

Leicestershire Society of Rugby Union Referees

August 2018

Next members' meeting takes place on Monday 20 August 2018. There will be a short presentation on the latest law updates and guidance plus a 5 minute presentation from Tim Westwood, RFU community Coach about the new Leicestershire Colts leagues.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 14 August 2018- Practical training session with (and at) Belgrave RFC. 7.30pm start. The session will focus on the Breakdown.

Thursday 14 August 2018- Practical Training session with (and at) Belgrave RFC, 7.30pm start. The session will focus on the Scrum, and will be followed by a curry.

Monday 20 August 2018, 6.45pm - Yo-yo Fitness Test at Vipers RFC- for our ambitious members/members who wish to progress to/beyond level 7. Come and run it and make a statement!

Monday 20 August 2018, 7pm for 7.30pm- Members Meeting at Vipers RFC. New kit, flags and scorecard wallets to be distributed to paid up members who completed at least 10 games last season.

Thursday 23 August 2018 7.30pm- Assessor training session at Lutterworth RFC, who are playing Old Laurentians match to be refereed by Pete Connor (more details at page 4).

Sunday 28 October 2018- 1pm for 1.30pm- President's Lunch to take place at Longliffe Golf Club (menu and instructions for payment feature at page 3).

DID YOU KNOW- you can now pay your subs by bank transfer? £12 for active referees, £9 for inactive referees and £5 for students.

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Thank you to all members who attended the Annual Dinner in April 2018. This year we decided to raise money for the Doddie Weir Foundation. The raffle raised £894.15 and the Society made it up to £1,000. A special thank you to each person who won money in the raffle, and then donated the prizes to the charity!

Season 2018-19 - Note from your Chairman.

I hope you have had a relaxing summer and a very warm welcome to the new season to you all. Fixtures have been coming in thick and fast and I would ask that you let the appointments secretaries know your availability, by completing this yourself on the website, or contacting them directly.

This season will be throwing up some challenges to us as a Society, not least of which will be the likely switch to a new appointments system, called Who's The Ref (WTR). The RFU have adopted this as the system of choice for Referees Societies and the vast majority of Societies are now using it. To enable us to send out exchanges, apply for International tickets and various other things, we will have to migrate to WTR, probably at the end of the season.

We have been spoilt in some respects, by having such a good, informative, intuitive appointments system, set up by Kerrel Wills, in conjunction with Pro-Web.

Kerrel will be working hard to try and ensure that we still have the usability of our system, by exporting data from WTR into our system.

All members who completed 10 games last season will be receiving a new set of refereeing kit at the members meeting on 20th August. You will also receive a set of LSRUR Flags and a score card holder + score cards. The standard of the kit from Web Ellis is excellent and it will ensure all our members 'stand out' on the pitch! Wear it with pride.

Tom Brucciani, our training officer, has already set up a couple of pre-season training sessions, at Belgrave RFC and will be holding more sessions, as the season progresses. All members, at whatever stage in your refereeing career are all welcome and encouraged to attend these sessions; its never too late to learn.

As I've said before, LSRUR exists for its members. The committee work extremely hard to ensure that all members, receive the appointments commensurate with their grade, the opportunity to develop and to feel part of the Society, whatever your grade or role is. In turn this facilitates local rugby in Leicestershire, by providing the best officials we can to our clubs.

If this is not happening for you, please speak up; I am very approachable and would sooner hear of any problems/issues, good or bad, so that we can deal with them.

Personally, this season will be very different for me as, for the first time in 22 years, I will not be in the middle blowing the whistle. I had a right knee replacement at the end of July and am currently deep into rehabilitation. I will therefore, be coaching/mentoring referees and helping Geoff out with Match Observing.

I look forward to catching up with you all during the season; enjoy this wonderful game of ours!

