

Dudley Road Hospital

Chairman's Report

I would like to start with saying a huge 'Thank You' to all who have contributed in the running of Dudley Rd Hospital Netball Club. This includes those on the Committee, Parents and Club Members, who diligently volunteer services to running the Club. I also want to say a huge 'Congratulations' to the U12's who only formed as a team in September 2016, entered the Birmingham Intermediate Netball League (BINL) and had a shaky start in the 'Start of Season Tournament' (I think most were shocked by the level of the competition), but ended the season in July 2017 coming runners-up in their Division (12) and semi-finalist in the End of Season Tournament. WELL DONE GIRLS! I was and still am so proud of what you all have achieved. In comparison, the U14's, need to show a lot more commitment, drive, yearning and skill in their game. This lack of determination was demonstrated in their final position in Division (4), by coming close to the bottom. I should acknowledge that the numbers of the U14's has reduced over the year and may have been a contributory factor. However, the U14's who want to progress in training and their netball will have an opportunity to do so, when they change their training night to Mondays and start training with the Senior Squad. Further details are in this Newsletter. I am looking forward to participating in the training myself, but also take less of a role in the Senior Team as I head towards retirement. So, continue with the hard work U12's and start 'Stepping up' U14's in the 2017/18 season.

Diane Thomas
Chairman

Coaches Report

Coaching the junior squad this season has been an experience to say the least, with a mixed bag of drive and input provided by the girls. Some of the girls applied huge effort and enthusiasm to their training, trying new and perfecting existing skills, learning about and using playing strategies and applying the push needed to improve on their personal fitness.

The younger U12 squad reaped the benefits of their training sessions by doing well in their first ever netball tournament, playing as a new team and positively representing the Club in the Birmingham Intermediate League. An awesome effort all round. Unfortunately, our U14 squad did not do so well and finished the season with a disappointing result within their division. This was probably a consequence of how the U14 applied themselves during training and remains a challenge for the coaches to address.

Discipline continues to be a challenge with our U14 girls.

To develop our players further, the academy girls were encouraged to lead on skill sessions for the junior squad at training, which helped to bring in new skills back to the Club, whilst others were encouraged to try their hand at umpiring. All these opportunities help the girls experience things from the other side, share what they had learnt with their peers, and help put something back in to the Club.

We have been to two Tournaments this season being the Birmingham Intermediate League End of Season Tournament and Yendys Tournament. Both tournaments of which the Club were represented by the U12 and U14 teams. More of that later in the newsletter.

Looking forward to September and the new season 2017/18, plans are in place to change how the Club approaches the training session for the junior squad in a bid to progress both teams to become more successful. These plans are explained in more detail later in this newsletter.

Lastly, it would be very remiss of the coaches not to thank the parents of the Club for your continued support; to ensure your daughters attend Wednesday training sessions and ferrying your little ones to and from competitions over the weekend. Also to all our players for their contributions during the season; we look forward to seeing you in September.

Patric/Fiona/Diane/Cordelia
Coaches

Secretary's /Finance Report

This is a joint report. Overall, the Committee members are extremely pleased with the way the club is performing. The club, being on the Birmingham Web site has generated a number of enquiries. However, we are aiming to improve on establishing our social media contacts and looking for volunteers to get this started. The year has gone smoothly, with two teams entering the Birmingham Intermediate League, (BIL) under 12's and under 14's, playing on a Sunday. The adult section of the club continues to play in the Birmingham Netball League (BNL) on a Saturday. All three teams play at central venue held at Stockland Green Leisure Centre. The under 12's being their first entry into the BIL achieve excellent results while the under 14's and our senior squads struggled. Training for the juniors and seniors continue to use Hillcrest School and this will continue for the forthcoming season. We will be looking at ways to support the girls on match days so that the administrative side is completed quickly and efficiently.

We are looking for volunteers to help raise the profile of the club and would welcome any suggestions.

Finance Report

The Financial Accounts for 2016/2017 have not yet been prepared. These will be available at our Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday 6 September 2017**. The club changing the way it collects its monies has greatly improve its operations. We are now looking for a volunteer to do some 'fund raising' as, at the moment, the club do not hold a surplus of funds and rely heavily on its members to pay for its expenses. So please, don't be shy, if you have the skills necessary to take this role on then please contact Cordelia.

Cordelia Bailey
Secretary/Treasurer

END OF SEASON AWARDS

Awards for both junior squads were awarded to:

Player of the Match – as voted for by the opposition

Under 12's - Yasmin Dyer, Amelie Stanway

Under 14's – Sienna Gardner

Player of the Season – as voted by the girls

Under 12's – Lucy Bown

Under 14's – Ellie Bishop

Most Improved Player – as voted by Diane, Patric, Fiona and Cordelia the coaches –

Under 12's - Lucy Bown

Under 14's - Tajsha Sutherland-Wilson

Well done girls!

END OF SEASON RESULTS

WINTER

Juniors:

The juniors did not play competitively in the winter season this year; instead they concentrated on improving their overall skills and understanding the game better.

Seniors

Played in the Birmingham League in Division 5. Not a good season as a number of players were unavailable to play matches.

SUMMER

Juniors:

Played in the Birmingham Intermediate League Division 4 and 12 respectively. The under 14's held their position in the league the under 12's won their division with 2 other clubs, but finished second on goal average.

