



## *Newsletter June 2009*

### Tournament News

A really good performance from all the club teams saw the U11 and U14 emerge as winners in their respective age groups, both the U12's and U15's reached the semi finals and particular mention goes to the U9's who were taking part in their very first competition, well done to everyone.

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make our two annual tournaments a success, again. We do rely upon parental support and without this these events would not go ahead. Particular thanks should go to Helen Dymond and Paul Evans for all their hard work in staging this years' events and to those parents who committed their time at both tournaments despite the fact that their own children were not playing. Six families spent a collective total of more than 60 hours at the first tournament alone! To all the parents who took their turn on the various refreshment stalls, you'll be glad to know that we raised a fantastic £1000 net profit, it was all worth it.

We think you will agree that, so much is owed by so many to so few!!

### Bag Pack

A very successful day was spent packing customer bags at Morrison's in Chester on Saturday 2 May. Because of the efforts of the girls who attended we were able to raise approximately £1,100. Thank you to those parents who acted as taxi drivers and stayed to supervise. Once again we were complemented on the hard work and exemplary behaviour displayed by our girls. Well done everyone.

### Race Night

Held on Saturday 25 April, the race night was a great success, We know those of you who attended had an enjoyable evening, as you might imagine there were some winners, some losers but the overall winners on the night were Chester Netball Club with a staggering £560 being raised.

### Parents Group

The above mentioned events are all organised and managed by a group of parents who meet regularly throughout the season and who are key to our fundraising activities. It is through our fundraising that we are able to keep our annual fees low, we have not increased these for the past 3 seasons. The parents group will spring to life again in September and are keen to involve many more parents with our fundraising activities, there is no formal commitment so your involvement could be as large or small as you are able to give, we are keen to involve as

many parents from across all ages groups as we can, as many hands make light work!!! Please remember we are all doing this for our children and all monies raised are re-invested directly within the Club. If you would like to find out more please contact Michele or Mona.

As Chairman, I would like to stress how important our fundraising activities are, you should know that they help us to pay for entry into and regular participation in leagues and tournaments, they also cover umpires costs and the training of coaches, umpires, first aiders and a range of other activities. Ball replacement is a regular activity that is not cheap. We introduced a new playing uniform throughout the whole club this season and, because of our extensive fundraising, were able to subsidise this to the cost of £20 per player, this coupled with the purchase of new playing patches and bibs exceeded £5000.

I have heard people question why they should support fundraising events and even support their own child at the tournaments, my response is that we are trying to provide a safe playing environment for young girls where they can develop their life skills through access to first class netball through Chester Netball Club, Cheshire County Academy and Satellites and on to NW high performance. We aim to make this possible for as many girls as wish to take up the opportunities whilst at the same time remaining committed to those girls who are content to compete in local grass roots competitions. As you might imagine this all costs money so fundraising is an essential part of our annual calendar, the alternative would be to increase the fees considerably and I fear this would prevent many young people from being able to participate in our Club.

#### Next Season

The new season will start on 1 September. The Committee is currently trying to finalise both Coaches and training times for the new season and we will be in contact again as soon as we have everything finalised.

#### Presentation Evening

This year the presentation evening will take place on Tuesday 30 June and will be held in the Lounge Area of the Cheshire County Sport Club, more detail will be sent to you from the respective Team Manager.

#### AGM

The AGM will be held in the Sports Club on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30, in either the Boardroom or on the Balcony. This is a very important meeting and I would like to encourage all parents to attend.

...and finally

We hope you have a good summer break and look forward to seeing you again in September.

*Chester Netball Club Committee*