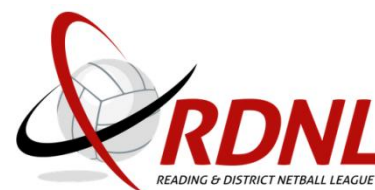


Reading and District Netball League Report

RDNL AGM - Wednesday 1st July 2025



Charlie - Welcome to the RDNL AGM for the 2025-26 season

Thank you all for taking the time to attend this evening, Tonight is about looking back at the achievements from the past season, reviewing our financial status and to look ahead and prepare for 26-27 season.

Your participation and insights are vital to help set the direction of our league and we encourage you to engage actively throughout tonight's meeting and please do ask questions in the scheduled AOB session.

Briefing on housekeeping for the evening – fire exits etc

Before the meeting we sent out the packs which include the detailed reports, we hope you have had time to read them. Included in the pack was the minutes from last year's AGM. Please can we have a proposer and seconder to sign off the minutes unless there are any proposed changes –

Proposer -Seema Ahmed

Secunder – Ellie DS

We will start the night off with some very successful tournaments we have throughout the season....

Charlie – Tournaments

We kicked off with our start of season tournament that took place on the 13th September, this was a good chance to welcome some new teams into the league and fun day of netball was had by all. A total of £500 was raised for the Thames Valley Air Ambulance.

On Wednesday 16th June RDNL hosted the second Primary School tournament. 17 teams from across the Berkshire area attended, across 3 age groups, including children from year 3 to year 6. Plenty of games were played and an impressive amount of goals were scored. The side lines were full of supporters- fellow class mates, Parents and Teachers. Thank you to Vicky who once again took the lead on delivering this tournament, and to all the RDNL members that came and helped on the day, whether that was umpiring or working on the very hectic results table, a big thank you.

This year saw the return of 1 last Donna's Day and on Saturday 9th May, Team DB came out in force and ran another fantastic tournament in memory of Donna. Brilliantly supported by lots of Teams from RDNL and lots and lots of netball was played!! A delicious cake stall and games and raffles helped the Team raise an amazing £3412 for the Berkshire Cancer Centre. It was such a brilliant day and Thank you to Team DB for the hard work and effort that went into it.

Carmelle - Umpiring

The full report has been sent out with the initial AGM pack, but we would like to congratulate all umpires, new and existing who have progressed with their umpire training and qualifications this season. Well done to Annie Rae who passed her C award this season with an awesome score of just 17 points.

Last season we introduced the role of Umpiring co-ordinator, and we would like to say a special thank you to Ellie, who took on the role and has done a brilliant job this year. Supporting the teams to find umpires and swapping umpires around if needed – Thank you! Again it has been challenging ensuring every game is covered but we thank all the umpires who help support the league and allow the games to run.

There will be another session of game management before the start of the season, so please keep your eye out for details that will be sent out shortly.

The social leagues are going to be used as starter games for the trainee umpires who will all have a mentor with them at matches. Once confident enough they will then progress their journey within the RDNL.

We have an amazing umpiring team at RDNL, so if you are interested in starting your umpiring journey, then please email Su on the RDNL umpires email.

Carmelle - Treasurer Report

A full report has been included in the AGM pack which sets our current bank balance along with Credits and Debits from the year. Overall normal year for RDNL with no major exceptional spends.

One thing that does need mentioning is we have been advised by Theale there will be an increase of court costs from March 2027. It has been agreed that this cost will remain in place for the next 3 years, this does mean however that will need to increase the fees for the 26/27 season. We don't envision this being a huge increase, but further information regarding the cost will be communicated ASAP.

A special thank you to Leanne, our treasurer, who all alongside a new born baby, has been keeping up with the accounts, attending meetings with Theale to discuss contracts and navigating a whole new booking system!! Thank you Leanne, your time and effort has not gone unnoticed!

Does anyone have any questions? As per normal procedure we need a proposer and seconder to adopt the accounts.

Proposer – Bethan Beasley

Secunder- Sara Widdows

Carmelle - RSNL

Reading Social Netball League continues to go from strength to strength and now has 18 teams on a Monday and 10 on a Thursday, both based at Theale Green School.

The Monday evening has two Divisions with lots of RDNL players taking part and the Thursday evening has one Division with more back to netball teams and new teams entering.

There is space for more teams to get involved within the Thursday league, so if anyone has any friends that are interested to get back to netball or new to netball, Su is your contact for this.

We also have the mixed league on a Tuesday, which is a pay and play session – ideal to get partners, brothers and friends involved! Rob and Ellie are your contacts for this, so do get in touch if you are interested.