Seniors

Played in the Birmingham League, again their performance was a little disappointing.

TRAINING FOR THE JUNIOR SQUAD

The under 14's are now approaching their last year in the Intermediate League. It is our intention therefore to integrate their training with the adult section of the club. The training is much more intense, focussing on skills, techniques and tactics. This section of the club trains with another club (Dolphins) on a **Monday evening from 7.00pm – 9.00pm at Hillcrest School. The first training session for the new season will be Monday 11 September 2017.**

To manage the under 12's effectively, we will continue to train on a Wednesday evening as we do now, i.e. from 6.00pm – 8.00pm at Hillcrest School. As this group have demonstrated their ability to tackle more complex situations, the coaching will be directed at a more challenging level. The coaches will remain the same i.e., Diane, Patric, Fiona and myself. **The first training session for the new season will be Wednesday 6 September 2017, 6.00 – 8.00pm. If you know of anyone who is keen to join a club just tell them about us or better still just bring them along with you.**

CLUB ACTION PLANNING SCHEME (CAPS) AWARD

For those who are not aware the Club has achieved the bronze and silver award of this scheme. This is an award given by the All England Netball Association to clubs who have proven that they are a club of quality and excellence.

SPONSORED EVENT

I am pleased to announce that the under 14's last year raised £244.70 which went towards writing off the deficit that part of the club carried. They each planned and executed their own sponsorship event. So well done to those girls who took part. This is something we will be introducing to each section of the club.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We are holding our Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday 6 September 2017, from 6.00-7.00pm prompt at Hillcrest School.** It is a requirement of the club that all club members attend. As our fund night was such a success we are repeating this again for the rest of the evening. So, bring along your family and friends and let's start the season with a bang.

We are looking at ways of competitive netball during the winter season for both of the junior groups.

BIRMINGHAM ACADEMY

We were very proud of our girls this year as Aasa Thomas, Sienna Gardner, Tajsha Sutherland Wilson Lauryn and Ashleigh Hall-Wallace all represented the club at the academy. What an achievement.

TRAINING FOR THE ADULT SQUAD

This group will continue to train with Dolphins on a Monday evening at **Hillcrest School, Stonehouse Lane, Bartley Green, Birmingham B32 3AE, from 7.00 – 9.00pm. The first training session for the new season will be Monday 11 September 2017.** Anyone interested in improving their fitness, ball skills and court awareness is encouraged to come along. Training is compulsory for **ALL DRH** players.

CLUB FEES

Please note it will be mandatory that subs for training is paid monthly or if easier, one payment for the year. Weekly collections will be for match games only. There is also a membership fee payable at the start of the season of £10 for adults and £5 for junior members. Members will be encouraged to 'fund raise' to help cover the cost of purchasing equipment, uniforms, entering tournaments etc. A volunteer is needed to co-ordinate this activity. **Please contact Cordelia if you are interested.**

All England Netball Association (AENA) Registration

Each member is responsible for payment of their registration to the All England Netball Association a fee which is compulsory. This year the fees are as follows:

- Adults £39.00**
- 15-17 years old £20.80**
- 13 years old and under £9.55**

I will submit a bulk registration for the club so please let me know by **12 August 2017** if you/child do not want to be included. **Please remember you will not be eligible to take part in training or play in matches if you are not AENA registered.**

YENDYS TOURNAMENT

Again, both junior groups entered this tournament for the first time which was held in Wolverhampton. It was a well organised tournament. Our girls will need to be better prepared for such an event, but coped very well.

TOURNAMENTS

BIL End of Season Tournament – Both junior teams entered the end of season tournament at Stockland Green. The under 12's was held on Saturday 8 July 2017. Although having a low handicap they manage to get through to the semi-finals losing out by one goal. The under 14's was held on Sunday 6 July 2017. They were drawn against a difficult group but the experience gain was invaluable.

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

May I reiterate the importance of ensuring that your membership form is up to date. If you have change any of your details since completing your original membership form, it is important that you let Cordelia know. All new entrants must complete a form so please again see Cordelia.

UNDER 12'S NETBALL SQUAD

Well what can I say about this dynamic team. 'Awesome' is one word that springs to mind. We have our defenders Lucy, Katie, Olivia and Ashleigh who are pretty awesome. In our centre court, we have our little power house, Nancy who just controls our centre court and last but by no means least Yasmin our very efficient WA who space awareness is second to none. Up front our dynamic shooters Amelie, Lauren and Claudia their ability to get the goals in when it matters is next to none. Of course, we cannot forget Harriet who turned out not only to support but willing and ready to play any position that was needed.

This team came runners up in the Birmingham Intermediate League which is testament to their hard work, determination and their ability to pick themselves up when the going gets tough and really pull together as a team. These girls have met some tough competition this year. They and their parents should be proud of the way they play and conduct themselves on the court each week against their opposition. They certainly have had some challenging moments on the court this year but these moments all contribute towards valuable learning experiences for them. Experiences on how to be competitive but fair have been learned by all.

Their wins have not always been easy and there will be many hard games ahead. Well done girls, your coaches are very proud of all of you.

BIG THANK YOU

I cannot finish without saying a 'big thank you' to all parents, family and friends for the commitment, dedication and support they have shown to the club. It is impossible for a club to survive without your support.

Cordelia Bailey
Secretary/Treasurer
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