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Whistle Stop Trips For IFNA President

February and March will be very busy months for the IFNA President, Molly Rhone.

First stop is Fiji in February when, together with the IFNA Vice-President, Pam Smith, Molly will meet members of the World Netball Championships 2007 Organizing Committee. On 20 February, Molly and Pam will take part in the Ceremony at which the Event Organizer Agreement for the 2007 World Netball Championships will be signed.

Molly then travels to Morocco to represent IFNA at the World Conference on Women and Sport from 7 - 9 March. Under the overall theme "New Strategies, New Commitments", the Conference will analyze progress made in the field of women's advancement at all levels in sport generally and in the Olympic Movement in particular. The Conference will also outline priority issues still facing women in sport and address relevant strategies and policy guidelines to meet these challenges in the years to come.

Travelling onto England, Molly has been invited to the Federation of European Netball Open and Development Championships in Bath, taking place 12 - 14 March where she will present the medals at the conclusion of the event.

During the week commencing 15 March, Molly is to chair meetings of the IFNA Members Council and Board in Manchester. During these meetings, a review of IFNA's Articles of Association and Regulations is to take place and recommendations will be prepared to place before a Special Congress to be held in 2004.

Jamaica Netball Association Welcomes New President

Following their Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers and Council Members in December, the Jamaica Netball Association bid farewell to Molly Rhone, who had completed the maximum ten year term as President, and welcomed new President, Sharon Donaldson.

Sharon, who has held various positions on the JNA Council for the past ten years, including Honorary Assistant Treasurer and, most recently, 1st Vice-President, is looking forward to the challenges of building on the foundations laid by her predecessors. Her dream is to increase the visibility and popularity of the sport in every Parish of the island, not just in the capital city of Kingston, and to provide increased opportunities for more young people to play Netball. At the same time, she hopes to put in place programmes that will increase the skill levels of the players and the overall technical competency of the coaches and umpires.

If her administration can accomplish this, she feels that it will be of great benefit to the national programme, as it will give more opportunities to garner new talent for the national squads, as well as corporate sponsorship for Netball.

Sharon will be assisted by an Executive comprising Yvette Smith - 1st Vice-President, Patrick Brissett - 2nd Vice-President, Marva Bernard - Honorary Treasurer, Hyacinth Smith - Honorary Assistant Treasurer, Dorothy Hobson - Honorary Secretary and Council Members, Yvonne Keane Dawes, Theda King, Patricia Parkins, Cora Ricketts and Joy Watson.

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Aspinall To Play In New Zealand

Leading England Netball international, Karen Aspinall, is to play for the "Capital Shakers" in this year's National Bank Cup competition, taking place from 17 April to 18 June in New Zealand.

Aspinall has been a member of the England squad since 1997 and has accumulated more than 50 international caps in her senior career. She was a member of England's bronze medal teams at both the 1998 Commonwealth Games and the 1999 World Netball Championships.

Her presence will certainly be missed by the England team when they face Australia in the March 2004 Test Series. However, Marg Caldwell, England's National Performance Director, is confident that time spent playing in NZ will be invaluable for Karen. "Reigning World Champions, New Zealand, are creating new standards at international level", says Caldwell. "While it is obviously disappointing to lose Karen for the Australia Test Series, I am certain that the experience will prove invaluable for her netballing education and I wish her all the best on her travels. We look forward to welcoming her back to the England team later in 2004."

IFNA Appoints Umpires To FENA Championships

International Umpires, Margaret Deighan, Hayley Gillman, Heather Gleadall, Jo Kelly and Carolene Logan have been appointed by IFNA to umpire at February's FENA Open Championships, to be held at The Cymru Sports Centre in Wales.

IFNA has selected Anne Abraitis, Alison Bennett, Judith Groves, Anne Marie Peacock and Claire Tyler to umpire at the FENA Development Championships, which will be taking place alongside the FENA Open Champs. Teams from The Republic of Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Wales U21 will be participating.

The Umpires Appointments Panel, for both events, has been appointed by IFNA and will be Ann Curran, Maggie Clark and Sheelagh Redpath.

News In Brief

- ◆ England Netball has opted for a team approach to coaching for the National squad, in the run up to the international series against Australia in March 2004. National Performance Director, Margaret Caldwell, has targeted specific English coaches to work alongside her and each will have specific coaching responsibilities. Coaches selected are Colette Thompson, Fiona Murtagh, Maggie Jackson and Mary Beardwood.
- ◆ Ms Kate Carpenter from New Zealand has been appointed as Netball Singapore's new National Coach/Technical Manager.
- ◆ IFNA President, Molly Rhone, has joined an elite number of outstanding Jamaicans in being awarded the prestigious Air Jamaica Golden Pass, which is only presented to Jamaicans who have brought fame and honour to their country. A Full Report will be included in February's "Shooting For Success".
- ◆ At the recent General Council Meeting of Pakistan Federation of Netball, the President, Mr Zafar Iqbal Awan, made a commitment to take steps to develop Netball in Pakistan from grass roots level. In his address he said "I will work at my level best for the improvement of Netball in Pakistan."
- ◆ Welsh National Netball Coach, Julia Longville, has been appointed as Director of Coaching and Performance with The Welsh Netball Association.

