

THE WHISTLING BUSTARD

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

April 2008

TRAINING MEETINGS

There will be no training Meetings in April.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held at 1930hrs on Monday 19 May at Salisbury RFC. The Secretary will send out an agenda. Please make your best efforts to attend.

SOME PEOPLE DO MAKE LIFE DIFFICULT

“Dear , you need to complete a CRB form if you wish to continue to officiate.”
“Why? I am a magistrate”.
Above the law?

DEFINITION OF FOUL PLAY

“That wasn’t a punch ref, e’s still standin’”

MONTHLY MEETINGS

It was decided at the last Committee Meeting that a small supper will be provided at no charge to those attending at all Society Training Meetings next season.

MILEAGE ALLOWANCE

It was decided at the last Committee Meeting that the mileage rate for claims for the second half of the season from 1 January 2008 should now be 28pence/mile, because of the increased price of fuel.

BOURNEMOUTH SEVENS COMPETITION 31 MAY 1 JUNE

The Society has been asked to contribute officials for this high profile tournament, which will feature some high profile sides in four separate competitions.

Officials needed will include Touch Judges and In-Goal Judges. These officials will give those of you who may not be quite up to seven-a-side on a full size pitch to contribute.

Please mark the date in your diaries. More details will be given in due course.

LAW POSERS

1. Blue take a drop out, with a strong wind in their favour. Red full back catches the ball inside his own 22m area, 1m from touch, and simultaneously cries “Mark”. He at once and without kicking the ball runs upfield.
2. Blue kick ahead in open play, and Red full back catches the ball within his own in-goal area, and simultaneously cries “Mark”.
3. (U-17 game). Red are awarded a scrum 5m from Blue goal line. Red win the ball, and drive the scrum 4m towards Blue goal line. Blue no8’s feet are now 2m behind Blue goal line. Blue backs line up just behind the goal line, and in front of Blue No8’s feet. The ball is still in the field of play, and has not yet crossed the goal line.

HANDOFFS

We had a recent query about handoffs in Junior Rugby, both boys’ and girl’s.
There is nothing to say you cannot hand off at U-15 girls games. A similar question was raised about U-15 boys and hand off to the face and there is nothing that says you cannot do that.
Always with the proviso about dangerous play in both cases.

WOMEN’S RUGBY

As a reminder, the rules for the women’s game are listed on the RFU website under Women’s Rugby - Resources & Downloads and look for Youth Rules and Regs 2007/8 Season.

REFEREES’ and REFEREE COACHES’ COURSES

ENTRY LEVEL REFEREE AWARD

The schedule is appended to this Newsletter.

TOUCH JUDGE COURSES

These will be held at Devizes RFC on Sunday 13 April 2008.

Club Touch Judge 1000-1230.

Aim of the Course

To give the Club Touch Judge knowledge of the law that will enable them to run touch, assisting the referee with signalling Touch, Touch-in-Goal and Kicks at Goal. The course is based on one module

which explains the laws around Touch and Touch-in-Goal. The module is followed by a short tick box examination to test delegates' learning and understanding.

Society Touch Judge 1330 -1630

Aim of the Course

The course is aimed at Referee Society members who wish to develop their skills as a Touch Judge. The course is based on seven modules, each of which will be led interactively by the tutor. Module One is followed by a short tick box examination to test delegates' learning and understanding. Experienced referees will not benefit from the former. Newly qualified referees will benefit greatly from both the former and the latter. If Club Touch judges wish to attend the latter, so much the better.

Please let me know at shore.rg@virgin.net ,by 10 April if you wish to attend either or both courses. There is no charge.

WESSEX FEDERATION TRAINING DAY

This will be held at Frome RFC on Sunday 11 May, 1000 to 1600, for senior referees and all advisers. Please put this one in your diary.

The programme will include talks by Graeme Charters, Chairman of the Rugby Football Referees' Union, and Richard Glynne-Jones, RFU Referee Manager, as well as a talk on Women's Rugby.

