

SOUTHEND & DISTRICT NETBALL LEAGUE

NETTY NEWS

OCTOBER 2012

It is with regret that I have to begin this newsletter with the sad news that Peter Grimes, one of the original members and first Chairman of our League, passed away on 21st September this year. The funeral service took place on 5th October with our current Chairman Peter Croysdill representing the league. As Honorary Life President Peter has always been a staunch supporter of our league and until recently attended presentations and Cup Finals (sometimes in atrocious weather) together with his wife Yvonne. His vision and encouragement will be greatly missed and our sympathies and thoughts are with his family.

Start of Season Tournament

A brilliant sunny day for a great tournament. Thanks to Cheryl for manning the table and to the Umpires several of whom took on extra games on the day. Congratulations to all winners and runners up.

Results

Div. 1 Winners SWF Hullbridge 10 Runners up Parkside 8
Div 2 Winners Galaxy Jets 10 Runners up Galaxy Jades 2
Div 3 Winners Saracens Red 9 Runners up Galaxy Garnets 4

Handbook amendments

Galaxy Emeralds secretary has changed to Michelle Aldridge
Phone number: 07966422494
email: maldrid2@travelers.com
Panthers secretary email should be gelpettit@hotmail.co.uk

Court Fees

Court fees are now due please. They can be paid to Eileen in full or in instalments. £75 up front or £40 now and £35 in February.

Umpiring

Just to clarify the rules regarding 'Beginner' Umpires. They can only Umpire the lowest division of the league (Div 3) for the 'away' team. ie there must be a 'C' Award (minimum) for the home team.

Umpiring tests for A and C awards will be changing in January 2013. B awards will be changing later in the year with all 'B' candidates sitting the written 'A' award paper! All tests will include the bleep test. More information is available on the England Netball website.

'B' Award course (3rd Nov) flyer attached for your info.

Rearrangements

1st Dec. Panthers v Lady Blues to be played 3rd Nov @1.30pm

10th Nov Greensward v Galaxy Jets. Rearrangement date tba.

General Information

Just a few general housekeeping reminders...

Matches should start at the allocated time. There is no '5' minute waiting rule in Southend.

We now have a post box on the wall beside the courts for result cards (yellow and white) and a white board for info. Feel free to use the white board for messages (polite of course) and notices. Magnets and pen available.

Please only park in the allocated bays. We need space for emergency vehicles and some cars are being blocked in. Parking can be an issue if either school has a function on Saturdays but there is parking in all the local roads and behind the fire station on the other side of the dual carriageway.

It's great that we have so many supporters but please can we ask they are not obstructing the courts for the safety of both players and Umpires.

Please can dogs be kept on leads and not allowed to foul the playing fields. Many schools do not allow dogs on the premises at all so please be considerate to prevent this happening here.

Please also be considerate regarding smoking. There should be **no smoking** in the immediate vicinity of the courts and again please dispose of cigarette ends carefully.

Please remember that Committee members are volunteers and not infallible.(Hard to believe I know!) We will always try to answer your queries on the day but may need time to consult the rule book too!!!!

And a final plea. Please could everyone try to leave Westcliff a little bit quicker after the last game. Key holders have often been there since 9.45am and would like to get home particularly as the bad weather is bound to arrive soon.

Phew.....

See you all next week at the Rotation Rally.

Tricia x

PS Lost property: I have a Lady Blues tracksuit top from last week and a black gilet and jumper from this week. The back of my car is starting to get a little crowded.