

SWWhistler January 2010

As many of you may be aware Phil sadly had a stroke on the 28th of November but the good news is he is improving steadily and is now back in the fold so if you have any issues please let him know. (He will be there on the 25th)

On behalf of all the SW Region members it is good to have you back on board Phil.

Apologises for the short notice about the December meeting being cancelled but this was due to the adverse weather.

January meeting on 25th- Disciplinary and report writing as part of the CRDA course which will be presented by Uncle Bobby

February's meeting on the 22nd will be on Refereeing Sevens and also the review of the Wayne Barnes DVD on the breakdown that we were going to show in December when unfortunately the meeting was cancelled.

Blue Cards

Please can you make sure that you return all your blue cards for each match you do to Phil Dimes (new supply of cards available at meetings), he is quite willing to collect a bundle from you at each meeting. Or if you wish go onto the website and fill them in there as the database report works and Phil can see who submits them and please can we have one for each match that you officiate within the SW Region.

It is most important that we get feedback on the clubs/schools, where not only we experience problems but also even if a club are really good because Phil awards points for each card and the best score will have a representative(s) invited to the Society Dinner.

The Burns Supper will be held at Sutton and Epsom RFC on Saturday 23rd of January 2010. For details please contact Ian McGraw. --- Apologises but due to lack of demand this sadly has been cancelled

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Re-appointments

If you are unavailable for any of the Saturdays/Sundays below or suddenly become available when at first you said you were unavailable. PLEASE do not contact Phil or Richard but please call the following members of the re-appointments team (telephone numbers are in the London Society Handbook)

23/24 Jan – Neil Austin, 30/31 Jan – Nick Ansell

6/7 Feb – Nick Ansell, 13/14 Feb –20/21 Feb – Keith Bell, 27/28 Feb – Sarah Stanley

6/7 Mar – Sarah Stanley, 13/14 Mar - 20/21 Mar – Frank Venner, 27/28 Mar – Steve Wagstaff

3/4 April – Steve Wagstaff

Please note due to the adverse weather there are a number of re-appointed fixtures to be fitted in this half of the season so it is imperative that Phil and the re-appointments team know your availability.

There will also be Surrey Vase, Bowl and Cup fixtures to be fitted in as well.

Dates for updating the website are as follows:-

Appointments up to the 20/02/10 will be done soon so if problems phone above, You can update the member services on the website from the 20/02/10 till next period of appointments 20/03/10 and beyond, (don't forget to press the SAVE button or else they won't be updated)

National School Sevens 2010-

This will take place from the 22nd until 26th of March 2010, you MUST be CRB (Eric can check on the website) approved and also been sanctioned by Phil to take part in this event. The application forms for referees wanting to take part from Monday to Thursday have already been despatched by e-mail and MUST be returned no later than 28th of February. Even if you only want to do a day or even a half day you will be accommodated.

If any one of you have not received an application form and would like to take part even if it is for the first time please e-mail your editor at eric.hewitt@steria.co.uk Remember you MUST have CRB clearance before you can apply.

IRB Aid Kit

Please if you have any unused kit rather than throwing it out could you please let Sarah Stanley have it (01372 270454 call her first to make arrangements about getting the Kit to her) so it can be passed on to good causes.

Sarah is still looking for additional kit and one of our members Ian Coltman has been visiting abroad and seen some of the state the referees, assistant referees and players are in kit wise, so please help especially now after Christmas, New Kit for a present? Gives us a chance to do an early spring clean of the cupboard and give Sarah our unwanted kit.

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CRB-

As Phil is back in the fold please ensure you have your CRB up to date as Phil will do his best to get those wishing to do Junior Sevens tournaments and the NSS done. DO the honourable thing.

Please note if you are not CRB cleared and you choose to do a local school or club game you are not covered by London Society insurance. You must make sure you are covered by the school/club but you will not be officially appointed by the Society to do this fixture. Any problems with this please contact Phil before accepting the match.

Red Cards

If you issue any red card for whatever reason the sending off report **MUST GO TO PHIL DIMES ONLY**.

Website update

London Society website is up and running and it would be advisable if you could check it regularly for details of all meetings Central and Regional and any news that may need to be announced urgently (IRB Rulings now added direct to website as is SWWhister).

Don't forget if you make any update changes to your personnel details you must press the SAVE button and if you change your E-Mail you must let Phil know.

Please note John Durkin, our Regional Website IT manager has put details of the SWWHistlers and some photos of our referees in action on there for your perusal.

John Durkin will be adding the regional quiz to the Website shortly and there will be a prize for the winner to be presented at the February Regional meeting.

Appointments- These will be done on a weekly basis for the current period due to the number of fixtures being re-arranged by the RFU so PLEASE pay close attention to your e-mail and EasyRef.

Referees wanted

Chobham have a mini festival February 7th 10.00 – 15.00 U11's & 12's, 6 referee's wanted please contact James Davies 07967 736108 who will co-ordinate. Ex's food and drink supplied

Phil Dimes SW Regional Manager

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Any material for the SWHistler to Eric during the month preceding the next meeting.