

Worcester City Netball League

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Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of the Worcester City Netball League Bulletin, keeping you up to date with the latest news on Netball in the City.

This Bulletin will be produced quarterly and will be distributed by post and email as well as being available on the Worcester City Netball website www.wcnl.co.uk

If there is anything particular you would like to see included in future bulletins or any comments you may have, please do not hesitate to contact either Christine King on 01905 759336 email: ckeats7@aol.com or Sharon Box on 01905 611506.

Kind Regards

Chris & Sharon



The Committee

The Committee is made up of the following members:

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SPOTLIGHT ON: SUE MAUND

I am sure many of you know our President Sue Maund who has been involved with the Worcester League for over 40 years. In fact Sue's Aunty and Uncle (Mr & Mrs Thomas) were also well known figures on the netball scene in the late 60's and early 70's. Sue began playing netball at school where she progressed for playing for Heenans who subsequently merged with Marks & Spencers and became known as Breakaways until they eventually disbanded and she joined Inkspots (Worcester Evening News!). During this time, Sue also played for the County until her family came along but continued to both umpire and serve as Secretary of the Worcester League. In those days the Secretary was responsible for fixtures and tournaments as there were only about 20 teams playing. In 1974 Sue joined Malvern Seniors and is still an active member of their team today. The family involvement has continued with both Sarah Edwards, Sue's daughter and granddaughter Jo Edwards, very much involved in all aspects of Netball in the City. Sue is now President of the Worcester City League and is Vice Chairman of the County Committee and her commitment to the on-going development of the game within the County is something she can be very proud of.

SUMMER LEAGUE DATES

This year's Summer League begins on the following dates and nights:

Monday 11th April – Premier, 2nd and 4th Divisions.

Wednesday 13th April – 1st, 3rd and 5th Divisions.

TOURNAMENTS FOR 2005/2006

The first of this year's tournaments will take place on Sunday 17th April at Christopher Whitehead School, 10.00am start. Invitations will go to all teams and the tournament (handicapped) is open to both summer and winter league teams. To guarantee entry you will be required to return the form to Chrissy Hunt.

A date for the Summer Tournament has yet to be decided but will probably take place on a Wednesday evening during June.

RESULTS OF OPINION QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to all of those teams who completed and returned the opinion questionnaires. A big thank you to Catherine Mullen for organising the distribution and collection of the questionnaires. The results have been summarised and are shown below.

A quarter (24%) of all teams were aware of the members of the committee.

Almost half (47%) thought that the committee were mostly approachable. Of those who did not think the committee were approachable, reasons given included: Not aware who to approach and names of committee members not readily available to teams.

When asked if the committee served the teams well, 15% answered yes, 21% replied no and almost two thirds (62%) answered mostly.

Of those that thought the committee did not serve them well the following responses were given:

6% - Not sure what they do

6% - Never seen any benefits or changes

3% - Not always sent tournament info

3% - Unapproachable

3% - Not consistent with decisions/punishments

3% - Inexperience not taken into account

3% - Only there to represent their own teams

62% thought that mostly the committee work for their best interests

44% agree with summer play offs

85% are very satisfied with the way the Winter Divisions are organised, 79% satisfied with the organisation of the Summer Divisions and 62% thought the Perdiswell Leagues are very well organised.

Almost a quarter (24%) thought the rule to allow players to play-up was ok/fair, 15% thought it needed to be monitored better and a further 15% stated they should only play up twice and in the same division.

Over two fifths (44%) do not attend the Presentation Evening, 38% do and 15% attend sometimes.

74% of teams would like money as a prize instead of trophies.

82% are happy with the number of tournaments held. 71% are happy with how the tournaments are run. The versatility tournament was the most preferred tournament run by the Worcester League, with 79% of teams indicating this.

Respondents were asked for their comments or suggestions about the Worcester City Netball League. The top 3 responses are as follows:

15% stated that regular umpiring courses were needed. 12% thought some of the WCNL monies could be used to benefit clubs

9% stated that improvements needed to be made to the standard of the courts and posts.

Once again, many thanks to those who responded and for all the constructive comments made. These have been passed to the committee for their consideration.

WINTER INDOOR LEAGUE TABLES

The final tables and winners of the four divisions of the Perdiswell Indoor League are shown below.

Congratulations to the winners of each division.

