

HERTFORD HEATH RANGERS NEWSLETTER 2012-13 SEASON

Silver CAPS

As you will be aware, this year we were awarded the Silver CAPS award from England Netball. CAPS stands for 'Clubs Action Planning Scheme' which is aligned to Sport England. It is built around a set of core criteria which ensure that accredited clubs operate to a set of consistent, accepted and adopted minimum operating standards. After a lot of hard work putting the file together and regular meetings with the England Netball Development Officer, it all paid off in the end and we can now proudly display the Silver CAPS logo. Maybe we will think about going for Gold in the not too distant future!



Coyotes Conquer Again

Our U12 team (*pictured right*) once again, showed us how talented they are. The girls won the Broxbourne & District Winter League for the second time running and were unbeaten in all league games last season and it didn't stop there as they also won the Turnford Junior Summer league - again undefeated in all games! The Coyotes have even broken a HHR junior record of scoring 65 goals in a game which is a fantastic score for such a young side to gain in a match. The Coyotes always thrive to do well in their games and push themselves right until the end. The team is very versatile which always gives us the option to switch players about if the need arises giving the girls valuable experience of different areas of the netball court, something we believe is very important. Well done girls!



Success for the Seniors

We have played in the Welwyn & Hatfield League over the past four years and this year was the most successful yet. From the start of the season in September 2012, the team won the beginning of season tournament – we could feel from the start it was to be a good year! We were in the first division in the league and this is one of the few leagues where you can get promotion to county netball if you come first. There were



12 teams all together in division 1, including ourselves, and over the season you play every team twice, so that was 22 games to battle for the top spot. We had a few losses along the way but with winning more games and our sheer determination to succeed, we got there in the end! By the end of the season we were placed first and had the opportunity to get in to Herts League. We also won the end of season charity tournament so that was another trophy for the cabinet! At the presentation for the Welwyn & Hatfield League, we also picked up an award for best attack and the fair play award! A huge sweep of trophies were well deserved for everyone's hard work. Pictured (*left*) are some of the senior team with the awards. Also thank you to all players from our other teams within the club who have stepped in to help us out during the season.



Promotion to Herts League

For the first time in the clubs history, we have made it to county level netball which is the next step up from local leagues played in the area. After winning the Welwyn & Hatfield League we had to qualify in a tournament against three other teams from other leagues to earn our place in Herts League. The two teams with the most points at the end of the rounds would qualify and go



through. On Sunday 16th June at Stanborough School we played this tournament of three games of 20 minutes. We turned out our best players possible to try and achieve promotion. Our first game was against a strong Turnford team which we won and this gave us a good boost to carry on. Our next game was against Hornets where we unfortunately lost but still gained points and the last game against Kardale was a success so, with enough points, it was Hornets and Rangers that made it through to the league. So, as from September we will be playing on a Sunday morning so do come and support us if you can. As a club this is a great achievement and we would like to keep in this league for our teams of the future.



Bears and Wolves

Our U11s (*Bears team pictured right*) have also done themselves proud this last year as they too won their age group division in the Broxbourne & District League, just like our Coyotes. The Bears also did brilliant in the Turnford Summer League finishing in second place. The girls could have come first but we unfortunately had to cancel a few games towards the end of the summer but even with those cancellations, to finish second is fantastic. Well done girls for all your hard work.

Whilst our U13 team the Wolves have also played brilliantly this season - although the girls haven't won any of the leagues they have played in they show great determination every game and have proved a challenging match to many of the other junior teams in their division. There have been some real nail biting games to watch this past season and the girls keep getting better and better. A special mention must go to Eloise Bishop who has received player of the match for nearly every game of the summer season, a brilliant achievement for her and shows just how hard she works in every game as GD. Also we are very pleased with how committed the team are at training.



Satellite Success

Having so many talented U12 players, this year we were able to put forward more than the maximum number of three players per club. Successful candidates were Milly Davies and Phoebe Hoskin from the U12s and from our U14 age group, Elizabeth Francis. A huge congratulations to all girls and for those that didn't make it this time around or didn't get the chance to trial, we will soon be looking again for next year.



Photos (L-R): Phoebe Hoskin, Milly Davies and Liz Francis

Village Fete

This year we had such great fun at the Village Fete with our usual 'Netball Shoot-Out' competition with a tombola, bric and brac stall – not to mention the yummy cakes very kindly made by players, coaches and parents. Also thank you to those who kindly donated items to sell/raffle on our stall. We had the best Rangers turn-out this year and the help was very much appreciated by Maureen Perez and Julie Francis. In total, we raised £247.30 for club funds. Without such fantastic support, we would not be able to run such events. Again, a huge thank you to those of who you who came down to help and or/support us on the day, there are just too many of you to mention but we are extremely grateful!



A Rangers Record

Well done to the Rangers 2 team aka the Vixens (*pictured right*) as the first senior team in the club (to our memory) to secure 78 goals in a game!! It was a great game to watch with some fantastic displays of netball. The game was against a Turnford team believe it or not, who only scored 7 goals. Our team even swapped around their usual playing positions to help make the game more interesting! Usual players Molly Brett, Lucy Hoskin, Hannah Hersant, Lil Dawson and Claire Daw were also joined on court by our girls back from university, Jodie Butcher and Hayley Varney. This team also narrowly missed out on promotion to Division 2 of the Turnford Winter League but we are confident of a very successful season ahead - also with the girls playing in Herts League!



CD Phoenix Tournament

On Sunday 5th May, we entered a big junior netball tournament in East Grinstead. Teams entered into this tournament were our U14 Hawks and U12 Coyotes. It was our first time as a club to have entered this tournament which turned out to be a very big event with many teams entering. All together there were 9 courts which was just as well with 74 teams to accommodate! The U12s were split into 3 groups and the U14s were in 2 groups. The Coyotes did extremely well as they managed to secure second place in the group which got them through to the semi-finals, unfortunately the girls lost out in the semi-final game even when we did have a positive 2 goal lead at one point, it was clear that tiredness had hit the girls physically and mentally. We only had 7 players for the Coyotes that day, so there were no subs to allow any of the girls a break which the other teams had to their advantage. The Coyotes did superbly to get where they did and we couldn't have been happier. The Hawks unfortunately didn't make the semi-finals but that's not to say that they didn't have some great games. Once warmed up the girls worked well together and displayed some great netball. It was a long day but pleasant weather and a well-run tournament. Thank you to all those girls that took part and to all the parents that supported on the day and helped with transport. Hope you all enjoyed the day with HHR! We will be looking to enter this tournament again and/or other tournaments of this standard so our teams have the opportunity enjoy and experience different types of tournaments.



Goodbye to Hawks and Foxes

A special mention must go to our Foxes team (*pictured right*), some of which are off to university in September. The remaining girls will be playing with our senior teams in a variety of leagues. The Foxes have played as a team for a very long time and have been an absolute pleasure to watch over the years. Whilst our Hawks team (*pictured below*) move on up to senior level netball from September and so there will be no more Hawks, but we are sure those girls will enjoy and look forward to the next stage of their netball development.



We have seen a lot of movement within teams at senior level this season and it is great that so many of our players regularly help out other teams within the club. This is a great way to play more games and even try out different positions, we feel this is strengthening our senior teams no end. Our Falcons have just played a good summer season in the Turnford League and we are looking forward to the season ahead.

If parents or players are on Facebook, then please make sure to join our Facebook group as this is a great way to update you on club progress with match reports on a regular basis, not to

mention other club news.

There has been so much going on this past season but it has been great fun - looking forward to the season ahead!