

## **VP Mini Newsletter**

I thought I would take the opportunity to write a few words to accompany the annual batch of Xmas draw tickets.

The message remains the same with regard to the draw. This is our only significant fund raising activity and the profit it generates does much to ensure that we remain in the black each season. We VPs invariably contribute significantly to the number of tickets sold, although I know only too well that many of us simply buy them ourselves. Whether you buy or sell can I thank you all in advance for your ongoing financial support. If you are able to support us again this year please simply send me just the sold counterfoils (and the cheque of course). Please bin any unsold tickets.

That's the commercial. Now just a few comments of my own that I hope you find interesting :-

There is a very positive mood in the Club at present. This is I believe due to the fact that we have been able to recruit quite a few new players this season. This is no mean feat I can assure you given the general decline throughout the country in the number of youngsters taking up the sport. Allied to this is the excellent work done by the Skipper and his coaches that has resulted in numbers at Tuesday training nights that would not be unwelcomed by a Club running two sides, let alone one (and believe it or not we now have a physio in attendance on those training nights who dispenses half hour treatment sessions to those players in need of them although, I hasten to add, they have to pay themselves). As a result, for the past few weeks there has not been the usual scramble to make up a 15 for the Saturday game. In fact we now go in to games with subs on the sideline. If you think that's a luxury then you should be aware that the subs are kitted out with "keep warm" track suits. I tell you, what with warm suits and physio availability they've never had it so good (just a personal observation of course from someone for whom a clean bucket of cold water and a fresh sponge constituted luxury).

Don't forget you can keep up to date with the Club's progress by logging on to our web site. Our Hon Treasurer Hugh Sawyer has added web master to his portfolio of skills and even Bill Gates is starting to be worried. The address is [www.bathsaracens.co.uk](http://www.bathsaracens.co.uk). And finally, why not try and make a special effort to be at the Club for the home league game against Morganians on the 3rd December. We usually try to get as many VPs together as we can just before Christmas so this is an ideal date. Put it in your diaries.

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