East Midlands Volunteers go for gold

What a fantastic few months it has been for East Midlands Netball. Our region’s volunteers continue to achieve so much, it’s hard to do justice here to their amazing attainments at all levels of the game.

We have enjoyed a number of successes including International Umpire Screening (see page 5); National Winners at the Goalden Globe event (see page 2) and many East Midlands members carrying the Olympic Torch (see page 3).

We are always interested in hearing your stories so if you have anything you’d like to share with us, please send to eastmidlands@englandnetball.co.uk so that we can share with our members.

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We’re now on Twitter!

East Midlands Netball is now on Twitter and you can find us @EastMidlandsNet

We’ll keep you up to date with scores from competitions; news from the world of netball, but most importantly we want to interact with you, so follow us today!

Dates for your diaries:

17th Nov: Officiating Tutors course– Loughborough
2nd Dec: On the Ball workshop– Lincoln
11th Dec: Nottingham Back to Netball Xmas Festival
26th Jan: Regional Schools– Nottingham
2nd Feb: Regional Back to Netball Tournament
News from the Region

Goalden Globe 2012 winners

The National Goalden Globe event took place in Birmingham on Saturday 22nd November. It was well attended by members from the East Midlands and we’ve heard lots of stories about the evening and how much everyone enjoyed the day.

Well done to all those who were nominated for an award, and congratulations to all of our national winners:

Honorary Life Member: Olivia Murphy (Derbyshire)

England Netball Long Service Award: Sue Connor (Nottinghamshire)

Mary Bulloch Administrator Award: Paula Hill (Lincolnshire)

Outstanding Netball Club Award: Brigg and District Netball Club (Lincolnshire)

Pass on Your Passion 400 Hours Awards: Amy Beckett (Derbyshire); Sam Hickman (Northamptonshire); Cherese Naylor (Derbyshire)

Clockwise from top: Olivia Murphy; Sam Hickman; East Midlands winners; Vanessa McErlain; Naylor from Brigg & District NC; Sue Connor
News from the Region

Our time to shine

As the Olympics approached and the Torch travelled the country, netball players and volunteers from the East Midlands were out in force to help the Torch along its way. Not only did we line the streets to cheer and watch the procession, but a few were lucky enough to don the white outfit and carry the flame! Family and friends joined the crowds to cheer them on with banners, flags and home made Olympic torches.

East Midlands Youth Action Group members Oliver Hooper (Derbys); Sophie Bingham (Leics) and Natalie Simpson (Lincs) all carried the Torch through their local areas - Natalie later took the Torch to the Lincolnshire School Games and was treated like a VIP signing autographs for our future athletes!

Vicki Weatherby (Notts); Sue Duffin (Derbys) and Sue Jones (Leics) also carried the Torch through the East Midlands. Young volunteers Hollie Coupland (Northants) and 13 year old Anya Snow (Lincs) took the opportunity to be a part of this once in a life time event to encourage other young people to get involved in sports; Anya visited local Primary Schools to gives talks and show off her new prize piece.

Each Torch bearer reported how exciting yet nerve-racking the experience was from being on the bus, waiting at the side of the road and finally running the 300m with the Torch in hand. They all had many photographs taken and marked the kiss (the passing of the flame between torch bearers) as a moment they’ll never forget.

As each torch bearer set off for their run, they were told “This is your time to shine”, and we think each of them is a shining star!
2013 Back to Netball Tournament

Saturday 2nd February 2013  8:30am—4pm
Soar Valley College, Gleneagles Avenue, Leicester, LE4 7GY

Back to Netball teams from around the East Midlands are invited to attend our third annual Back to Netball tournament. Two spaces have been reserved for teams from each county on a first come first served basis* A maximum of 12 teams can be entered with a maximum 12 players per team.

* Northamptonshire and teams from the Nottingham City Development Community Coach’s programme and Nottinghamshire will be taken from the results of their December Tournaments. Should those from these competitions not take their reserved place, they will be offered to the next available team who have entered based on date order of entries received.