Social Media

Our social media platform has been going from strength to strength, all thanks to our social media Guru Rachel. Instagram has grown this season starting with about 130 followers and now reaching 400!! If you're not already doing so, please start following [rdnl_netball](#). We would love to start including team photos on our posts, so next season please do send some photos in we can share.

Huge thank you to Rachel for the time and effort she puts into this, it all looks great!

Charlie - Committee Elections

A big thank you to every member of the committee for all your hard work, time, and dedication over the past year. Your commitment behind the scenes has been crucial in keeping everything running smoothly and supporting the growth of our league. We fully appreciate each and every one of you are volunteers, with jobs and home life to also content with and we know that is not always easy!! So Thanks so much for everything you do! We have some gifts for you all, which will give to you at the end of the evening.

We do have some changes this year, including one member standing down. Aaliya- we thank you for your time spent on the committee and one member taking a break – Vic W, thank you for the many years you have been on the committee, we hope you enjoy the break and see you back another time.

So we do have some vacant positions to fill - These are all division Reps – Midweek Division 2, 3 and 4, along with Saturday Division 1 rep.

So, we'll run through the committee members and positions of those who are happy to stay on the committee first. This is something we have to do, so please can we have proposers and seconders for those. We will then look at new members who would like to join the committee.

Position	Name	Standing again?	Proposed by	Seconded by
Co-Chairs	Carmelle Textor Charlie Wood	Yes	Angela O'Neill	Su Oliver
Vice Chair	Vicky McLaughlin	Yes	Rachel Stout	Rachel Caswell
League Secretary	Jen Pavey	Yes	Tracy Little	Amy Jones
Treasurer	Leanne Oughton	Yes	Cath Venning	Laura Dean
Meetings Secretary	Vicky McLaughlin	Yes	Caran Smith	Jo Anderson
Fixtures Saturday	Vanessa Palmer	Yes	Nikki Smith	Emma Card
Fixtures Wednesday	Tracy Little	Yes	Ash Humphries	Sophie Hicks
Social Media	Rachel Stout	Yes	Vanessa Palmer	Laura Johnson
Publicity	Sarah Widdows	Yes	Saskia	Vicky Heath
League Development Officer	Su Oliver	Yes	Jenny Obin	Rob Holmes
Umpiring Secretary	Su Oliver	Yes	Andrea Varney	Carol Green
Umpiring Co-ordinator	Ellie Didier-Serre	Yes	Jen Pavey	Rachel Stout
Safeguarding Officer	Lauren Marcham	Yes	Katie (TNT)	Michelle Barton
Midweek Div 1 Rep	Claire Beasley	Yes	Morgan (RG7)	Katie Beer
Midweek Div 2 Rep	Claudia Rodriquez	New	Rob Holmes	Amy Jones
Midweek Div 3 Rep	Linda Pavey	New	Liz Brown	Laura Dean
Midweek Div 4 Rep	Amy Jones	New	Tracy Little	Vic Padgett
Saturday Div 1 Rep	Ellie Didier-Serre	New	Jen Wright	Vicky McLaughlin
Saturday Div 2 Rep	Debbie White	New	Caran Smith	Bethan Beazley
Saturday Div 3 Rep	Lauren Marcham	Yes	Nikki SMith	Seema Ahmed

That's the formalities of the evening done, before we move onto the fun part of the evening, we would like to open the floor to anyone that has any AOB?

AOB

To have the first game of the season agreed and shared as soon as possible

Taking a vote of whether to hold a start of the season tournament

Charlie - Special Thank You's

As you know, our league has been going for many, many years and we now have some wonderful ladies who have honorary positions within our league, so we'd just like to thank them for their ongoing support of the RDNL:

Our President Caran Smith and Vice Presidents, Jo Anderson, Jennie Underwood, Linda Toms, Lynne Tyler and Nikki Manwaring.

This year we would also like to welcome a new Vice President, and this is Vicky McLaughlin. As you will know Vicky spent many a year being a member of the RDNL committee and 10 of those years were as Co-chair so we are delighted she has agreed to stand as a Vice President and continue to support the league in this honorary role.

Carmelle – Awards

We are now moving onto the award section of the evening, once you are called up please come up and collect the award and then move on to have your photo taken. Tracey will then be round to your table with a form for you to complete so we can keep track of the awards homes for the next 12 months, this does not apply to the individual trophies you may receive.

Midweek Winners and Runners Up:

Midweek Division 4

Winning 7 out of 10 games and finishing with 40 points, our runners up for MW Div 4 are Elements Titanium.

The MW div 4 winners this year, winning 10 out of 10 games and a really strong goal difference, are Thunderbirds 4.

Winners – Thunderbirds 4

Runners Up - Elements Titanium

Midweek Division 3

After promotion last year and a strong first season in Div 3 the runners up of MW Div 3 are Firebirds.

