losing out to Hucclecote and Oaksway, both top 4 clubs from last season. Wealden, in Premier 2, bounced back after their heavy first round defeat and notched up a win over West Midlands club, Elmdon. There is still a long way to go in the competition and we wish both clubs the best of luck. You can follow the progress of the Premier League, and see the full fixtures at www.Englandnetball.co.uk/National_Leagues

L&SE Regional League

The L&SE Regional League is underway with Kent's clubs sitting at the top of the table after three fixtures. Comets



County Schools Tournament

The U19 Kent Schools tournaments took place on 5th October. 46 schools took part, some for the first time, and despite the weather there were some great matches and skilful netball throughout the day. The final was played between last year's winners Benenden, and Newstead Wood. It was a tight match with some lovely play from both teams but the title eventually went to Newstead Wood.



Thanks to all the schools for taking part and playing with such enthusiasm. Both Newstead Wood and Benenden will go on to represent Kent at the L&SE Regional School Tournament in the new year – good luck to both!

For details of the full schedule of school tournaments visit the School Tournament page of www.kentnetball.co.uk

High 5 Netball

High-5 Netball is the only version of netball recognised by England Netball for children of primary age. This season every county sports partnership will be hosting a schools final to encourage and support High 5 netball competition within primary schools. The finals will be run and organised by school competition managers in partnership with England Netball.



- South London Final: Wednesday 24th March 2010
- East London Final: Friday 20th April 2010
- Kent School Games Final: Friday 2nd July 2010

High 5 teacher training workshops are also available for teachers / coaches to support the delivery of High 5 netball to pupils in primary schools. For more information contact natalie.beckett@kent.gov.uk

EN L&SE are running a **High 5 Deliverers Course** on **Tuesday 24th November** at the Leigh Technology Academy in Dartford. This course will help you to deliver a High 5 workshop to primary school teachers, AOTT's, SSCo's, parents and coaches, providing them with practical ideas for working with years 5 & 6. For further details on this course contact natalie.beckett@kent.gov.uk

Kent Netball Academy Trials

Kent Netball held its Academy Trials on 9th & 10th May at Rainham Girls School. Due to a change in the Regional Talent Calendar, the trials differed in format to that of last year and one day trials were held for the U14 and U17 age groups. Girls were nominated by their club or school and over 130 girls attended for each age group. 32 girls were selected for the County Academy and 66 selected for the Satellite Academy. Congratulations to all those girls selected. We hope you enjoy your Academy programme and hope that it is the first step in a successful netball career!

A full list of all the athletes selected into this year's programme can be found on the Talent Development page of www.kentnetball.co.uk

Regional Talent Development Programme

RTDP trials took place in the summer, and 9 athletes from the Kent Academy programme were selected into the L&SE RTDP:

- Hannah Button (*KCNC*)
- Amanda Davis (*Telstars*)
- Adjoa Kwarteng (*Telstars*)
- Melissa Steingass (*KCNC*)
- Shauna Williams-Young (*KCNC*)
- Cassain Chandler (*Raiders*)
- Harriet Field (*CFX*)
- Lydia Regis (*Wealden*)
- Rebecca Steingass (*KCNC*)

Surrey Storm Talent Team

The Netball Talent League creates a competitive environment in which young netballers aged from 14-19 can experience high-pressure games on a Superleague stage. Once again the squad, who were last year's champions (as Brunel Hurricanes), will be coached by Anita Hollman and Emma Blackmore. Talent matches are played on Superleague match dates before the main game, please visit the Surrey Storm website for further details: www.surreystormnetball.co.uk

Congratulations to all the girls selected into the programmes and we wish you another successful season.

National Success

Following nominations and trials, Kent athletes **Kim Piper**, **Debbie Ubochi** and **Fran Desmond** were all selected into the EN National Excel Programme earlier this year. EN held a summer camp for all National Excel Athletes in July. Following that camp **Fran** has maintained her place in the England Excel programme. Our congratulations to Fran on being one of only 25 athletes selected! Our congratulations also to Kim and Debbie on their initial selection; they have worked extremely hard and have made Kent proud. We wish them every success and hope to see them in the National Programme again.



Talent I.D. & Selection Workshops

Are you a coach or teacher working with talented netballers? This workshop will:

- Give an over view of the England Netball Excel Pathway
- Give you skills and methods to identify talented players
- Knowledge to work with talented players within your school/club
- Qualify you to nominate talented players into the Excel Pathway

17th November, 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Leigh Academy, Dartford

This is a 2 hour theory based workshop, delivered by the L&SE Regional Talent Coach, Emma Blackmore.

To book a place on the workshop contact natalie.beckett@kent.gov.uk or download a booking form from www.kentnetball.co.uk

Kent Netball Skills Workshops

Kent Netball is running a series of netball Skills Workshops aimed at players and teachers / coaches. The workshops include Attacking, Defending and Shooting skills.



These workshops will hopefully provide:

- Players with skill practice and additional coaching to help improve your techniques
- Coaches and teachers with drills and practice ideas to take back to your club / school
- Inspiration for aspiring coaches!

