



Exeter Saracens (Junior Section) RFC

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Sarries Juniors

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Christmas Draw 2007

CONGRATULATIONS !!! Over £1300.00 was raised for the club funds. Thanks to everybody who was involved who made this such a wonderful success. Special thanks to the people who donated prizes, who ran the bar and who helped in the kitchen. For those of you who attended, surely you'd agree that you've never seen so many people in the clubhouse. Well done Tim Ridgeway and **HERE'S TO THIS YEAR** when I'm sure it will be bigger and better again!

Fixtures Secretary

The Junior Section Committee will shortly be looking for a new / replacement member. Dave King (U14's) has been Fixtures Secretary for a number of years and now wants to relinquish the reins on this position. He will step down at the end of this season but has said that he will walk through next year with the replacement. As a committee we see the replacement as hopefully being a fresh face from the large number of parents that we see on the touchlines each week. It is a key position on the committee and one that is hugely rewarding. Anybody interested please contact Dave Garratt (U13's) - Chairman, Dave King (U14's) or your age group coach.

New Years Eve Party

Again a huge success this year. Look forward to next year when again you'll have to get your names down early! Well done to all involved in the organisation of this great annual club event.

Kit News

SHIRTS

They've been flying off the pegs !!! The U14's and U15's have run out in them as club match shirts and copious numbers have been bought for Christmas presents and the like. I've got to say, they do look smart. Certain sizes have sold out due to demand but hopefully by Sunday 20th January stocks should be completely replenished.

KIT BAGS

Still taking orders and again many were ordered and received prior to Christmas. There is a certain buzz going around about this new kit !

Fiona and Graham are the first port of call for all kit. Please contact them for details of shirts, kit bags and all other stocked items. They are in the club house most Sunday mornings.

Royal Mail Foundation Fund

Calling all Royal Mail Employees... It has been highlighted that Royal Mail employees can apply for sponsorship / a grant from the Royal Mail Foundation Fund. A Parent/Coach from the U10's has recently secured a sum of money for kit for the age group. If there are any other Royal Mail employees within the Sarries ranks and if the urge takes you then perhaps you can look into the fund and perhaps approach the committee to establish what the funding might be used for.

Exeter Saracens Auction

The Club is going to run sometime in the near future an auction to raise funds for the club. With the help of others, this will be coordinated and run by Tim Ridgeway (U11's). What is required initially is people to donate a special prize or pledge an event or skill that can then be auctioned off on the day. The pledge can be absolutely anything. From cutting grass for a month, to bricklaying for a day, to an Indian Head Massage ! Absolutely anything! Anybody who can give supply a prize or pledge should contact Tim Ridgeway (U11's)

Hopefully this should end up being a fun packed event with lots of fun and entertainment.

CRB Certification

THIS IS A REPEAT OF THE REQUEST LAST MONTH -

Please can all coaches and assistants ensure that their CRB certificates are up to date. Jerry Bricknell (U13's) is the CRB Officer on the Junior Committee and will help where ever it is necessary. He has the relevant forms if anybody needs to re-apply. Jerry will then also require your certification number, upon receipt, and the expiry date so that a gentle reminder can be issued when renewal comes around.



2008 Festival News

BREAKING NEWS - The U9's Festival this year will be on 13th April 2008 and held at Tavistock RFC. On the same date the U10's will be held at Barnstaple RFC.

Clubhouse Refurbishment

This is linked to the Seal Of Approval article in last months newsletter where names were asked to be submitted to Dave Garrett in conjunction with the clubs 'Volunteer List'.

This closed season the club is looking to refurbish the toilets of the clubhouse. Daz Mullins (U7/8's) is looking at fronting up this operation and already has a few skills sorted as well as donating his own. What is needed is for people with specific skills (i.e. plumbing, plastering, building, tiling, carpentry, etc) to volunteer their services for a few hours so as to save the club as much money as possible. If there is anybody with contacts within the Builders Merchant business then again any discount or donations will go to benefit the overall cause.

Please contact Daz Mullins (U7/8's) with your suggestions and also please also register your skill with Dave Garratt so that it can be logged within the RFU Seal Of Approval.

Clubhouse Security

Unfortunately between the weekend of the Christmas Draw and the New Years Eve Party some audio/visual equipment went missing from the clubhouse. This has been reported to the police. If anybody saw any suspicious behaviour from anybody between these times whilst the clubhouse was being used especially in the rear function room then please can you contact Phil Shires (U14's / Vice Chairman) with any information.

The committee reminds people that no responsibility can be taken for valuables left unattended in the clubhouse.

Sarries Web-Site

<http://www.exetersaracens.co.uk/>

Over the Christmas period things have slowed up a little due to other commitments of web site developer. There is still work to be done on the Colts and U16's and also bringing results / reports up to date needs to be completed but hopefully all will be sorted soon.

The Committee Members are all up to date with their respective contact numbers shown if you require to get hold of anybody for any reason including any of the above notices. If in any doubt of how to contact anybody and you can not identify a specific person in person then please mail pditchburn@blueyonder.co.uk and the contact details will be forwarded.

YOUR INPUT - If you have anything specific that you think warrants being in the 'News Section' of the Junior Section web-site then please by all means get in contact with Paul Ditchburn (U12's) for the item to be possibly included.

Newsletter Circulation

The Junior Committee would like to get the Newsletter circulated to as many members as possible.

If you have seen this newsletter in the clubhouse, have not received it by e-mail and would like to be included on the electronic mailing list then please mail Paul Ditchburn (pditchburn@blueyonder.co.uk) with your Name, Players Name, Age Group and E-Mail Address and you can be added to the mailing list.

Members who have received this Issue by e-mail then please talk about it amongst others in your age group and again if anybody is not on the mailing list then please point them in the direction of submitting their e-mail address as above.

For anybody who is on the mailing list and wishes to be removed then please just reply with a mail to pditchburn@blueyonder.co.uk and the recipient will be removed.

**Thanks For Reading - Cheers Paul
(On Behalf Of The Exeter Saracens Junior Committee)**