Taking the top spot, with 11 out of 12 wins and finishing on 57 points, the Winners of Div 3 are LP Whirlwinds.

Winners – LP Whirlwinds

Runners Up - Firebirds

Division 2 Midweek

The MW Div 2 runners up this year, finishing just 3 points behind the winners, are Thunderbirds 3.

The Winners with just 2 losses all season, are RG7 Rockets.

Winners – RG7 Rockets

Runners Up - Thunderbirds 3

Midweek Division 1

So we have a new runner up for MW Div 1 this year, with 2nd place going to LP hurricanes.

And once again, its another clean sweep, finishing 16 points ahead of the runners up, the Winners of MW Div 1 is **Thunderbirds 1!**

Winners – Thunderbirds 1

Runners Up - LP Hurricanes

Saturday Winners and Runners Up:

Saturday Division 3

Winning 10 out of 14 games, the runners up spot goes to Henley Hawks 2.

The winners of Sat Div 3 and finishing on 65 points, are TNT Gym.

Winners – TNT Gym

Runners Up - Henley Hawks 2

Saturday Division 2

Finishing on 52 points and 9 wins in the season, runners up for Sat div 2 are RG7 Black.

And with 63 points, and a strong goal difference, the winners of Sat Div 2 is Volume.

Winners – Volume

Runners Up - RG7 Black

Saturday Division 1

Winning 10 out of the 12 games saw Sat div 1 runners up spot go to Exertis

And taking the top spot for Sat Div 1 this year losing just 1 game the winners are TRBL.

Winners – TRBL

Runners Up - Exertis

SPORTSMANSHIP – Only the overall team needs to come up and collect an award, however we will read out all winners from each division.

Midweek Sportsmanship

Division 4 – Thunderbirds 4 and Elements Hydrogen

Division 3 – Thunderbirds 2

Division 2 – Dreamteam

Division 1 – Thunderbirds 5

Overall – Dreamteam

Saturday Sportsmanship

Division 3 – Unite

Division 2 – Rubies

Division 1 – Exertis

Overall – Unite

PLAYER OF THE SEASON

Midweek Player

Division 4 – Maggie Bicknell (Elements Hydrogen)

Division 3 – Grayce Pigeon (LP Whirlwinds)

Division 2 – Zoe Maltman (Dreamteam)

Division 1 – Charlie Wood (Volume)

Overall – Zoe Maltman and Maggie Bicknell

Saturday Player

Division 3 – Jodie Hill (Henley Hawks)

Division 2 – Liz Brown (Volume)

Division 1 – Stephanie Beattie (Tadley)

Overall – Liz Brown

We now move onto the awards that we have in memory of Lisa Wise, and this is for the teams with best attack and best defence.

Midweek Best Defence

Winners– Thunderbirds 4

Midweek Best Attack

Winners – LP Whirlwinds

Saturday Best Defence

Winners – TRBL

Saturday Best Attack

Winners – Volume

We are now at the time where Su will come and present the RSNL and Umpiring awards – Over to you Su ...

RSNL award:

By rights this person should be at home, lying on the sofa with a large glass of something cold in her hand – probably watching Wimbledon or the football... Unfortunately she's been dragged here as "not many of her team could make it" – some of them "didn't even have excuses". She's my right hand person at the social league at tournaments and at junior camps – not to mention overseeing the Elements coaches when I'm away on Sundays. She's organised, cool, calculated and very funny with her quips and comments. You wouldn't want to be on the wrong side of her – especially on court!! I couldn't run the social leagues, tournaments, junior sessions and camps without her and I'm hoping she won't be giving up anytime soon. I was talking to her this morning about having to write these speeches and not knowing that she had won anything as obviously I told her I had given this one to someone else she said – just write on the paper Trista is fab, Trista does everything and Trista deserves all of the awards... So there you go!! The winner who definitely does deserve this award is Trista Thompson.

Sayer Toms Umpiring Trophy (for Most improved umpire):

This person approached me to learn to umpire and I thought she'd be loud and forceful as she is on court – however we've had to train her to blow her whistle loud and use her outdoor voice!! She's very quick which is what you need for good umpiring and she always beats me to the goal line when I'm following her. She keeps up with play well and has good terminology and is now starting to use her hand signals. She takes feedback on board and adjusts her umpiring accordingly – always asking questions and looking to improve her knowledge. I am sure that as soon as the season starts again and she's back for a few games we will get her up the Divisions and in for her C award. The most improved umpire last season goes to Carmella Anderson.

