

## **Competitive Award Winners 2006**

### **Young Volunteer of the Year Award**

#### **Lydia Naylor (Northwich Sapphires)**

Lydia has transformed Northwich Sapphires by setting up junior training sessions for 9 – 15 year olds. A previously adult club now has over 50 junior members. Lydia is keen to see the junior section develop and has therefore written a development plan, which includes, short, medium and long term goals. Lydia is now enthusing other young players to take on leadership roles within the club and has set up a school/club links project with a local primary school. As well as her voluntary work undertaken in her club, she also supports her County as their Welfare Officer.

### **Community Volunteer of the Year Award**

#### **Vicky Blakey (Bishop Auckland NC)**

Vicky set up a junior section within her club after both herself and the local sports development officer identified the need. The club, which is based in a rural deprived area, has flourished with over twenty girls attending training each week and two teams playing in the Darlington Junior League. Vicky is a Level 2 coach and has been successful in encouraging other senior members of the club to take up both coaching and umpiring to ensure the growing number of girls is coupled with a growing volunteer workforce.

### **Netball Teacher of the Year Award**

#### **Donna Osborn (Sir Jonathon North School)**

Donna encourages all girls regardless of their abilities and ensures that everyone is involved in activities. Donna has supported a number of High 5 events and has encouraged her older students to take up leadership roles at them. She is also involved with the Schools Netball Association where she helps co-ordinate the school leagues and has developed strong school/club links with two local clubs. With her commitments to extra curricular netball, Donna volunteers around 10 hours per week.

### **Muriel McNally Award**

#### **Syd Smailes (Yendys NC)**

Syd has been at the heart of grassroots netball for over 30 years. His club, Yendys (Sydney spelt backwards!) has grown to 55 members, of which 75% are under 18. This strong junior club has thrived after Syd set up a school/club link with a local school. Syd has been instrumental in the club achieving their Gold CAPS award. He organises all the tournaments organised by the West Midlands Region including the Regional School's round.

### **Rose Award**

#### **Liz Bloor (Avon County Association)**

Liz is a member of the Avon County Association Committee. She co-ordinated a successful bid for £215,000 to create a netball centre in Bristol. In this new facility she set up a mini league and has managed to find a team of committed coaches to run the league. Liz is also a member of the South West Regional Management Board and runs the Regional League and lead on the

implementation of the new competition structure in the South West. Liz spends much time developing her club and has worked through CAPS and has helped to develop their coaches by organising and running a number of workshops.

### **Nextgen Award**

#### **FM Eclipse NC**

At the beginning of 2002, the club had one team, two level 1 assistant coaches, no umpires, and no committee structure. The club now boasts three adult squads, a brand new junior section, a coach development programme, an umpire development programme, a strong committee structure and a full social programme. FM Eclipse has been awarded with their Bronze CAPS accreditation. The club is keen to show their appreciation to the volunteers and one way in which they do this is to hold an annual award evening.