

# THE WHISTLING BUSTARD

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DORSET AND WILTS SOCIETY OF RUGBY UNION REFEREES

April 2007

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held at Salisbury RFC at 1930 hrs on Monday 14 May.

Our Chairman Robin Miller will be standing down at the AGM, but has volunteered to remain on the committee as the Recruiting/Retention member if that is what the members wish.

## LAW POSERS

1. Red kick off, and the ball is played by Red before the ball has gone 10m. The referee blows his whistle to stop the game, whereupon the Red player kicks the ball petulantly downfield.

2. Red wing, on the Blue 22m line chips the full back; both slip and fall over. An onside Red player follows up, with no Blue player anywhere near the ball. When the ball has reached the 5m line, with the Red player 5m away, and the ball not yet in goal, a spectator, of indeterminate parentage, runs onto the field, and kicks the ball away.

## TRAVEL CLAIMS

Referees are reminded that the end of season Travel Claims should be sent initially to the Appointments Secretary, Dave Masters, in order that he can confirm that the games have in fact taken place. Advisers should send their claims to Stephen Dowse for endorsement.

## BOB STOCK TROPHY

We are still short of returns for this season's Bob Stock Trophy so could everyone please make efforts to remedy this during the remainder of the season. In particular there is a need for further reports for the following clubs:-

Calne, Cricklade, Malmesbury, Minety, Pewsey Vale, Poole, Supermarine, Swindon, Swindon College, Warminster, Wheatsheaf, and Wootton Bassett.

Returns can be made using either the green cards or the Excel spreadsheet. Please contact the Secretary if you need copies of either of these.

## SHIRTS AND TRIBAL ITEMS

The Society has a variety of items for sale.

I have for sale at monthly meetings:

Polo Shirts, sizes M, L, XL, XXL £15.00.

Shirts, Powder Blue, size S, £10.00.

Shirts, Yellow, Only sizes L and 46".

Shorts, navy, 42 (1) £8.00.

Track Suits, all sizes, £20.00

Bill Byham has:

Ties £7.80.

Blazer/Shirt badges £1.20

## ANNUAL CONSTITUENT BODY AND REFEREES' SOCIETY DINNER

This will be held on the evening of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at the Emblems Restaurant near Fovant. Cost is £20.00.

Please get your returns in by 31 March.

## TRAINING ASSISTANCE

Your committee still seeks any members who are prepared to contribute to Society Training Evenings or those courses which the Society runs.

Training material is available, and you do not have to be a RFU Certified Trainer to deliver some of the material.

The RFU will be running a Train the Trainer Course on 14/15 July; more details will be sent out when known. It is the retiring chairman's final wish to have more depth in and support for the training team.

Please do volunteer; a new face will provide a changed perspective from one who is way past his sell by date.

Old trainers do not die; they only look as if they had already.

## REFEREES'

**ENTRY LEVEL REFEREES' AWARD.** Contact Nigel Cowley, [nigelcowley@rfu.com](mailto:nigelcowley@rfu.com), who will be running courses at North Dorset RFC (Gillingham) 13/20 April (Friday evenings) and 22 April (Sunday) and at Bishop Wordsworth School (Salisbury) 19 and 20 May (Saturday and Sunday).

## **U16 TOURNAMENT AT LARKHILL, WILTSHIRE 29 APRIL 2007**

### **Army sponsorship supports youth 10 a side rugby tournament**

On the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2007 The Army are sponsoring an Under 16, 10-a-side tournament to be held in the fantastic panorama of the Army's Artillery Centre at Larkhill, Wiltshire. Last year the event was hosted by Blandford Army Base with great success and positive feedback.

This year The Army are looking at hosting 16 teams in a league and knock out format over the course of the day. There is more than just rugby, with The Army arranging a range of activities to keep players occupied while waiting for their game.

The event gives The Dorset and Wiltshire Rugby Referee Society the opportunity to meet players, captains and coaches, opening lines of communication and assisting in encouraging teams towards senior rugby.

It has always been important for the Society to be actively involved in the support of youth rugby and The Army sponsored event underlines the Society's commitment to the game and the necessity for the improvement of communication between referees and the Clubs.

The event is an excellent opportunity for referees from both counties to meet and socialise. There is the opportunity to discuss refereeing experiences throughout the day. The short matches allow informal coaching and advice from senior referees and assessors. The rugby is great and it is a thoroughly enjoyable day.

For further information please contact Stephen Clements, 07949 780452, or [stephenclements@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:stephenclements@tiscali.co.uk)

## **MONTHLY MEETINGS**

There will be no Monthly Training Meeting in April.

Please let me know if there are any subjects that you would like to see in next year's programme. It is already intended to show Tony Spreadbury and Communication at last year's Cup Final.

## **ANSWERS TO LAW POSERS**

1. Penalty to Blue, at the centre of the halfway line.
2. We are working on this!

## **WESSEX FEDERATION SEMINAR FOR ADVISERS AND SENIOR REFEREES**

The Wessex Federation will run a Seminar Day for senior referees and advisers at Frome RFC on Sunday 13 May. Dorset & Wilts Society have been allocated 20 places.

Attendance is all advisers, trainers and senior referees.

Course Aim - to retain/recruit more advisers and to provide training which raises the quality of performance.

Outline Timings - 1000 to 1600 hours incl buffet lunch.

Detailed Programme:-

1000-1030 Assemble & coffee

1030-1115 1st Session - Knowledge of the Game

1130-1215 2nd Session - Keynote Speaker

1230-1330 Snack lunch

1330-1415 3rd Session - Report Writing

1430-1515 4th Session - Interpersonal Skills

1515-1600 5th Session - RFU Management

Observers Seminar

The RFU Management started a full review in March which examines the recruitment, retention and development of all observers in the game. This final session will be an ideal opportunity to examine progress so far and contribute ideas to the review.

All bids to Stephen Dowse please by 30 April.

Any suggestions for future content to:

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