

Leicestershire Society of Rugby Union Referees

November 2017

Next members' meeting will be MONDAY 27 November at Vipers RFC, 7pm for 7.30pm. Please remember the name-badge you were issued with at previous meetings. Tom Brucciani will be delivering a session on 'managing chat', more details below.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 27 November 2017- Members' Meeting at Vipers RFC.

Saturday 9 December 2017- Curry Social, venue tba.

Friday 20 April 2018- Annual Dinner at Welford Road.

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Did anyone notice Geoff Knight guest-starred in England Rugby's 'Try of the month' video? A Hinckley u14 player scored a fantastic try, it can be seen here:

<http://www.englandrugby.com/news/hinckley-rfc-solo-effort-named-try-the-month-1326993/>

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Tickets are now available for the six nations (with the exception of the match vs France). Please contact John Hill if you would like to register your interest- johnhill01@sky.com

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MEMBERS- please be reminded the first payment of internal expenses is made in December so please get any expenses to Nick Lacey as soon as possible.

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The Grading Meeting will take place on 4 December 2017, it is the responsibility of each referee chase their coach/mentor to ensure that the committee have copies of any coaching/mentoring reports in advance of the meeting. To not provide these may affect your chances of being promoted!

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For anyone that has not yet paid their subs, Pete 'the Debt Collector' Bower will be set up at the back of the Vipers Clubhouse at the members meeting ready to take payment from those members who have not yet paid! You DO NOT want to be on Santa's naughty list this year, so cough up!

MANAGING CHAT

Following the meeting I will be running a training session on "Managing Chat".

This key management skill is vital to prevent a loss of control whilst refereeing and will help all referees to avoid cases of abuse, potential flashpoints and red cards and hopefully make every game more pleasurable to referee.

The session will hopefully offer tips and suggestions on how to

- recognise where players are becoming truculent (i.e. mardy!)
- adjust your management to prevent escalation and a loss of control
- deal with unto-operative captains/players/coaches
- maintain your composure and authority when players/spectators start sniping

Please try to attend if you can - even if you have seen this presentation before.

Managing "chat" is perhaps the hardest challenge we have when trying to keep control without being a dictator.

Get it wrong and pressure builds, tempers rise, control slips and enjoyment, (the whole reason we do this) ebbs away! (Much like giving a training session really!)

I look forward to a packed house!

Tom Brucciani

Hon Training Officer

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Congratulations to Christophe Ridley who will referee his first premiership match on Sunday 26 November 2017 between London Irish and Wasps. Good luck Christophe!



SOS Kit Aid

At the members meeting on Monday 27 November, I will be collecting rugby kit for the charity 'SOS Kit Aid.' This is a charity which collects pre-loved/used/unwanted rugby kit and delivers it to young players in the UK and around the world, who are unable to provide their own kit, to allow them to participate in this wonderful sport of ours.

You can read about the charity here <http://www.soskitaid.com/>

So, if you have a cupboard full of old shirts/shorts/socks that you no longer wear, dig them out and bring them along to the next members meeting. Your other half will; be delighted at the space you will create !!

I have been in contact with Gary Welsh, who is the East Midlands representative for the charity and I will be meeting up with him after the meeting, to deliver the kit.

Mark Elliott
Chairman
Leicestershire Society of Rugby Union Referees.

Sundays:

Well, what a busy few weeks since the last Newsletter in October, including two sets of 9 referees on duty at each of the Boys and Girls County games – thank-you to everyone who participated with some very positive feedback from many County coaches (including the England U18 Manager).

Looming ahead on the horizon on Sunday 10th December, is the next Super Sunday with the quarter finals of the Junior County Cups for all age groups, plus Ladies League matches and the usual friendlies, so approximately 20 referees will be required (morning and afternoon). Thank-you to everyone who has offered their services so far, but further referees are needed and please let me asap if you are interested.

Finally, a plea on behalf of our Recruitment Officer – Noel Manchester – as the Society have a number of Junior referees who would benefit from an experienced referee watching them on a Sunday to aid their development and if you are interested, please contact Noel or myself.

Thank-you to everyone who has given up their valuable time on a Sunday and in some instances, refereed 2 games on the same day.

As ever, I can be contacted on my mobile 07896 202382 or by e-mail to sunday@lsrur.co.uk

Duncan Chandler

President's Lunch

The 2017 President's Lunch was held at Longcliffe Golf Club with referees, their partners and friends enjoying a great 3 course lunch. A huge thank you to Kerrel and Terri for organising such a successful and sociable lunch!

