

KENT NETBALL

August's focus is.....

SENIOR CLUB NETBALL

New Senior Competition Structure

England Netball developed a new competition structure, brought into place for the 2006/07 season. The new structure is primarily club focused, with the emphasis on developing club leagues at National, Regional, County and local levels. The top players in the country now play in the Superleague, which comprises of 8 franchised teams. The team



for the London & SE Region is **Brunel Hurricanes**. Brunel are coached by Denise Holland and based at Brunel University. For the latest news and ticket information – www.brunelhurricanes.co.uk



Below the Superleague and forming the highest level of achievement for teams within the domestic game are the **Premier Divisions**. These 2 divisions each consist of 10 teams from across the country and Kent have three clubs competing; in Premier 1 **KCNC** finished in a highly impressive 3rd place, whilst **Wealden** were 10th. In Premier 2 **AquilaTel** had a good season for what is a relatively new squad finishing in 7th place. You can follow their progress on www.Englandnetball.co.uk/National_Leagues

After Premier are the **Regional Leagues**. There are 9 across the country. Kent clubs compete in the London and SE Regional League, playing alongside clubs from Surrey, Middlesex and Essex. 2006/ 07 saw 5 Kent clubs competing: **Comets, Telstars, Vibrant** (all Div 1), **Raiders & Wealden** (Div 2). It was a successful inaugural season for the league and our clubs, with **Telstars** only narrowly missing out on a play off spot for a place in the National league, whilst **Raiders** won automatic promotion to Division 1. *Final Placings for 2006 / 07:*

Division 1	
Essex Open	1
Telstars	2
Comets	3
Vibrant	4
Queens	5
Hillcrest	6

Division 2	
Leyton	1
Raiders	2
Floaters	3
Palmers Green	4
Cobham	5
Wealden	6
Minchenden	7
Fairlands	8

The 2007 / 08 season will also see the addition of another Kent club, **KCNC**, who will be competing in Division 2.

County League

The structure of county leagues for the L&SE Region are not yet fully in place. The county leagues will provide an extra level of competition and opportunity for club development, as well as providing the feed into the L&SE Regional league. Currently Kent does not have a County League, but plans are underway and Kent Netball is hoping to establish this league for the 2007/08 season. For further information on the proposed county league please contact natalie.beckett@kent.gov.uk

Netball UK Challenge Cup

The Challenge Cup offers every affiliated club in England the opportunity to compete against the giants of the Premier League in netball's only national knock out competition. There is a Cup, Plate and Shield and all three competitions come together for a Finals Day, held this year at Bath University. In the Plate Final Kent's **KCNC** won the Netball UK Challenge Plate title with a 53–33 win over Henley Netball Club.

Club Action Planning Scheme (CAPS)

England Netball CAPS has been introduced by England Netball and Sport England to help develop a stronger netball club structure. 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:

- Comets
- Sabina
- KCNC
- Telstars
- MNM
- Wealden



Congratulations to OBA NC and Hornets Netball Club who have just been awarded Bronze CAPS!!!

If your club is interested in gaining CAPS accreditation or you require further information please contact natalie.beckett@kent.gov.uk

Register now and you could be eligible for a Bursary towards becoming accredited.



NEWS AROUND THE COUNTY

Bexley Council Sports Development have been holding holiday netball sessions throughout the summer. Three sessions were held for 7-9 year olds, and 9-11 year olds and gave a great opportunity for girls to have a go at netball and learn new skills. The sessions were well attended, attracting around 50 local girls over all the sessions.

The Medway Junior League held a tournament on 4th August, for all the teams in the league. The day also included a mum's v mum's fun game! The league players were presented with new team tops, all donated by the adult league committee. The day was enjoyed by all the girls and their families and supporters. The Medway Junior Winter League will start on 29th September.

The Karen Tappin Invitation Tournament was held on 15th July and was once again a full and successful day of netball. 21 lower division sides from Leagues around the county battled it out for the trophy. Overall winners were Lee NT, with a young Wealden squad in 2nd place. This year saw the trial of an over 40 age group competition, which was won by Raiders, with Tonbridge Banshees in 2nd place. The Allonby Fair Play award was presented to Sandhawks. Graham Tappin presented the prizes and made his thanks to all those present for remembering his wife Karen in such a fitting way.

OPPORTUNITIES

High Five in Bexley netball sessions are starting up in the north of the borough to give children the opportunity to play High 5 netball. These sessions will be held at Trinity School every Thursday at 6pm - 7.30pm. The sessions are due to start on 6th September and are for children in years 5 & 6. For more information or to book a place contact Natalie Rendle on 07856 737438 or nat_rendle@hotmail.com

Are you between 10-16yrs old and would like to be involved in club and competitive netball? If so the following opportunities may interest you.....

The Maidstone & Malling Junior Netball League is holding an "opportunities day" for 11-16 year olds on Sunday 9th September at Aylesford Rugby Club. The aim of the day is to provide new squads to participate in the Junior League, starting in October 2007. For further information contact Sheila Camis on sheila.camis@ukonline.co.uk or 01634 687539.

Taster sessions are also being held by *the Medway Junior League* for players aged between 10 - 15 years. The sessions are being held on 15th & 22nd September at Rainham School for Girls. For further information contact Jill McCandless on 01634 364039.

And finally, taster sessions are being held at the *Becket Sports Centre in Dartford* on 17th & 24th September. These sessions aim to provide coaching opportunities for girls in years 8, 9 & 10 with a view to establishing a Dartford Youth Netball team. For further information or to book a place contact natalie.beckett@kent.gov.uk

KENT NETBALL ACADEMIES

For the 2007/08 season Kent Netball will run three U14 Satellite Academies and one U16/18 County Academy. The academies are a fundamental part of the England Netball Pathway and form part of the talent identification process.

Trials for the 2007/08 Academies:

U16/18 County Academy	30th September 2007 <i>Closing date 24th September</i>
U14 Satellite Academy	7th October 2007 <i>Closing date 1st October</i>

Trial application forms have been sent to clubs and schools. For further information contact the trials co-ordinator on ks4feb@talktalk.net

KENT NETBALL WEBSITE

Over recent months Kent Netball have been putting a lot of work into developing their website. A new look site is due to be launched in September. The site will be a comprehensive guide to all netball activities in Kent, as well details of where to play, competition structures, and resources for club and player development. Look out for the new look site coming soon!

Dates for your Diary

6 September	Kent Netball AGM
22 September	Start of L&SE Regional league
24 September	YNO Course, Medway
30 September	Kent Netball Academy trials
7 October	Kent Netball Academy trials
8 October	Kent Netball U19 Schools tournament
27 October	Start of Superleague
7 November	NWKL Umpiring Forum, Greenwich Uni
14 November	Kent Netball U16 Schools tournament
21 November	Kent Netball U14 Schools tournament

Do you have any key dates we could include here? If so email natalie.beckett@kent.gov.uk



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