Malling School, East Malling

- 14th Nov Defending skills
- 30th Jan Shooting Skills

The North School, Ashford

- 20th Feb Defending skills
- 6th March Shooting Skills

Swan Valley School, Swanscombe

- 28th Nov Attacking skills
- 6th Feb Defending skills
- 13th Feb Shooting Skills

For further details visit the Coaching Courses page of www.kentnetball.co.uk or contact sheila.camis@tiscali.co.uk

UKCC Tutors & Assessors



Are you a Level 2 coach and looking to become a Tutor or an Assessor?

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

24th, 25th & 30th October Berkshire

Assessor Training

30th & 31st January Farnborough, Surrey

6th & 7th February Hitchin, Herts

Full details of the training programme can be found at www.Englandnetball.co.uk/Coaching/TutorAssessorTraining

Umpire Tutoring

Have you thought of becoming an Umpire Tutor? Kent Netball is keen to encourage more umpires to train as tutors to deliver the ever-increasing demand for courses.

The Tutor award is open only to holders of the FENA 'B' award or above. Successful candidates are eligible to tutor umpires as follows:

- FENA 'B' qualified can tutor Beginner, 'C' & 'B' courses.
- FENA 'A' qualified can tutor Beginner, 'C' 'B' & 'A' courses.

For further information or any other umpiring queries please contact our Umpiring Secretary, Sara Mills, on 07792 535839 or Sara@foxglove15g.fsnet.co.uk

Jan Crabtree Coaching Workshops



In June this year, 20 coaches from all over Kent attended a coaching masterclass led by Jan Crabtree, an EN Regional Talent Coach and previous national and Superleague coach.

Sessions focused on match analysis and feedback, as well as centre pass tactics. The day provided the coaches with an insight into performance coaching practices, as well as ideas they could take back to club and school. Players from our County Academy volunteered their skills for the day and enjoyed a few hours coaching from Jan!!

EN GOALDEN GLOBE AWARDS

The Goalden Globe Awards are England Netball's way of recognising the outstanding achievements and dedication of its volunteers. This year Kent were very proud to have three Regional Winners in the running for National titles

And we are pleased to announce that the national Coach of the Year Award was awarded to **Anita Hollman**. This award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the development and progression of netball athletes. Anita works hard for club, county and the Region, and her drive and passion provide a positive environment for players and volunteers alike. Anita has enjoyed success with her club at all levels, as well as coaching and mentoring many athletes to reach regional and national talent squads. And last season, Anita coached the Brunel Hurricanes to the National Talent League title in her first season as Head Coach. This award is a great



achievement and well deserved.

Congratulations also go to **Marlene Wander** who was named as the National winner of the Rose Award. This award is given to a volunteer that

has made an outstanding achievement to England Netball by promoting and developing netball to a wider audience. Marlene works tirelessly with her club Sabina, is involved with the county Academy Programme, established the popular Coldharbour Junior League, and organises the successful inter-Island Tournament. She also sits on the Lewisham and Bexley Netball Action Groups that try and help to drive netball in those boroughs. On top of all that Marlene is the Chairperson for Kent Netball!

Our congratulations also to **Lynne Gray** who won the Regional Grassroots Coach Award. As well as establishing a now thriving junior netball club, Breakaways, Lynne also coaches within the Kent Netball Academy Programme. She also works hard on other netball projects in her local area that try to develop netball within in the community and increase participation at all levels.

Roger Perham, President and Treasurer of Kent Netball, received a Long Service Award.

Kent Netball is very proud of all our winners, and to have two national award winners in one county is quite an achievement. Well done to all of you!!

CLUB ACTION PLANNING SCHEME (CAPS)

Congratulations to Hornets NC who have just been awarded their Silver CAPS!!!



England Netball CAPS is a whole club development scheme that helps clubs function in the most efficient way, and is all about good practice in the development of players, coaches and umpires at all levels. The scheme is directly linked to Sport England's Clubmark. CAPS is currently being reviewed and re-branded by England Netball and a new more user friendly version of the scheme, with new benefits, will be available in the next few weeks. If you are interested in applying for CAPS you can find more information at www.Englandnetball.co.uk

FUNDING

Cash 4 Clubs is a sports grants scheme which gives clubs a chance to win grants up to £1000 for a variety of purposes. Any sports club can apply as long as they are registered with their sport's NGB or their local authority. Further details can be found at www.cash-4-clubs.com.

Official Sports London is an exciting new bursary opportunity to assist Londoners aged 16+ to complete sports officiating qualifications, volunteer or work as officials. Applicants need live in one of the London boroughs and complete a number of volunteer hours. The full details of the scheme and how to apply can be found at the website www.officialsports.org

Kent Trust for Youth Sport is a charity that aims to help young people within the county access sports opportunities. Priorities for funding include small grants for coach qualifications; helping those in financial need with the cost of kit or equipment; and contributing to the cost of sports development programmes. Further information can be found at www.kentsport.org/trust/

Kent Netball Funding Schemes

UKCC Funding – is a KN grant scheme providing course bursaries for affiliated members wanting to attend UKCC courses.

Club Funding – is a grant scheme to help support Kent clubs. The scheme is aimed at existing CAPS clubs, newly registered CAPS clubs, and new start up clubs.

League Funding – Kent Netball also has a grant scheme to help support its local leagues which is aimed at development projects.

Full eligibility criteria and terms and conditions for all KN schemes can be found on the Funding page of www.kentnetball.co.uk