

SWWhistler August 2009

Welcome to a new season, has summer really gone that quick!!!

Phil Dimes, SW Regional Manager and the South West Committee (Richard Appleby, Bob Rawlings, Sarah Stanley, Neil Austin, Nick Ansell, Keith Bell, Steve Wagstaff, Eric Hewitt, Jakes Erasmus, John Raywood, Edward Evans, Ian McGraw, John Cardosi and new members of committee Colin Sandeman, Frank Venner and John Durkin) would all like to wish you all the best for the forthcoming season.

We hope you have all enjoyed the summer of rugby, the Lions matches in South Africa, with the opportunity of seeing Wayne Barnes, Nigel Owens and Alain Rolland officiating, the Middlesex Charity 7s and the Churchill Cup to name but a few other matches of Summer Rugby.

Congratulations go to Rob Warburton on gaining his place on the SEG, Shawn Spilsbury to 6+1 and James King to 6+0 on the London Development Squad.

Congratulations go to everyone else promoted within the Region this summer, who are too numerous to mention but well done.

Also congratulations go to John Raywood who is now the new secretary to the Surrey Rugby Discipline committee (he might be looking for a referee observer to attend)

Congratulations also go to the RFU in winning England the right to hold the 2015 World Cup.

Well back to business.

Seasons Events

Law Variations

We will be starting our season of training on **Monday 24th of August at 7.30pm** sharp at KCS Old Boys RFC with a presentation from Dave Broadwell on all the new law amendments both for the adult game and at Under 19 level for this season. (Further e-mails to follow this news letter with law changes and RFU rulings)

This seasons other meetings (all at KCS Old Boys):

We will be continuing the CRDA course at our Regional meetings to be held during the season as we have two topics to complete. Please look out for the dates of these in future SWWhistlers

The meeting on 28th September will be on Scrummage with a DVD and Q&A presentation by one of our North List members.

October 26th is scheduled for the next part of CRDA which Ed Turnill/Bob Ockenden will confirm with your Editor by the end of this month.(now confirmed)

November 30th meeting we are hoping to have a Presentation from Roy Maybank, RFU Panel referee on Personal Management thoughts from the time you get your appointment until post match at all levels of the game with a Q&A. We are just awaiting confirmation he will not get appointed to a Guinness Premiership appointment that evening.

Roy is also going to try and arrange for a Scrummage session with a Premiership club for us this season so please keep an eye out for this in the SWWhistler.

Other meetings, topics to be decided, are on December 21st (Christmas social?), January 25th, February 22nd, March 29th and April 26th.

Please also note the following dates:

L.S.R.F.U.R Central Meetings 2009 – 2010 (please refer to hand book for details)

September

Thursday 17th September 2009

November

Thursday 19th November 2009 AGM

February

Thursday 4th February 2010

April

Thursday 15th April 2010

Exchanges

Berkshire are offering exchanges this season as last anyone interested please let Phil Dimes know (level 9 and 10)

URGENT MESSAGE:

Please can you make sure you contact the re-appointments manager for the week appointed if you become unavailable for a fixture you have been asked to officiate and not Phil or Richard. If you suddenly become available for a Saturday or Sunday please also contact the re-appointments manager for that weekend and NOT Phil or Richard. This will ensure that we can keep the database/website updated as quickly as possible and cuts down on the number of phone calls that have to be made.

With regard to the Website, the liaison between the SW Region and Steve Hancock LSRFUR Communications Manger, will be John Durkin any thoughts on the website please through John then Phil Dimes initially

And finally also with regard to the website www.londonrugby.com you can all now view your appointments, update your details and availability by logging on to member services, inputting your e-mail that you receive your easyref appointments on, typing in password (first time users follow instructions to get password) then make changes, PLEASE when making changes to e-mail address let Phil Dimes know as he has a separate address folder on Outlook (where you will get this news letter from). Changes to your availability can only be made to dates not yet appointed which the appointments manager will be doing in 4 week blocks starting from the 5th September please note also the autumn internationals have changed to 7th November extra match against Australia and the 28th November against Fiji cancelled

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