



**Middlesex County Netball Association  
AGM 21<sup>st</sup> June 2007**

**League Representative – Report**

This has been my first year in post as Leagues Representative and my first year on the County Executive and Management committees, and it's been a busy year.

I got involved primarily because of the new competition structure and because I wanted to ensure that Middlesex clubs weren't left behind as the emphasis and importance of club development and club competition increased. I wanted to make sure that the County had the correct structure in place to support it's clubs and players within the new competition structure.

Because of these changes the role of Leagues Representative and the work I have been doing this year has changed significantly from it's original concept. The role of Leagues Representative is to represent the local leagues in Middlesex on the County Executive Committee, to communicate information from the County to the leagues, to ensure the affiliated leagues are complying with the County affiliation requirements, and to support the development of these local leagues and their clubs. However, my main focus this year has been the development of the new County League.

To reflect these developments the Executive Committee is proposing an amendment to the constitution to include a County League Sub-committee whose Secretary will sit on the Executive Committee, as well as the Leagues Representative who sits on the Management Committee. The County League Secretary will take over responsibility for the County League to leave the Leagues Representative to concentrate on supporting the local leagues as discussed earlier.

So, my work this year has revolved around getting the County League ready for implementation next season and also developing a fair process for identifying a County champion this season to nominate for the Regional League play offs. Next year of course this team will be identified through the County League.

As almost all of you will be aware this has been a successful process that culminated in the County Tournament in April and the County EGM in May. Congratulations to Academy Netball Club for winning the tournament and winning a place in the Regional League next season. Also congratulations to Palmers Green Netball Club and Minchenden Netball Club for maintaining their positions in the Regional League.

The County EGM saw in excess of 30 teams represented at the meeting and received 30 applications for the County League commencing in September. Brenda Horn will be receiving the outstanding League fees and bonds at the end of this meeting from those teams. As the Regional League placings have been confirmed without the necessity of a play off this Saturday I had hoped to be able to present the County League divisions tonight. However, we have had a team drop out since the EGM which has affected the provisional placings, and until we receive final league fees from the teams tonight it seems wise not to announce the divisional placings until after the next League administration meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July.

Until the changes to the Constitution regarding the administration of the League come into affect in June 2008 (if agreed tonight) the Leagues Representative will continue to chair the sub-committee administering the league next season. And I would imagine there will continue to be a fair amount of work involved in monitoring and tweaking the league in it's first season.

At this point I'd like to day a massive thank you to all those people who have helped me to get the County League to this position. I've been supported by a group of knowledgeable and hard working individuals whose contribution and commitment to the League has been invaluable. In particular I'd like to thank Amber Buchan, Maria Mitchell, Jenny Harrold, Brenda Horn, and Imogen Williams who attended the monthly meetings and worked really hard to develop the format of the league and to organise the tournament. I'd also like to thank and welcome the new League Administration who will be taking over the reigns from this group and includes Amber Buchan, Jenny Harrold, Irenie Manfredi, and the County treasurer and Leagues Representative (possibly Brenda Horn and myself if we're voted back in).