



**Newsletter October 2009**

- Following on from our recent committee meeting, please find points of interest that may benefit your club:
- A letter has been received from The Caford Charity thanking us for the recent donation in memory of Ruth Russo. Letter will be put up in pavilion.
- The CNL website is being sponsored now by Netball UK. It has all the league results plus plenty of other useful information, please remind members to use it to its full potential.  
[www.croydon-netball.co.uk](http://www.croydon-netball.co.uk)
- Handbooks have been distributed to 75% of clubs and Amy will do her best to get the rest out over the coming weeks.
- There are regular reports appearing in The Croydon Advertiser. Please send your match reports to Karen Gillick. We need more/different teams reporting!
- Chairmans Cup is underway. The first round is comprising of just 6 teams, the winners of this round will then join the other teams for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.
- Unfortunately due to dwindling numbers the proposed CNL Charity Race Night on the 30<sup>th</sup> October HAD TO BE CANCELLED. Hopefully another one will be re-arranged in the New Year.
- Your support would be much appreciated, that for all games being played on Saturday 7th November 2009 everyone is asked to wear something pink in aid of Breakthrough Breast Cancer and donate £2.00 per person. We hope everyone will join in and give their support to this very worthwhile charity.
- It has been decided instead of playing a Mixed Rally on the 14<sup>th</sup> March, we will have a New Rules Rally. Only the first 16 teams to apply will be entered (one team per club only) and there will be a £50 entry fee. This will cover the provision of all umpires and any profit will be donated to charity. More details to follow.
- There is a C Award umpire course on November 29<sup>th</sup> and a Beginners course on 6<sup>th</sup> December, please see website for more details.
- All teams are reminded that England Netball rules confirm that a game can start and be played with 5 players, therefore please can you look at this when you are looking to cancel/postpone matches
- Can everyone please ensure that everyone is aware in your club that the posts must be put away properly ie the post inserted into the base in the area adjacent to the pavilion.
- A umpiring rules forum, as mentioned at the AGM is still being planned and we should have a date for you in the very near future. Apologies for the delay.

- Some various points were brought to the Leagues attention regarding umpiring this season. The following points/questions were asked and we have answered them as follows.

Unqualified umpires should be distinguished so that clubs are aware prior to the match of the situation.

We agree and enclosed in this newsletter is a list of those qualified and those not.

Unqualified umpires should not receive the same honorarium as qualified umpires, there needs to be an incentive to go for the umpiring test. If an unqualified umpire has been on her course and not taken her test and passed within a year, how long is she accepted at CNL level. (Is this monitored?).

We are aware of all members that attend courses, apply for their test and if they pass or not. We have now decided to set up a support network within the committee to follow this up in more details and help trainee umpires get ready for their tests and apply (or reapply). The fee of £10 was set and agreed at the AGM. It can be discussed and voted upon again at this seasons AGM in July.

At the AGM it was agreed that unqualified umpires would be used as a last resort, however it appears that they are been used to support the umpire system and this has got to be a backward step. Also it was supposed to be one unqualified umpire per match but some matches have had two unqualified umpires down to umpire. Where is the development?

The umpiring list for the season has been re-done and re-done and we have ensured that there is always at least a qualified umpire on every match. All trainee umpires have been assessed and we have tried to make sure they are on matches we feel capable of. Unfortunately due to the lack of qualified umpires volunteering for matches, we had to resort to unqualified. It has now been decided that if qualified are unavailable for matches that require them, the games will have to be re-scheduled.

What happened to the rule that each team MUST supply a qualified umpire to the League, it appears to be missing. This is not a CNL rule. It was a requirement upon entry to the League. Every team did put forward an umpire per team, some have since withdrawn. Next season clubs without an umpire will not be allowed to enter and we will be adding this to our League membership rules. All teams this currently effects will be written to over the next few weeks so they know they have the rest of the season and the summer to find an umpire. Next season if the same clubs don't supply umpires once the League has started, consideration will be given as to whether they are accepted.

CNL must be seen to be in step with other leagues where qualified umpires are insisted upon and the honorarium is set to encourage the top umpires and appears to rise with the times. Many of the other leagues don't insist on qualified umpires and the fees are not set either. It is mainly up to club discretion.

If club "A" puts an unqualified umpire into the pool then they should receive an unqualified umpire out of the pool. We do agree, but what if club 'A' is playing club 'B' that hasn't supplied a qualified umpire? We will be looking at games where clubs without umpires are playing each other and then their game will not be a priority when allocating umpires for that particular match.

We are all trying to improve our game and we can only do this is we move forwards and not backwards. We absolutely agree, however in order to move forward we MUST support all our trainee umpires and help them get qualified. Comments on court from players do not help, so can all members please be aware of how they behave on court. We fully appreciate players concerns and welcome any suggestions/help/comments.

ADOLPHO	Tanya	Qualified
ALLEN	Althea	Qualified
ARGLES-GRANT	Hayley	Qualified
AUGUSTUS	Enid	Going for Test
BALL	Lindsey	Qualified
BARRACKS	Janet	Qualified
BENSON	Salena	Qualified
BERNATOVITCH	Kim	Qualified
BORROW	Chris	Qualified
BEATTIE	Erin	Awaiting Test Date
BUTLER	Charlotte	Qualified
BUTLER	Denise	Qualified
CHAPMAN	Jim	Qualified
CHARLES	Leanne	Qualified
CLARKE	Nicky	Qualified
COLLINS	Anna	Going for Test
CROWHURST	Jo	Qualified
GILLICK	Karen	Qualified
HALL	Rachel	Awaiting Test Date
HANDLEY	Jo	Qualified
HARDGRAVE	Clare	Qualified
HARRISON	Debbie	Qualified
HAYLER	Eike	Qualified
HICKS	Lorraine	Qualified
HILLS	Hilary	Qualified
IRESON	Amy	Qualified
JELLEY	Tara	Qualified
JENKINS	Karen	Qualified
KENNY	Natalie	Going for Test
LOVE	Jodie	Qualified
MARA	Charlotte	Qualified
MARSH	Sara	Qualified
MARTIN	Julia	Qualified
MARTIN	Kay	Qualified
MCLEARY	Jackie	Going for Test
MILES	Sandra	Qualified
MONTGOMERY	Jackie	Qualified
PEART	Velma	Qualified
PEMBROKE	Sam	Qualified
PENNEY	Jackie	Qualified
PENNIE	Connie	Qualified
PRICE	Folake	Qualified
RANGECROFT	Margot	Qualified
RICHARDSON	Sandie	Qualified
ROBERTS	Lynne	Qualified
ROSE	Hannah	Going for Test
SANDERS	Lisa	Qualified
SAMS	Lisa	Qualified
SINCLAIR	Bryony	Qualified
SMITH	Tina	Qualified
SOUTH	Elaine	Qualified
STONE	Sharon	Qualified
TAYLOR	Chloe	Going for Test
WALKER	Julie	Qualified
WELCH	Sarah	Qualified
WITCOMB	Emma	Going for Test
WOODYER	Lorraine	Qualified