Jennie Underwood Award:

Looking after the umpires and bringing them on is a team eAort – I have lovely mentors who help me with assessing and feeding back to trainees and running the line with them to ensure that teams are given fair and unbiased umpiring. This is the part of the job I love! The part I don't love quite so much is when we have a fixture and teams don't have umpires – having tried all over facebook and on various groups but coming up blank. This person is a magician – she has juggled a million (well it felt like it) fixtures and umpires – swapping people here and there and bribing scorers with sweets – even roping in her husband. I could not have concentrated on my part of the Umpiring secretary job if she had not been there as an amazing back up. Really really really appreciate her and all the work she did last season – and I'm hoping she'll do it again next season!! The Jennie Underwood award goes to Ellie DS. Good luck with the pronunciation!

SPECIAL AWARDS

We have now come onto the presentation of our special awards, and our President and Vice Presidents are very kindly going to be presenting these awards.

Ros Witt Senior Players Award:

(Presented by Jennie)

This lady after returning from injury showed up for every match even only being able to play for a few quarters. She was supportive both on and off court, keeping us level headed with a direction during play. She is incredibly dedicated, dominates the court, and still runs rings around the juniors with her skill, fitness, and determination. She is also a pretty awesome coach and umpire, always giving back to the game and supporting those around her. Her passion for netball and commitment to the sport make her truly deserving of this nomination.

This year's Senior Player is – Trista Thompson.

Frasers Office Supplies Most Improved Player:

(Presented by Nikki)

This years most improved player has been nominated in her first season in RDNL. She has risen to the occasion and has had an amazing first season all while finishing her degree and turning 21.

She has shown huge growth within her game, really improving her defensive skills and is described as a powerhouse! Her ability to catch a rebound, intercept within the centre and be "here if you need" has shone this season She has made a massive difference to the team, is so positive and a very friendly player.

We hope she continues to build on this next season and move up from division 3 in the future – this years most improved player, for Mavericks- is Ella Flitcroft.

Junior Player of the Year:

(Presented by Jo)

This player received 4 nominations, and it took quite some time to compress all the lovely words into a quick speech.

This player is an absolutely phenomenal netball player, and I know how much she loves the sport! For someone so young her dedication and passion is inspiring.

She hasn't had things easy having to overcome illness and spending periods of time in hospital. She always persevered. Fast forward to today and a different type of player has emerged. Confident, but not cocky and wanting to consume as much Netball as she can.

She is always there to help out any team when asked and despite being an exceptional GA/GS she is always happy to play any position, she never complains and does it all with a smile. Her movement not only in the goal circle but more recently as a wa/wd is a joy to watch. And speaking from recent playing experience she is one of the hardest players to mark.

Netball truly runs through her veins, Her passion, dedication, and love for the game shine through every time she steps onto the court.

I cannot think of another young player who not only has the skill, but more importantly the passion and the kindness to be great!

This year's winner of the Junior award is Ash Humphries

Special Award for Services to Netball:

(Presented by Caran)

This lady is another nominee to receive 4 votes and she is described as the heart of her club. She has recently taken over as club secretary alongside her playing and umpiring responsibilities. She absolutely lives and breathes all things netball and has been phenomenal at taking on responsibility to ensure the club continues to develop across all levels and that all members are treated fairly, valued and their feedback listened to and implemented.

With her input and feedback, the club is stronger than ever and TB1 even won the Berkshire Prem League and went onto Regional Play offs where we placed mid-table. Without her, the changes that needed to happen to get us there may not have been the reality this year.

In a year of a lot of change she has gone above and beyond and we love and appreciate all she does. She makes Thunderbirds a lovely place to be and is constantly looking for ways to make netball more accessible for all and advance awareness for our sport.

We thank you for everything you do, the Special award winner this year is Camella Anderson

Special Mention

Before we close tonight, we also have a special mention, Congratulations to Su Oliver, who won “The outstanding contribution award” in the “Making it happen” category at the Netball South Awards. Alongside 2 other Berkshire winners Julie Arnold and Debbie Horn, Berkshire was incredibly well represented.

Well Done Su, the award is thoroughly deserved – So can we all give Su a round of applause and thank you for the dedication to show to help support Netball in our area.

Closing

Thank you all for attending tonight’s AGM, Your ongoing support to the league is what helps make it stronger every year.

We appreciate everyone who has contributed to our success over the past year — from committee members to coaches, players, volunteers, and supporters.

We had a few players this season who sustained some injuries, so we want to wish you all well, speedy recoveries and we hope to see you back on court very soon!!

The new committee will be meeting shortly to start preparing the Book and Fixtures for the next season so please keep an eye on your inboxes as these should be with you within the next month or so.

If you have any further questions or ideas, please don’t hesitate to get in touch after the meeting. Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you back on the court.

With that, I officially close the 2025-26 AGM. Enjoy the rest of the evening!