Netball Takes Priority Master Plan For Barbados

In a radical shake up of the way sport is financed in England, Netball has been named as one of the ten key sports to receive priority funding.

Under the new plans, Netball is to receive funds from one central source, Sport England, rather than the previous arrangement which saw the sport's finances provided by various organizations.

Commenting on the new funding system, Pauline Harrison, England Netball's CEO, said "As the most popular women's team sport in England, we are delighted that Netball has been selected as one of Sport England's priority activities for funding."

The Sport England arrangement will allow England Netball to focus on implementation of its new Corporate Plan, which should receive final approval in April. Roger Draper, CEO at Sport England, said "Our job is to get more people involved in sport and to increase our success at the highest level. Netball's plans are focused and deliverable and we look forward to working with England Netball to ensure that the game continues to grow and prosper at all levels, particularly in terms of increased participation."

Sport England's ten priority sports are Netball, Badminton, Cricket, Football, Golf, Hockey, Rugby Union, Rugby League, Squash and Tennis. These ten, together with a further ten identified by UK Sport, will receive 80% of all funding distributed by Sport England. A total of £130 million has been allocated to the twenty selected sports.

During September 2003, the Netball fraternity in Barbados was elated when the Minister of Sports announced that a new indoor facility, meeting international specifications, would be built where the present Netball stadium is located.

This is great news for Barbados Netball Association and, led by its President, Annette Beckett, BNA is about to take Netball to another level, with the development of the 2004 Master Plan.

In a determined effort to increase Netball's marketability, a series of discussions with businesses in Barbados has been initiated and it is hoped that these talks will lead to more sponsorship funding coming Netball's way.

Also addressed in the Master Plan is BNA's staffing requirements. In common with other successful Netball Associations, BNA has decided that, during 2004, it must move from relying entirely on volunteers to employing at least one paid staff member.

Launched on 27th September 2003, BNA's High Performance Development Programme is a special project developed by Barbados Netball Association. The Patron of the Programme is the well-known and respected international cricket commentator, Donna Symmonds.

The Programme initially has four modules: Physical Development, Mind and Body, Personal Development and Sport Specific. Its objectives are not only targeted at athletes but also at seeking to train and empower the sports administrators and officials. In the words of BNA, "the groundwork has been done. All that is now required is a commitment from everyone involved to achieve excellence in all areas of the Programme."

Malaysia's 25th Birthday Celebrations

2003 was a memorable year for Malaysia Netball Association as it celebrated its Silver Jubilee.

Throughout the year, many events were organized to commemorate the development of Netball in Malaysia and also to celebrate the wide participation of women in the game of Netball, both directly and indirectly.

Some of the activities that took place were the 19th Youth Championship, a Netball Shooting Competition in June, the 25th National Championship, a Beach Netball Competition and a celebratory MNA Silver Jubilee Night in August.

Two Umpiring Seminars and Coaching Courses were also held and MNA is hoping that 2004 will be just as good a year as 2003!

All Systems Go For WYNC 2005



With the Opening Ceremony of the 2005 World Youth Netball Championships just 18 months away, the Organizing Committee is pulling out all the stops to make sure the event is a huge success.

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The venue is booked and accommodation is in the final stages of planning. There is seating for 5000 spectators and ticket prices will soon be available on the WYNC 2005 website.

Headed up by a Doctor specialising in sports medicine, the Medical Committee is in place and will soon be meeting in order to assess how to offer the very best medical coverage.

England Netball has assisted USANA by allowing a WYNC 2005 promotional table at each of the three test matches between England and Australia in March 2004. A promotional event is also planned to take place immediately prior to WYNC 2005 and will be a Festival of Netball for clubs. This is to "christen" the new purpose built Netball Centre, currently under construction in Fort Lauderdale, and to also encourage more people to attend the World Youth Champs.

Entry Forms for WYNC 2005 will shortly be distributed to all Full Members of IFNA with a deadline date of 1 July 2004 for completion and return.

If you would like more information about the 2005 World Youth Netball Championships, or the opportunities the event can offer, contact WYNC2005@aol.com

DAISY TAN

It is with deep regret that Netball Singapore has just advised IFNA of the death of Daisy Tan. Daisy was a wonderful person and a great ambassador for the sport. Next month's Shooting For Success will include a Full Tribute to Daisy by the IFNA President, Molly Rhone.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

20 - 22 February 2004: FENA Open and Development Championships, Wales
 23 - 29 Feb 2004: Fiji National & U21 -v- NZ U21, Fiji
 12 - 14 March 2004: U17/U21 FENA Championships, England
 15 - 21 March 2004 - IFNA Meetings, Manchester
 18/20/22 March 2004 : England -v- Australia, Manchester, Birmingham and Wembley

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