

# 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 UPDATE



There are still fixtures remaining in the England Netball Premier League, Division 1. Kent based club, **KCNC** finished in 9<sup>th</sup> place meaning they would have to play-off for the right to stay in the league.

Meanwhile in Division 2, **Wealden** finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place which meant a play-off at the beginning of May against Premier League 1's 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> teams, defending their positions in League 1.

Premier League 1 Play Offs took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> May, and were a very tight affair, with the final results being dependent on goal average. Final standings meant that KCNC retain their Premier 1 status, whilst Wealden narrowly miss out on promotion, but will compete in Premier 2 again next season.

### L&SE Regional League

The final fixtures of the league were played at the end of March, and it's been a tough season with some great netball and mixed results. In Division 1 once again Comets NC have had a very successful season. Unfortunately this year they were just beaten to top spot by Essex based club, Leyton. Wealden also had a great season, finishing in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, after last year's promotion from Division 2.

#### Regional League Final Table 2008/09

		Pts		Pts	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Leyton	66	5 <sup>th</sup>	Vibrant	37
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Comets	63	6 <sup>th</sup>	AquilaTel	35
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wealden	52	7 <sup>th</sup>	Raiders	28
4 <sup>th</sup>	Floater	42	8 <sup>th</sup>	Oakwood	7

In Division 2, Telstars' new and young squad competed well against the more experienced and senior regional teams, but finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place. They will have the

opportunity to retain their Regional league place by competing in the Regional League play-offs against the County Champions from across the region.

The L&SE Regional League play-offs will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> May at Rainham Netball Centre. Final leagues tables can be found at [www.londonandsoutheastnetball.co.uk](http://www.londonandsoutheastnetball.co.uk)

### Kent County League

This is the second year of the Senior County League and has seen the league double in size with 8 teams now taking part. Last year's winners Aquila have had a difficult season finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> place, while new-comers Lionhearts have been crowned County Champions after an unbeaten season. Lionhearts will now go on to represent Kent in the Regional League Play-offs and will compete for a place in the 2009/10 Regional League. Congratulations to Lionhearts, good luck in the Play-offs!

#### Final Results Table 2008/09

		Pts		Pts	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lionhearts	27	5 <sup>th</sup>	Parkhouse	14
2 <sup>nd</sup>	KCNC	24	6 <sup>th</sup>	Aquila	13
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Comets	20	7 <sup>th</sup>	Crystal Palace	11
4 <sup>th</sup>	Daggers	18	8 <sup>th</sup>	Chislehurst	0

### Kent County Junior League

The Kent County Junior League (KCJNL) is now in its third season and continues to provide the main competition for talented young players in the county. The last round of matches have been played, and once again the League has provided a great standard of play and some close matches, the U14 title being decided on the last game of the season! Congratulations go to **KCNC** who are the U16 champions and to **Telstars**, the U14 champions.



Entry information for the KCJNL 2009/10 season has been released. This can be found, with Final result tables for the Senior and Junior Leagues, on the County Competition page of our website [www.kentnetball.co.uk](http://www.kentnetball.co.uk).

### National Club Championships

The National U16 Club Finals will be held over two weekends in May at Loughborough. As U16 Regional League winners, **KCNC** will represent the Region at these finals.

The L&SE U14 Regional Club tournament took place on 26<sup>th</sup> April at Redbridge Sports Centre in Essex. Nine clubs from across the region competed for the chance to progress through to the National Finals. After a day of tough competition and a nail biting last game, Kent clubs, **Sabina** and **Telstars** finished in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Both clubs will now compete in the first weekend of the National Finals on 16<sup>th</sup> May in Wolverhampton. Well done to both clubs and good luck!!

## SCHOOL COMPETITION

### County Schools Tournament

The Kent Schools tournaments took place during October to March. Over 60 schools took part, some for the first time, and some great netball was seen throughout the age groups. Final results for this year are:

	Winner	Runner Up	Third Place
U19	Benenden	Colfes	----
U16	Bromley High	Kings Canterbury	Gravesend Grammar
U14	TWGGS	Tonbridge Grammar	Sevenoaks
U13	Kent College	Sevenoaks	TWGGS
U12	Sutton Valence	Tonbridge Grammar	Bromley High

Thanks to all the schools for taking part and playing with such enthusiasm. And special thanks to our volunteers for helping the days run smoothly – Competition Managers **Laura, Jo, Pete, Trevor and Alistair**; and **Nathan and Natalie** from the Kent Sports Development Unit – your help is much appreciated.

### Regional / National Schools

The L&SE Regional Schools Tournament was held on 25<sup>th</sup> January for the County champions of the U14, 16 and U19 age groups. Kent was represented by our Winners and Runners Ups in these groups. Tunbridge Wells Grammar played particularly well and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the U14 section, meaning qualification for the National Schools Finals.



*TWGGS U14 Squad*

The National Finals were held on 21<sup>st</sup> March in Northamptonshire. The squad from TWGGS competed hard and played some great netball, but competition was tough. However, they did themselves, and Kent proud, by finishing 7<sup>th</sup> overall. A fantastic achievement, well done to all the girls and their coach!!

