

Waterloo Netball Annual Report 2014-15 (Autumn and Spring Terms)

This has been a year of further growth – a rapid spike in attendance in the Autumn has settled down to steady, more manageable numbers in the Spring.

We now have our own bank account and have processed most of our membership and termly fees through the paypal, via the revamped website. There have been some teething problems but this has reduced the financial administration.

We had an even bigger, subsidised, outing to the Copper Box – over 80 people this year!

Two of our coaches have achieved new qualifications – Sifa (volunteer assistant) is now a level 1 coach and will be paid from next term. Lyn (in charge of the year 5-6s) is now a level 2 coach. Well done to both of them. Hemi continues as a junior volunteer coach, as part of her Duke of Edinburgh Award. We welcome other girls in year 9 and above as volunteers, either as part of their D of E or for personal development.

Attendance

Autumn 2014

We offered all the girls who had taken part in London Youth Games (LYG) trials and training, free sessions in the Autumn. We applied for *Sportivate* – Olympic Legacy funding – to cover the cost of coaching for these girls. We also advertised these sessions in 10 local secondary schools. We had many girls join us through this outreach – mainly from 3 schools – St Saviours and St Olave's, Bacon's College and Notre Dame. In total, around 40 new girls came to at least one session through this. We realise that for some weeks, these extra girls "swamped" our regular, senior girls. There were mixed reactions – some of our regular members felt that they didn't get the match play they wanted, others were excited and challenged by the high standard of play with some of these girls.

Group	20-Sep	27-Sep	04-Oct	11-Oct	18-Oct		08-Nov	15-Nov	22-Nov	29-Nov	06-Dec
years 3-4	16	14	13	17	14		16	15	13	15	16
Years 5-6	12	8	8	14	12		14	9	13	9	10
Years 7+	5	8	6	9	7		14	9	13	9	10
Sportivate	17	22	38	40	42		38	36	8	19	26
Total	45	44	59	71	68		68	60	34	45	53

10 sessions (plus 1st session on 13th September was rained off!)

Spring 2015

We offered all the *Sportivate* girls reduced, pay-as-you go, fees. Of the 40 *Sportivate* girls, only 7 have come back to any session in the Spring term and only 4 have been to more than 1 session. It seems that even a modest weekly fee is real barrier to playing club sport for many of these girls. Of course, we hope that some of the *Sportivate* girls will return in the summer for free afternoon session for the London Youth Games (more below)

At the same time, the younger groups have grown in numbers and we had to start a waiting list, so that the groups did not become so big that the girls' experience was compromised. Having monitored the number of girls coming each week, we have now offered places to all the girls who joined the list over the last term.

Group	10-Jan	17-Jan	24-Jan	31-Jan	07-Feb		28-Feb	07-Mar	14-Mar	21-Mar	28-Mar
years 3-4	19	17	16	R	17		17	C	15	15	
Years 5-6	14	11	17	A	15		14	O B	9	11	
Years 7+	13	18	12	I	11		16	P O	14	13	
Sportivate	4	4	3	N	5		3	P X	3	4	
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Total	50	50	48		48		50	R	41	43	

8 sessions plus 1 rained off plus outing to the Copper Box

Summer 2015

We have booked 11 training sessions next term plus one week to go to the London Youth Games at Crystal Palace. We will keep the fees the same.

Dates: April 18th, 25th, May 2nd, 9th, 16th, 30th (no session on 23rd), June 6th, 13th, 20th, 28th, July 11th (plus Pizza Party in the Park) No session on July 4th – LYG Outing 9am-3pm,

LYG

We have, again, been asked to deliver the trials and training for Southwark's under 14s Netball team at the London Youth Games at Crystal Palace in July 2015. We have decided to keep these separate from our Saturday morning club training sessions, so the trials and training will be held on Saturday afternoons, 12.30-2.30pm, coached by Charlene. We have advertised these to the club girls who are eligible for the team (a handful) and to our *Sportivate* girls. Southwark are advertising through schools. We plan to take as many girls as can come, to watch the matches on 4th July, so there will be no training on these dates

Finances

We have covered our costs, with a small surplus each term. Next term, however, we expect our expenditure to go up: Court hire costs have increased and we will start paying one of our newly-qualified coaches. At the same time, our income from fees may go down, slightly, as we usually see a drop in turn-out in the summer, together with the offer of free sessions for our LYG-eligible girls.

We propose to use our running surplus to cover these costs, as we are not supposed to be a profit-making business! We will also dip into our surplus to pay for take away pizzas for our after-training party on 11th July. Members can bring drinks, salads and desserts, please!

We will monitor our income and expenditure this term, so we can plan for next year. We hope that we can keep the fees the same, but we will need to reassess this, at the end of the term and inform members of the fees next year.

Officers

We need some help! Please offer yourself where your talents are....