

Staffordshire ASA

Water Polo Secretaries Report 2008

The big event to happen in Staffordshire water polo this year, was in May. This was when Prince William attended the English Schools Finals, to meet the players and officials at Walsall Gala baths. He took time to chat with everyone who was participating and watched the games with interest, during the 2 to 3 hours he was in attendance. There were a large number of people from Staffordshire clubs who organized and officiated at this event.

Congratulations to Brian Pugh (Walsall), who is now an official asa delegate. He has been appointed to oversee and help raise the standard of refereeing at several events throughout the year.

Again, this year, Staffordshire has had a number of boys and girls attending the Regional Development Centres for training sessions held either at Walsall in the West Midland Region, or in the North Region.

There was a polo refs courses for people who wanted to start out doing refereeing which was held in January at Walsall gala baths. Two young polo players from Walsall club attended and passed the theory and later in the year they passed the practical. A coaches course is planned to take place early in 2009 at Summerhill School Kingswinford.

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