

A round up of News & Events from the North East Region



December 2011

Welcome to the latest edition of the North East Region Netball Newsletter. It's been a busy start to the season for our clubs, coaches and volunteers in the North East, the Regional League is well underway, 20 volunteers have started their voyage to become table officials, our 2 Premier division teams and Northern Clubs team have begun their journeys in their respective divisions, local leagues across the Region ran by our Counties are hosting some fantastic matches, and last but not least we have said goodbye and bon voyage to our Regional Excel Coach Kelly Hedley. Keep reading to find out the current leaders in our Regional League, our new A Week in the Life of article and more exciting news stories from across the North East

LEAGUE UPDATES

See below for the latest league positions in our Regional League and our North East Teams positions in their Northern and Premier Leagues.

REGIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Gateshead Stadium	36
Riverside	36
Oaksway	30
Boldon	28
Seatonians	24
Grangetown	16
H.S.A***	12
Burnside	6

REGIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Riverside	20
Gateshead	16
Hexham	16
Newcastle Uni	15
Novos	15
Gateshead Stadium	11
Sunderland City Predators	9
Burnside	6

PREMIER DIVISION 1

Oldham	44
Academy	43
Team Bath Toucans	34
New Cambell	32
Bournemouth 7s Blades	28
The Downs	28
Leeds Athletic	27
Oaksway	26
Hucclecote	23
Thoroughbreds	22

PREMIER DIVISION 3

Telstars	50
Grangetown	43
Dominoes	38
Just Ahead	33
Leamington	31
Poole Aquarians	30
Comets	28
Sussex Thunder	20
Lawn	17
Essex Open	11

NORTHERN LEAGUE

Chester	42
Tameside	39
Leeds Athletic	38
Seatonians	33
Oldham Premier	28

YWCA Bury	24
Deeside	17
Trafford	16
Sheffield Stormers	11
Northwich Sapphires	11

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A successful Back to Netball festival was recently held at Grangetown Netball Club. The hard work of Karen Horsefield resulted in four Back to Netball teams from around the South Durham and Cleveland area coming to compete in the competition. Karen, who plays for Grangetown Back to Netball team, said, "The level of game play was great and there was a nice atmosphere both on and off the court. It is the first time we have ran a Back to Netball festival so it was a good start. We are now looking to build on this for next year."

The event was sponsored by Peterson Engineering (Cleveland) Ltd who donated the competition trophy which went to the winning team, The Black Witches.

If you want more information about Back to Netball sessions in South Durham and Cleveland then contact Becky.smith@englandnetball.co.uk



Greencroft Netball Club based in Consett in County Durham held a Charity Race night and club presentation night on Saturday 26th November raising a fantastic amount of money for Help for Heros and The Sir Bobby Robson Foundation. With a raffle, tombola stall and various other games and quizzes on the night Greencroft Netball Club raised over £600 for both Charities with Barclays Bank matching the donation to the Sir Bobby Robson foundation meaning they will receive a fantastic £1,200. A big thank you goes to all the race sponsors, raffle prize providers and all the other volunteers who helped to make the night a big success.

Northumberland County Netball Association have received funding from Sport England's Small Grants scheme of £7190

The grant is to support clubs in the Blyth, Morpeth and Berwick areas to increase their members and Junior sections, to increase the amount of Level 2 and level 1 coaches, C award umpires and young umpires.

Club development, coach mentoring, coach and officials education and development/ running festivals and leagues, plus marketing were all included in the grant application along with High 5, 12-16 year old, and Back to Netball Development.



Julie Kimber has been renamed head coach of the British College National Squad for the second year running.

Julie, who works full time at Gateshead College Academy for Sport's as netball and development coach, was reappointed after impressing in her first full year with the British College side last year.

Along with the 20-year of experience she has, she also coaches for North Durham County Netball Association and Boldon Netball club as well as working for England Netball as a tutor and assessor.

Speaking after the announcement, Julie was more than happy to be involved with the BCS for a second successful spell.

She said, "It's great to be working with the elite girls again, last year was a fantastic experience, and I'm delighted to be reappointed and working with this talented, dedicated group of girls again.

Julie will meet up with the squad over a spell of ten weekends throughout the season, travelling all across the country starting with Scotland in early January next year. Already scheduled to play Northern Ireland and the Welsh National Squad as well as National Talent League Teams such as Loughborough Lightning, exciting times lie ahead.

Goodbye and Good Luck to Kelly



On the 30th November 2011 we said goodbye to our Regional Excel Coach Kelly Hedley. Kelly has been in the North East for 3 years and in that time has made great progress with the Excel programme in the Region. We wish Kelly every success with her future in her home Country of New Zealand and hope she will come back to visit us soon.

