

THE WHISTLING BUSTARD

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

December 2006

YOUR COMMITTEE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF WISHING ALL MEMBERS A HAPPY



CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly Training Meetings will be held as follows:
DORSET at the Langton Arms on Mondays at 1930 hrs:

December: 4 Dec, A Club Coach will talk at Bournemouth Sports Club.

February: 5 Feb, Game Management.

March: 5 March, The Training and Advancement of Rugby and Football Referees, and Cricket Umpires.
WILTSHIRE at Devizes RFC on Thursdays at 1930 hrs:

December: 7 Dec, A Club Coach will talk.

February: 8 Feb, Game Management.

March: 8 Mar, The Training and Advancement of Rugby and Football Referees, and Cricket Umpires.
A Joint Meeting will be held on January 15 at Salisbury RFC; Steve Harland SW RRDO will be presenting.

CHANGE IN SCRUM ENGAGEMENT AT ADULT LEVEL

You should all have received some material from the Secretary. I hope to have some discussion at the December Training Meetings. Please make your best efforts to attend.

LAW POSERS

Who gets the put in? In all cases the scrum, ruck or maul comes to an unsuccessful conclusion without penalty.

1. Ruck.

a. Red centre who has the ball is driven back in the tackle towards the Red goal line by Blue, and the resulting ruck is indecisive.

b. Red centre who has the ball makes ground in the tackle towards the Blue goal line, and the resulting ruck is indecisive.

2. Maul.

a. Red centre receives a pass, is immediately enveloped by a Blue player, the maul moves 3m towards the Blue goal line, and comes to an unsuccessful conclusion in the field of play.

b. Red centre catches a kick ahead in open play by Blue, is immediately enveloped by a Blue player, the maul moves 3m towards the Blue goal line, and comes to an unsuccessful conclusion in the field of play.

c. Red centre catches a kick ahead in open play, runs 5m and is enveloped by a Blue player, the maul moves 3m towards the Blue goal line, and comes to an unsuccessful conclusion in the field of play.

d. Red centre receives a pass, is immediately enveloped by a Blue player, the maul moves into the Blue in goal area, and comes to an unsuccessful conclusion.

3. Scrum. (Adult Game).

a. Red throw the ball into the scrum. Blue win the ball against the head, and drive forwards. The scrum goes to ground without penalty.

b. Red throw the ball into the scrum. Blue win the ball against the head, but are driven backwards. The scrum goes to ground without penalty.
c. Red throw the ball into the scrum. Blue win the ball against the head, but the scrum wheels 95°. The scrum goes to ground without penalty.

REFEREES' and REFEREE COACHES' COURSES

ENTRY LEVEL REFEREES' AWARD. This has now replaced Foundation Parts 1 and 2. Contact Nigel Cowley, nigelcowley@rfu.com

Validity of NFC 1: Those referees who have completed Stage NFC Part 1 **since 1st September 2005** do not need to undertake Stages 1 and 2 of the ELRA and may proceed directly to Stage 3.

TOUCH JUDGE: Will be run if needed.

SOCIETY REFEREE: The next course will be run at Devizes RFC on Sunday 18 February and Sunday 4 March 2007. Applications to me please.

SOCIETY REFEREE COACH/ADVISER COURSES: Stephen Dowse will run a course at Devizes RFC on Sunday 21 January 2007. Names of volunteers to Stephen please. More Coaches and Advisers are needed, if only on a part time basis, especially in view of the part the part the Society has to play in ELRA Stage 3.

DEVELOPMENT REFEREE: Will be run on a Federation basis if needed.

DEVELOPMENT REFEREE COACH: Will be run on a Federation basis if needed.

WARNING ORDER – FEDERATION TRAINING

It has been proposed that Steve Harland will run a Training day for Advisers / Coaches and senior referees in March or April.

I will pass on details when known.

DISCIPLINE

Referees are reminded once again that they **MUST** discuss their report with Stephen Dowse before submission.

UNCONTESTED SCRUMS

Please let me know when you have ordered these. Essential details are: Why and When in the game. Relevant regulations for D&W Competitions may be found at:

www.swrugby.co.uk/admin.htm

EXPENSE CLAIMS

Please ensure that your expense claims for the first part of the season, up to 2359 31 December are submitted to Bill Byham, our Treasurer as soon as possible after that date. Late claims do mess up his budgeting.

WARNING ORDER – DINNER

The CB and Referee Society Dinner will be held at the beginning of June.

I will pass on details when known.

WHY YOU MAY NOT BE WATCHED

From a Watcher. I have a group of 8 to watch. I have taken 2 weeks "off" in order to update my cricket coaching qualifications. One week NONE of my group were allocated fixtures. I was asked to watch a referee not of my group. We both pitched up, but the game was cancelled. The next week, 5 of my group were allocated fixtures. Who to watch, with travel distances being 52, 60, 40, 52 and 31 ONE WAY? Is the level of the game above or below the referee's level? If I did go, is the level of the game such as to give the referee a fair and worthwhile report, which will serve him well in the future? I will see you sometime.

HELP NEEDED

Would anyone be prepared to help at the Society Referees Course next year, 18 Feb and 4 Mar? Full instructional material is available.

INTERACTION WITH COACHES AND CLUBS

When you are at clubs, can you please pass on that the Society can contribute to club training nights, either by refereeing practice games, or by talking about the laws, and their interpretation, and we can also receive feedback on how the players would like us to improve.

At the same time, also assure club coaches that they are welcome to come to any of our training meetings, or sit in on any courses, at any time.

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, 46" only.

Shorts, navy, 42 (1) £8.00.

Bill Byham has:

Ties £7.80.

Blazer/Shirt badges £1.20

New shirts should be available at the December Training Meetings.

ANSWERS TO LAW POSERS

1.
 - a. Blue.
 - b. Red.
2.
 - a. Blue.
 - b. Red.
 - c. Blue.
 - d. Red.
3.
 - a. Red.
 - b. Red.
 - c. Red.

Any suggestions for future content to:

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