All senior referees, and advisers from Somerset and Dorset & Wilts Societies, together with Local Combined Services and/or dual-membership advisers and referees are asked to attend.

In addition one representative from each Constituent Body, the Chairmen Somerset and Dorset & Wilts Coaching Committees, the SW Referee Development Manager (Steve Harland), the Dorset, Wilts and Somerset Rugby Development Officers and the RFU Training & Education Officer (Andy Melrose) will be invited.

Provisional Programme:

1000-1030	Arrival and book in
1030-1115 Session 1	Somerset Society
Presentation	
1120-1205 Session 2	Dorset & Wilts Society
Presentation	
1210-1300 Session 3	RFUW Presentation
1300-1400	Buffet lunch
1400-1445 Session 4	Chairman RFUR
Presentation, Graeme Charters	
1450-1530 Session 5	RFU Referee Manager
Presentation, Richard Glynne-Jones	

1535-1600
1600 approx

Conclusion and Summary
Depart

Please Book in by individual email, or phone to Alan Avery direct by Friday 2 May 2008.

DORSET AND WILTS REFEREES SOCIETY

DINNER

FRIDAY 13 JUNE 2008

The Dinner will be held at Salisbury RFC on Friday 13 June 2008.

There will be a three course meal with wine provided, all for the modest sum of £15.00 per person, subsidised by the Society.

The evening is open to all Society Members and their guests. It is a great opportunity to thank our **wives and partners** for their support and patience and they **are particularly welcome**. There will be a number of official guests.

Timings. Pre-dinner drinks in the bar at Salisbury RFC from 1930 hrs. Dinner will be served at 2000 hrs.

Seating. There will be a seating plan, which will be available for all to see in the bar and at the entrance to the dining room.

Dress. Dress for the evening will be jacket and tie for gentlemen and appropriate attire for ladies.

After Dinner Speaker. It is hoped that Tony Spreadbury will accept the Society's invitation and provide a number of anecdotes/ditties in a Somerset twang. If not, then of course the Chairman will do his bit!!!

Society Awards. A number of presentations will be made on the evening to the deserving few!!

Booking-in. Please complete the booking-in form below and return it to

Marc Young, with your cheque by **Mon 2nd June 2008 at the very latest.**

SHIRTS

I have a stock of Society:

Polo Shirts: All sizes, cost £15.00.

Track Suits: All sizes, cost £20.00.

Red/Black Shirts: M and L only, free.

Royal Navy Blue/Powder Blue: XL, XXL, XXXL,
free.

Colin Parks has:

Ties £7.80.

Blazer/Shirt badges £1.20

ANSWERS TO LAW POSERS

1. Free Kick to Red where he caught the ball.
4. Free Kick to Red where he caught the ball.
3. Free Kick to Blue.

Any suggestions for future content to:

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DORSET AND WILTS REFEREES DINNER – SALISBURY RUGBY CLUB
FRIDAY 13 JUNE 2008

I will/will not *be attending the D & W Refs Dinner.

I will be bringing along with me _____ Guest/s*. (Total number in party_____)

I will require _____ vegetarian option meal/s. *

I wish to be seated with or near to _____ *

I enclose my cheque for _____ (@£15 per head)

* Please annotate/delete as required.

From.....

Address.....

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Telephone.....

TO BE RETURNED TO THE FOLLOWING NO LATER THAN MON 2nd JUNE 2008

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ELRA Course Schedule - Dorset & Wilts

Date (2008)	Days of Week	Location
19 th /20 th April. May tbc	Saturday / Sunday	Swindon Wimborne
Other County Courses* *open to all	See website: RFU Home/Community Rugby/Referee&Officiate/Courses/Find a Course/ ELRA Course Calendar	
FOR ALL COURSES	<p style="text-align: center;">TIMINGS: 9:30am – 4:30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COST: £40 (includes both days)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Application forms downloadable from www.rfu.com/communityrugby which should be returned at least 10 days before the course in order for individual materials to be dispatched.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Forms should be returned to Lindsay Piper Referee Department, Rugby House, Rugby Road, Twickenham, TW1 1DS</p>	