North East Regional Office Relocating



From the 19th December the North East Regional Office will be located in Northumbria University, 6 North Street East, Newcastle Upon Tyne, Tyne & Wear, NE1 8ST. The main landline number for the office will change however at this time the new number is not known so please contact the regional office on email northeast@englandnetball.co.uk or 07818 036792

Upcoming Courses

UKCC Level 1, University of Durham, Queens Campus Stockton

Day 1: Saturday 10th March 201

Day 2: Sunday 11th March 2012

Day 3: Sunday 15th April 2012

UKCC Level 1, Meadowfield Leisure Centre, Durham

Day 1: Saturday 16th June 2012

Day 2: Sunday 17th June 2012

Day 3: Saturday 14th July 2012

For more information and to book a place on these courses please visit

http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/get-involved/coaching/UKCC_Level_1_Courses

Umpire Profile – Sharon Scott



How did you start Umpiring? I became an umpire in the 1990's after setting up my own club and ending up with 4 teams! I stopped playing and instead I coached and umpired.

When did you achieve your first umpiring qualification? I passed my C award test in 1992.

Which club do you currently umpire for? Oaksway NC. I was impressed by the structure and in 2003 so I switched clubs. As Oaksway were involved in competitions all over the country, I travelled and became one of their club umpires.

What is your current umpiring qualification? I am currently a B Award Umpire after passing my B Award Test in 2009 and I am working towards my A Award.

How have you progressed through the umpiring ladder? I believe a lot of my success is down to the fantastic mentors I have had over the years. I was initially mentored by Di Covell and Di Mercer in the local South Durham & Cleveland Leagues and then moved to Regional League where Anne Stephenson gave me further support. I still get regular support from my mentors, they watch me umpire and feedback to me on my performance. I was told by my mentors that I needed to improve my fitness and so I joined a running club which has helped me to improve my positioning while umpiring.

What competitions do you currently umpire at? I have umpired National Schools in both Brighton and Southampton, and National Clubs for U16 and U14's for last 2 years. I am part of a pool of umpires who feed the Premier 3 League and I travel with Team Northumbria's NTL squad. I umpire as part of the North East Regional League and Northern Clubs League – I think that's them all!!!

Do you have any advice to give to other umpires? I was given a great piece of advice from Anne Stephenson which I always keep in mind when I umpire – “When you hear a player moan or groan, do not presume it is directed at you and your umpiring. She may be upset with herself, or upset with a pass from one of her team”

And finally what's the best thing about umpiring? I have got so much satisfaction from all this umpiring. I have met so many lovely people, a lot of them friends for life. Without netball I would never have had the opportunity to meet these people. With hard work, dedication and commitment you can become a fantastic umpire .



Team Northumbria NSL Squad & Fixtures

Congratulations to the following players who have been selected as part of the 2012 Team Northumbria Squad, Samantha Holt, Darcie Worsdale, Leah Kennedy, Jade Johnson, Victoria Burgess, Claire Brown, Marie Ewing, Danielle Smith, Rebecca Neil, Jenna Guy, Hayley Cameron, Kayley Moss, Sarah Penny, Jatinda (Toetse) Kambatuku, Emma Woodings. See below for phase 1 fixtures and don't forget to go and support your Regional Franchise at their home games.

Date	Home Team	Away Team	Venue
03 Mar 2012 18:00PM	Team Northumbria	Surrey Storm	Sport Central
25 Feb 2012 18:00PM	Northern Thunder	Team Northumbria	Wright Robinson Sports Arena
18 Feb 2012 18:00PM	Team Northumbria	Team Bath	Sport Central
10 Feb 2012 20:00PM	Hertfordshire Mavericks	Team Northumbria	Hertfordshire Sports Village
06 Feb 2012 20:00PM	Yorkshire Jets	Team Northumbria	Bonus Indoor Arena

North East Regional Academy Squad.



Congratulations to:

Lizzie Freeman, Anna Gibson, Lucy Kitching, Kathryn Binks, Hollie Linighan, Thea Thompson, Lyndsy Hutchinson, Alex Rhodes, Farah Hasan, Fiona Dewar, Alex Rackstraw, Genevieve Perrins, Sarah Ferry, Amy Gibson, Abi Willett, Lucy Phillips, Hettie Williams, Ruby Wilkinson, Clancy Williams, Laura Brookes (NTL), Rebecca Neil (NSL), Danielle Smith (NSL) who are all part of the North East Regional Academy Squad.