To enter the Regional Tournament, contact your Back to Netball Coach. Coaches can obtain a booking form from their Netball Development Officer or by emailing eastmidlands@englandnetball.co.uk Teams from Nottingham City should contact kaylea.mcquade@englandnetball.co.uk; teams from Nottinghamshire should contact julian.taylor@englandnetball.co.uk and teams from Northamptonshire should contact kelly.walker@englandnetball.co.uk

Club Action Planning Scheme (CAPS)

Congratulations to the following clubs who have achieved CAPS status, or reaccredited, over the last year:

Bronze:  
High Peak NC (Derbys) New- December 2011  
Corby NC (Northants) New– March 2012  
Cliftonettes (Notts) Reaccred– December 2011  
Hucknall Town (Notts) New– June 2012  
Nottingham Knights (Notts) New– June 2012  
Stapleford NC (Notts) Reaccred– June 2012  
Melton Mowbray NC (Leics) Reaccred– June 2012  
Fenland NC (Lincs) Reaccred– June 2012  
Washingborough Imps (Lincs) New– March 2012

Silver:  
Brackley NC (Northants) Reaccred– September 2012  
Sleaford Barge NC (Lincs) Reaccred– September 2012

If you would like to sign up to for CAPS, visit www.englandnetball.co.uk/make-the-game/CAPS
Derbyshire

Sportivate funds Back to Netball Sessions

Having successfully obtained funding through Sportivate, two Back to Netball programmes were delivered in partnership with Aldercar Community Language College, Amber Valley and Brookfield School, Chesterfield.

The aim of Sportivate is to encourage young people aged 14-25 to take up sports they previously haven’t played before or to encourage them to return to sport. Clubs or deliverers can receive funding for running sessions.

Both of these programmes exceeded expectations with over 60 women accessing this provision and returning to netball. More importantly we had enough new players age 14-25 years to be able to secure the full amount of funding through Sportivate for the delivery of both of these programmes. Each of them are still running and actively seeking more netballers.

If you or your club want to get new players and you have a level 2 coach, then contact Julian Taylor (Derbys NDO) on 07545 924993 who is planning programmes to be delivered from April 2013.

Leicestershire

Kate Wilcox has been successful at screening for the IFNA International Umpire Award and was also allocated to the Fast 5 Tournament in New Zealand in November. Unfortunately Kate had to pull out just before the tournament due to a calf injury but well done on two more great achievements Kate!

Nottinghamshire

After several months of planning in partnership with Nottingham City NC, Cliftonettes NC and Nottingham City Council, two new after school netball programmes have been launched.

They run from 4-5:30pm on Tuesday’s at Clifton Leisure Centre and Thursday’s at John Carroll Leisure Centre during term time.

Girls aged 11-16 years can attend and it only costs £2.50 per week. Contact the local leisure centre or visit:- [http://www.mynottingham.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=19744](http://www.mynottingham.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=19744)
News from around the Counties

**Lincolnshire**

Right: Washingborough Imps NC receiving their CAPS certificate (see page 4)
Below: photos from the B2N tournament

**Back to Netball Tournaments**

The first of a series of Back to Netball Tournaments hosted by Lincolnshire Netball has taken place. Lincolnshire added the competition to their County League as an exit route and introduction to match play for ladies participating in Back to Netball schemes. Five tournaments will take place with points rolling over to the next round. Teams will be presented with awards at the Lincolnshire County Presentation Evening in April 2013 at the Epic Centre.

Five teams from the across the East Midlands entered the inaugural tournament held at the brand new Deans Sports Centre at Lincoln College. The teams played a round robin tournament of 13 minute halves. Teams came from Market Bosworth, Newark, Grantham, Bassingham and Brigg. The day saw some very competitive netball with games coming down to a single winning goal.

Newark came out on top in the first round with Market Bosworth 2nd, Grantham 3rd, Bassingham 4th, and Keadby Ladies from Brigg 5th.

The next round of the competition will be on November 18th.