Full scoresheets and final placings can be found at [www.EnglandNetball.co.uk/Competition/National\\_Schools](http://www.EnglandNetball.co.uk/Competition/National_Schools)

## TALENT DEVELOPMENT

### Kent Netball Academy Trials

Kent Netball provides netball Academies for its talented young players. These Academies provide quality training sessions, focusing on individual player development, and selected girls will receive top quality coaching, sports science and individual fitness programmes. Trials for this year will differ in format to that of last year. Due to a change in the Regional Talent Calendar, Kent Netball are holding one day Trials as follows:

- \* U14s      Saturday 9th May      \*
- \* U16s      Sunday 10th May      \*

Both trial days will be held at the Rainham Netball Centre, Rainham Girls School. Closing date for entries is 1st May. Players need to be nominated by their School or Club. Full information and application forms can be found on the **Talent** page of [www.kentnetball.co.uk](http://www.kentnetball.co.uk)

### Regional Talent Festival

On 1st March the EN L&SE Region held a Festival for all the girls involved in the Academies from all the four counties in the Region. It was an extremely successful day and a great celebration of the talent in the Region.

Kent took 7 squads to the day, all of whom competed extremely well, playing some very skillful and versatile netball. It showed the hard work that both the girls and coaches have put into their training since the start of the season.

Kent Netball wish to thank all the players, parents and coaches for their continued commitment. And also to the rest of our volunteers involved on the day and in our Academy programme. A full report on the day, including final placings and scoresheets, can be found at [www.londonandsoutheastnetball.co.uk](http://www.londonandsoutheastnetball.co.uk)

### NTL Success

The Brunel Hurricanes Talent squad became Netball Talent League Champions last month after an exciting finale against Bath Talent in front of a home crowd at the Guildford Spectrum. The team have remained unbeaten this season and have worked



extremely hard throughout the 08/09 campaign. The squad are coached by Kent coach, **Anita Hollman**. This is Anita's first year as a Netball Talent League coach and this is a great achievement for her, and assistant coach **Emma Blackmore**. Seven of the successful Brunel squad are from Kent based clubs – Natasha Bond, Channel Charlery, Emma Chivers, Kim Piper, Beth Rowan, Sally Tibbitts and Sophie Ware. Our congratulations to all the girls, and Anita, on their success. And we wish them all the best for the next season!

### National Success

National Screening for the England Netball Talent Programmes took place recently in Loughborough. The following players from Kent were nominated to attend the trials:



- Talent 1 (U17): Fran Desmond (*CFX*);  
Debbie Ubochi (*Telstars*)  
Talent 2 (U19): Harriet Johnston (*Telstars*);  
Kim Piper (*Telstars*)

Fran, Debbie and Kim were all successful in attaining a place in the National programmes and will be attending the Talent camps in April. Harriet was unsuccessful this time but will no doubt get another opportunity. To be selected to attend a National screening is a huge achievement in itself and our congratulations go to all the girls on their hard work. Credit also goes to the players' coaches at club, County and Regional level for all their work and support.

### TRAINING & EDUCATION

#### UKCC Level 2 Course

Are you a Level 1 coaching and looking to improve your coaching qualification? Or are you an active netball coach with experience looking to gain a qualification? England Netball are holding a Level 2 Coaching Course on 23rd & 24th May, 27th & 28th June, and 26th July, at St Dunstons College, Catford, London SE6. Further details and booking forms can be found on the "Get Involved" page of [www.englandnetball.co.uk](http://www.englandnetball.co.uk)

#### 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 award is open only to holders of be 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](mailto:Sara@foxglove15g.fsnet.co.uk)

### Young Leaders Camp 2009

England Netball are working in partnership with English Gymnastics, Rugby Football Union and UK Athletics to offer 16–19 year olds the opportunity to attend a four day residential **Young Leaders Camp**. The camp will focus upon the development of leadership skills through sport, with a range of workshops including coaching and officiating, media, sports psychology, leadership & management and much more. The camp will take place at Rugby School, Warwickshire on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August.



There are **50 places** available on the camp to young netball volunteers. Places at the camp are **FREE** of charge, including all accommodation, meals and workshops.

Closing date for applications is **29th May**. Information and application forms can be found on [www.kentnetball.co.uk](http://www.kentnetball.co.uk).

### CAPS

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

England Netball CAPS is a whole club development scheme, and by working through the scheme it will assist your netball club provide the best quality environment for your members. The scheme is directly linked to Sport England's Clubmark. CAPS accredited clubs are recognised as safe, effective and child friendly. Current CAPS clubs in Kent are:

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|--------------|--------------|------------|
| • AquilaTel  | • Hurricanes | • Raiders  |
| • Breakaways | • KCNC       | • Sabina   |
| • Comets     | • MNM        | • Telstars |
| • Hornets    | • OBA        | • Wealden  |



### Dates for your Diary

- 09 May U14 Kent Academy Trials  
10 May U16 Kent Academy Trials  
10 May LS&E Regional League Play-offs  
16 May Beginner Umpire Course  
30 May U14 & U16 National Club Finals  
02 June Man High 5 Festival

Do you have any key dates you or news stories you would like us to include? Then email [natalie.beckett@kent.gov.uk](mailto:natalie.beckett@kent.gov.uk)