North East Regional Development Squad



Congratulations to:

Alex Glennie, Harley Smith, Bethany Wilson, Kennedy Hockborn, Hattie Willett, Lilly Bingham, Hannah Hunt, Lucy Johnson, Laurie Elder, Phobe Waller, Sammie Stewart, Emily Stuart, Emma Scott, Shaunagh Foreman, Regan Morris, Hannah Larsen, Ellen Hirst, Holly Clark, Chloe Cubello who are all part of the North East Regional Development Squad.

A Week in the life of Now for the most recent edition to our newsletter, a week in the life of and first up Fiona Johnson. Watch out in future editions for other staff and volunteers.

A week in the life of

Fiona Johnson



In my role as Netball Development officer (NDO) I am employed to work across two areas in the North East- Tyne and Wear and County Durham. I work full time for England Netball, which is essentially two part time roles. I ensure I split my time equally between the Counties spending half of my week based at Tyne and Wear County Sport Partnership in Washington and the other half of my week in the England Netball Regional office in the House of Sport in Durham City. My work aligns with England Netball's National Governing Body plans, as well as supporting the North East Region and each of my County Netball Association's local priorities.

Monday - Today I have an enquiry from a parent of a 12 year old girl and her friend looking to join a club in the Consett area. This is a simple enquiry and I can pass on Greencroft Netball Club's contact details. Next deadline for nominations for the Durham City Academies and I input final nominations into the database. Calling facilities to find availability and good value for money to host a C award course in February 2012 and a B award course in November 2011 is next on my list today before I head off to the North East Region Association Performance Group meeting. I sit on this group as a NDO representative where we discuss High Performance Coach Programme feedback and plan for all Excel Academies starting. We also discuss Team Northumbria NSL and NTL priorities before I head off to my final task of the day, Coaching Consett Back to Netball Group

Tuesday - Operational Networking Group Meeting- Hosted by Tyne and Wear County Sport Partnership. In this meeting we discuss new programmes becoming available through Sport England funding. New programme for volunteers available called Sports Makers. Discussing how Sportivate projects that started in July are coming along. I have 8 programmes running in T&W and 5 running in County Durham, a long day in a meeting so looking forward to Coaching the Durham Back to Netball Group tonight

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Wednesday - Meeting a CAPS club in Tyne and Wear who are getting involved with a programme called Premier League 4 Sport, linked with Sunderland AFC football foundation. Discuss the outline and aims for PL4S and the role of the CAPS club as a hub club for PL4S. In the afternoon I head off to British College's Screening- supporting with the admin of the screening such as signing players in and assigning player to games to ensure each player has enough court time. Next I have a Meeting with a facility looking to set up a new Back to Netball in Gateshead. In the evening I verify a coaches CRB documents for their CRB check... then my first Match of the new Winter season!

Thursday - Today I spend the day doing Academy admin. Writing, printing and sorting 100's of letters to go out to players who are selected or unsuccessful for Excel Academies. Collating participant information and submitting player affiliations into the EN online system. I finish the day off with an enjoyable session Coaching Stanley Back to Netball Group.

Friday - Assisting a school with their entry to County Schools competition and help with finding an umpire are my first tasks of the day. I send off Back to Netball participant figures to head office and register 2 new B2N programmes in County Durham on the EN website, finally I complete my Sportivate paperwork including my target reporting and then I head home!

Safeguarding Best Practice for clubs

All clubs have a responsibility to their young members in terms of safeguarding. This means the effective recruitment of vetted volunteers who are appropriately trained, the designation of a key contact who will take action, should concerns for a young person arise and the awareness rising of all members in the club about their responsibilities.

For more information <http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/safeguarding/BestPractice/>

England Netball Safeguarding and Protecting young People in Netball Policy

Ensure you are aware of the England Netball Safeguarding and Protecting Young People in Netball policy and are abiding by the principles within it. Ensure that all members know how to access this policy and all supporting documents and procedures. All information is available on the Safeguarding section of the EN website.

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England Netball Time to Listen Training for Club Safeguarding Officers

What is Time to Listen?

Time to Listen is a 3 hour workshop developed by the Child Protection in Sport Unit specifically for Club Safeguarding Officers. The workshop has been adapted for netball and uses practical examples and case studies to enable you to fully understand your role in the club and England Netball and how you can effectively safeguard young people in your care.

For information on courses see link below

<http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/safeguarding/time-to-listen-training-for-club-safeguarding-officers.php>



And finally.....

WE NEED YOU



The North East Regional Office produce this newsletter for our clubs, coaches and volunteers in the North East Region so please forward us your views and opinions and send us any news stories you want including in future editions.



From the North East Regional Office, here's to Netball in 2012 !

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