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
Saracens	16	16	0	0	551	333	218	80
Redditch Youth	16	12	0	4	462	345	117	65
Alfabets	16	10	0	6	519	496	23	56
Malvern Ladies	15	10	0	5	431	372	59	49
Worcs Tech College	14	6	0	8	359	459	-100	38
Royal Exch Rebelles	16	9	0	7	337	317	20	35
TWS	16	4	0	12	420	505	-85	29
Peacocks	16	0	0	16	417	588	-171	19
Smart Cut	15	3	0	12	338	419	-81	16

Mountfield	14	10	1	3	524	440	84	57
B J Dappers	14	7	2	5	473	368	105	50
RSRE Lasers	14	8	1	5	447	389	58	50
Malvern Seniors	14	10	1	3	457	338	119	44
Misys	13	7	0	6	404	440	-36	41
Access 2	13	4	1	8	289	352	-63	32
Misys Ladies	12	4	0	8	255	381	-126	26
Hillside	14	1	0	13	302	443	-141	19

Smart Cutz	14	13	0	1	362	290	72	67
Ladybirds	14	9	0	5	332	308	24	53
Lions	14	8	0	6	444	377	67	51
Castaways	14	8	0	6	340	346	-6	48
Tarkett	13	6	0	7	273	250	23	28
Ledbury Magpies	13	3	0	10	253	312	-59	27
Grove Ladies	14	2	0	12	275	375	-100	24
Lone Rangers	12	5	0	7	265	286	-21	22

Breakaways	14	13	0	1	472	219	253	67
Saracen Cubs	13	11	0	2	417	158	259	58
Wildcats	13	8	0	5	294	239	55	39
Knotts	13	8	0	5	347	284	63	58
Dolphins	12	5	0	7	303	312	-9	30
Baily Bells	13	4	0	9	213	315	-102	14
Taureans	12	0	0	12	99	510	-411	1
Honeyz	12	2	0	10	129	237	-108	-2

PROFILE ON.....

Who are the HAWCS?

- The original Hawcs players were County Council Employees i.e. **Hereford and Worcester County Sports** and were established way back in 1987 by sisters Hilary and Bev Turner and their mum! (Hilary and Bev (Rowe) remain the club's longest serving members!)
- County Sports "B" and County Belles merged to form Hawcs who today compete in Division 3 of the Sunday League, and also Summer Division 5.
- In the winter Hawcs join forces with Grove to boost their numbers and will form a new partnership with Smart Cut this summer.
- Current Hawcs players are in their 30's – so they claim!

We wish them an enjoyable and successful season during which they are aiming for a mid-table position.

If your team would like to be featured in our newsletter, please contact Chris King or Sharon Box – if not, we will find you!!!!!!

UMPIRING COURSES

Unfortunately at the time of writing this newsletter, there are no confirmed dates for future umpiring courses. For further information, please contact Steve McLeod on (01905) 767180.

COACHING COURSES

Due to changes in Sports Development staffing at UCW (University College Worcester), the next local courses will run from April. Please contact Sharon Box on (01905) 611506 for details of these and other courses within the region.

JUNIOR NETBALL

Junior Coaching has received a boost through the efforts of W.C.N.L player Becky Giles, who has recently been appointed by Worcester City Council as a full-time Community Sports Coach. Becky currently runs two separate coaching groups – U16's on Mondays, U11's on Thursdays, both meeting at Bishop Perowne High School. Interest has been good with over sixty players regularly attending during the week. Sessions are open to all abilities at £1 a time and plans exist to feed players into proposed "High Five" Junior and Intermediate leagues in the summer. For further information call Becky on (01905) 722331.

GENERAL INFORMATION

A Gentle Reminder.

Your committee endeavours to promote appropriate standards of conduct both on and off the playing court at all times. We are currently looking at general attitudes and behaviour within the leagues, and will soon be issuing guidelines to all teams. In the interim, can we remind all players to show respect and courtesy towards both opponents and officials and to play competitively but with a good spirit.

ENJOY YOUR NETBALL AND WATCH THIS SPACE!

TEAM ADVERTS

- Do contact us if you are looking for players or you are an individual player searching for a team....
- We can also advertise kit for sale; help fix practice games, training sessions etc.

BAILY's

Looking for new Shooters
Summer Division 5
Contact Elaine Baily
on (01905) 454572

ACCESS 2

Wanted!
Goal Shooter
Summer Division 3
Contact Jenny
Shenton on:
jennyshent@tesco.net

"Addicted to Netball" is Worcester's latest and local provider of sportswear and equipment. To kick-start their new venture, owners Chrissy Hunt and Debbie Cole were offering a competition to win sports equipment. The lucky winners have now been drawn and they included local player Fiona Jenkins from Worcester who won a new match ball for her team. For further details please contact sales@addictedtosport.co.uk

Look out for our next edition due out at the end of June which will include the following:

- Information on the England Netball Magazine
- Dates for the domestic Super Cup competition
- Details for future England Internationals
- Summer League latest league positions
- Future local tournaments
- Umpiring and Coaching courses