Mark Elliott
Chairman
Leicestershire Society of Rugby Union Referees



President's Lunch MENU

Longcliffe Golf Club – Sunday 28th October 2018

Snells Nook Lane, Nanpantan, Loughborough, LE11 3YA

13:00 for 13:30

Select from:-

Starters

- 1 Carrot & Coriander Soup
- 2 Traditional Prawn Cocktail
- 3 Duck and Orange Pate served with Melba Toast
- 4 Deep Fried Brie Wedges with a chilli dipping sauce

Mains

- 5 Roast Topside of Beef with Yorkshire Pudding
- 6 Roast Turkey, stuffing and sausage
- 7 Poached Cod Loin, served with Parsley Sauce
- 8 Mushroom Risotto with parmesan shavings

All served with a selection of fresh seasonal vegetables, roast and new potatoes.

Desserts

- 9 Homemade Fresh Fruit Pavlova
- 10 Bread & Butter pudding with Custard
- 11 Baileys Cheesecake
- 12 Cheese and Biscuits

Coffee/Tea and Chocolates

Lunch selection Form

First Name	Surname	Starters Number	Mains Number	Desserts Number

Cost is £36.00 per couple

Cheques should be made payable to K E Wills

Bank Transfer Natwest 60-60-40 51059789

Please send your completed form to Kerrel Wills, 10 Brook House Close, Rearsby, LE7 4YG

Why not consider assessing?

If concerns about fitness or injury are bringing about the decision to stop refereeing, then why not consider becoming an Assessor/Advisor? It ensures continuing the close involvement in the sport and will be so helpful to the Society. For the more ambitious Members, it could also be a possible alternative route to achieving higher levels of officiating rugby.

Please contact SADO (Geoff Blackburn) if you would like further information or to discuss the possibility.

Pre-season Assessor Training Session

We are organising a pre-season training session for existing and potential future Assessors on Thursday 23rd August at Lutterworth RUFC. It is a friendly match between Lutterworth 1st and Old Laurentians 1st. Peter Connor will be refereeing the match and has kindly agreed for us to use his game as an Assessor training exercise.

Malcolm Eames has also kindly agreed to video the match, so that it can be studied later if required.

If you would be interested in attending, please contact SADO (Geoff Blackburn) who would be delighted to give you further information.

Sundays.

With the start of the new season fast approaching, there are already 3 key dates for your diaries with 3 x Super Sundays before Christmas for the various age group Cup games.

The first one is Sunday 16th September requiring approx 20 referees (both morning and afternoon), which will be a great opportunity to get back in to the routines of refereeing after the summer break.

The other 2 Super Sundays are on 4th November and 16th December.

Over the past couple of seasons we have been in the fortunate position of having a number of Junior referees available to referee on a Sunday but most of them will be going to university in September and with no new junior referees in the 'pipeline', any support from regular Saturday referees would be most appreciated – particularly for the 3 Super Sundays.

In addition to these Cup games, there will be the usual programme of Junior friendlies and Ladies games (predominantly afternoon ko), so please let me know if you can help out on a Sunday – just once a month would be most welcome.

As ever, I can be contacted on my mobile – 07896 202382 – or by email to Sunday@lsrur.co.uk.

Duncan Chandler
Sunday Appointments

EXPENSES SYSTEM

For those new members who are not aware and those members who may have forgotten the system for claiming expenses is:

Internal Games.

We pay the expenses twice a year in December and May. You can either send me your expenses monthly or twice a year to catch those payment timings. If you do send twice a year please do not put a month per sheet but just continue down the sheet until you have filled it.

Exchange Games

There is a different document to be completed and should be sent to me during the week after the game. This will then be paid immediately or as soon as I can get on the computer. Make sure you fill in all the boxes including other referees travelling with you.

Both forms are downloaded from the website and the appropriate form must be used. Send by e mail if possible to nickl_kibworth@hotmail.com

If you are late or forget to send on time let me know and I will normally be able to sort a payment but it does help the Society if the above timings are kept to.

Make sure I have your bank details to pay directly into your bank.

Nick Lacey.



CAPTION COMPETITION

Here is our esteemed Treasurer, Nick Lacey, entertaining Paul Wallace after the Annual Dinner at Welford Road. Nick was allegedly kept out drinking until 1.30am! Who can come up with the best caption for the above photo?