

THE WHISTLING BUSTARD

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

February 2008

MONTHLY MEETINGS

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

February 4: Maul.

March 3: Tackle / Ruck.

WILTSHIRE at Devizes RFC on Thursdays at 1930 hrs:

February 7: Maul.

March 6: Tackle / Ruck.

All sessions will be based upon CRDA modules.

LAW POSERS

1. Red are attacking. A Blue player, trying to tackle the ball carrier, collides with the referee, and is prevented from making the tackle. Red gain an advantage.

2. Reds throw long at a line out. Prior to the end of the line two red players step beyond 15 metres and one supported by the other catches the ball. When he lands a blue player grabs the ball from reds side.

3. Red win a lineout on Blue 22m line. Red fly half kicks to the opposite corner. Blue Full Back fly-hacks the ball into touch 2m from Blue goal line. Red wing swiftly collects the ball, throws in the ball 3m from Blue goal line, regains the ball, and falls over the goal line with the ball beneath his chest.

REFEREES' and REFEREE COACHES' COURSES

Please note the changes from the last Newsletter.

ENTRY LEVEL REFEREE AWARD

The schedule is appended to this Newsletter.

CONTINUOUS REFEREE DEVELOPMENT AWARD

The course scheduled for 18 November was cancelled, due to a shortage of attendees. I will run another in the New Year, if sufficient referees want to come.

Please contact me.

These Sundays are intended for those who are unable to attend monthly Training Meetings, where much of the course material will be covered over the next year or so.

SOCIETY REFEREE COACH/ADVISER COURSES: Stephen Dowse will arrange courses if necessary.

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	Conclusion and Summary
1600 approx	Depart

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

SOCIETY DINNERWARNING ORDER

This will be held at Salisbury RFC on Friday 13 June 2008. Details will follow in due course, but please put this date in your diary.

SUMMARY OF GRADINGS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS JANUARY 2008**Promotions**

Colin Davidson	Promote to L11
Hadden Graham	Promote to L9
Pete Jacobs	Promote to L9
Frank McCaffrey	Promote to L10
Steve Twinn	Promote to L11
Stuart Williams	Confirm at L9
Tim Wynn	Promote to L8

Initial Gradings from Ungraded

Andrew Clune	Grade at L12
John Deane	Grade at L12
Adam Deary	Grade at L12
Jason Dulman	Grade at L12
Steve Hunt	Grade at L12
Simon Lloyd-Smith	Grade at L12
Eric Peacock	Grade at L11
Dave Scott	Grade at L12
Ryan Wallbridge	Grade at L11

REPORTING SERIOUS INJURIES

There is no need for a referee to submit a report in the event of a serious injury, however defined. You may wish to make a note at the time, just in case you subsequently are asked to give your version of events as a potential witness.

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.

Blue Shirts: S only, free.

I will bring stocks to Training Meetings.

Colin Parks has:

Ties £7.80.

Blazer/Shirt badges £1.20

ANSWERS TO LAW POSERS

1. Play on.
2. Play On.
3. Try.

Bob Stock Trophy

The table below summarises the numbers of Bob Stock reports received to date for the various clubs.

Club	Cards
Blandford	1
Bridport	5
Calne	0
Cooper Av	
Tyr	0
Corsham	4
Cricklade	0
Devizes	1
Dorchester	5
Malmesbury	1
Marlborough	2
Minety	1
North Dorset	9
Oakmeadians	5
Pewsey Vale	1
Poole	4
Puddletown	3
Salisbury	7
Salisbury	
Exiles	1
Sherborne	2
Supermarine	0
Swanage & W	9
Swindon	0
Swindon Coll	1
Verwood	3
Warminster	2
Weymouth	5
Wheatsheaf	0
Wimborne	9
Wootton Bsst	2
Total	83

We should aim to get at least 5 reports on each club so would all referees please aim to submit reports particularly if you are appointed to a club where the number is below that target. You can use either the green cards or the Excel spreadsheet - please contact me or Alan if you need a copy of the latter or a new supply of cards.

Any suggestions for future content to:

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ELRA Course Schedule - Dorset & Wilts

Date (2008)	Days of Week	Location
9 th & 16 th Mar	Sunday and Sunday	North Dorset RFC
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>TIMINGS: 9:30am – 4:30pm</p> <p>COST: £40 (includes both days)</p> <p>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>Forms should be returned to Lindsay Piper Referee Department, Rugby House, Rugby Road, Twickenham, TW1 1DS</p>	