For more information contact Louise 07545 924994 or email louise.key@englandnetball.co.uk.
Northamptonshire

Olympic Fever hits Back to Netball in Northamptonshire

Netball may not have been in the Olympics but it didn’t stop ladies signing up to Back to Netball programmes in the county. Netball is often quiet during the summer, but not in Northamptonshire which saw the exact opposite with more women and girls wanting to get back into netball. Kelly Walker (NDO for Northants) and Northants County Netball Association attended a number of Olympic ‘Live’ events to promote local clubs and Back to Netball across the county. The promotion proved a success with many women signing up to sessions and/or taking their daughters to netball clubs.

Back to netball sessions took place in Corby, Kettering and Raunds with a total of 75 new ladies dusting off their trainers and getting back on the court. This has been a real turning point for netball in Northamptonshire which is going from strength to strength - more women and girls are joining each week. Additional sessions are being set up in Wellingborough and at Northampton University with the aim of hosting a county festival before Christmas. Lisa Bower from Corby said ‘I moved to the area in the summer and wanted to join a club. I’ve loved it as I have made new friends and am doing something I enjoy, as well as keeping fit. I love being part of a team and seeing the progression each week when we play’

National Goalden Globe nomination

Kelly Walker, Chair of Abacas Netball Club, Corby and NDO for Northamptonshire was nominated for the England Netball Rose Award for her volunteering with netball. Kelly has set up a club from former league training / back to netball session and is actively promoting netball in her spare time wherever she goes. Kelly formed a Back to Netball team which participated in a summer league and the team finished 3rd (out of 6). Kelly attended the England Netball Goalden Globe Event in September and was overwhelmed with the nomination saying ‘It is a real privilege to be nominated and to be shortlisted for a National Award. There are so many volunteers doing a lot of great work and to be nominated was a rewarding experience in itself’

Local Coach receives Club Spirit Award

Rosemary Saunders from Corby Junior Netball Club received the Club Spirit Award for running Corby Sport Dimensions, an activity day camp which operates throughout school holidays for five to 15 year olds. The programme provides many opportunities for teenage residents to become young leaders at the camp which involves them helping out with the planning and also taking part in the activities. Rosemary is the founder of Corby Junior Netball Club which provides coaching opportunities for High 5 netball through to Seniors. Well done on your award!
Loughborough Lightning 2012/13

Fixtures:
Monday 11th February away v Team Northumbria
Monday 18th February home v Surrey Storm
Saturday 23rd February away v Northern Thunder
Saturday 2nd March away v Team Bath
Saturday 8th March away v Hertfordshire Mavericks
Saturday 16th March home v Celtic Dragons
Saturday 23rd March home v Yorkshire Jets

Booking tickets
To book tickets to any of Lightning's home games, visit http://loughboroughsport.com/

Regional Talent Development Programme 2012/13

We would like to congratulate the following athletes who were successful at the Regional Screening Day and have made it into the 2012/13 Regional Talent Development Programme:

**Derbyshire:** Amelia Tarrant; Cherese Naylor **Nottinghamshire:** Bethany Moore; Rebecca Nock; Mia Day; Beth Shotton; Emma Davies **Northants:** Tara Philby; Isabelle Baloguín-Lynch; Sasha Atlas; Emily Burnham

**Leicestershire:** Charlotte Bateson; Francesca Orton; Tilly Rees; Adelai de Muskwe; Beth Marron; Elise Wheatley **Lincolnshire:** Hattie Haswell; Pollyanna Seamer; Olivia Sowerby; Rosie Tate; Paige Carr; Becca Taylor; Molly Atkinson; Lilly Hughes

Wedding Congratulations
Katie Broderick, East Midlands Regional Coordinator, recently married her partner Ross Griffin. Everyone in the team would like to wish Katie and Ross all the best for their future together. Katie’s email and phone details remain the same, but she has changed her name to Katie Griffin. Congratulations to you both!

And Goodbye’s
Anne Henderson, East Midlands Regional Manager has decided to leave England Netball and is heading to ventures new. We would like to wish Anne luck for the future and thank her for all that she has done as a key volunteer in the region and as Regional Manger over the past few years.

For further information on news and dates visit www.eastmidlandsnetball.co.uk or email eastmidlands@englandnetball.co.uk