

APRIL 2014

Hi Players, Parents and Supporters

Grading has been completed and we are now ready to kick of the season with the opening day parade and first day of competition on 3 May. We would love to see as many of you as possible there to show the strength of our club. Put in the red and green ribbons and come in uniform at 9.45am.

There is also a free Milo breakfast for all junior club players (up to Intermediate) after their games. In conjunction with this Milo also have a prize competition. PNC website has the details and both a player and club can win \$1000.



Congratulations to all our teams for the great results on grading day. Quite a few of our teams have ended up in places they wanted or higher. Everybody did so well and we look forward to seeing how you all get on during the season. The coaches introduce their teams and give their grading story below. I also loved the enthusiasm of some of our new coaches who were jumping up and down on the sidelines as excited as their young players.

Our premier team Platinum will soon be trialling for the Regional Premier League (RPL). Good luck ladies. You showed great form during grading, keep up the good work.

Please note in your diaries that we will be having team photos on **3 July** in the school hall. We will send out the schedule of times closer to the time.

Regards

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CONIFER GROVE PLATINUM

Coach: Jeanette Ross

Manager: Kate Steven



CG Platinum welcomes back for 2014 Demelza Muir, Kelly Hooker, Kristal Pihama, Kristy Ng Shiu, Lauren Saunderson and Natalie Hooker. We also welcome three new players to the club Camilla Godinet, Kiri Stewart and Opal Knowles-Smith. Platinum have had a great start to the season remaining unbeaten after 5 grading games and 1 crossover which has secured our place in Premier Division 1 for the Presidents round. Platinum are also trialling for the Regional Premier League again this season at Papakura on Sunday May 4th and 18th, usually between 9.00am and 2.30pm, We would really appreciate your support on either of these days.

CONIFER GROVE DIAMONDS

Coach: Miles Neighbour

Manager: Denise Eldridge

Welcome to a new season of netball and a new CG Diamonds team. We said farewell to Phillipa, Ainsley and Aimee from last year and welcomed back to the Diamonds family Nicola, Julia and Coralie. We also welcome into our fold Kirsten and Julia. So our team is Kahlia, Julia, Kirsten, Monique, Julia, Paige, Mel, Nicola, Coralie and Siobhan, a great mix of youth and experience. Miles is still the coach and Denise is helping on the sidelines. The team graded for Prem grade this year with 5 tough games played on Friday nights, which in itself presents it's own challenges, with Friday night traffic to contend with and babysitters to organise. We managed to win one of our grading games and the final crossover game which means we will play the Presidents round in Prem 3. The step up to Prem grade will be a challenge for this team, but they have the potential and ability for great things, so watch this space!!! Good luck to all CG teams this year, hope you all have a successful season.

CONIFER GROVE SAPPHIRE

Coach: Self-Coached

Manager: Kirstal Pihama

Introducing Conifer Grove Sapphire! We have been very fortunate to have attracted a number of new players to our Senior club this season. In defence, we welcome Chelsee Lidguard, Michelle Parsons and Laura Denham. At our attacking end, we welcome Jackie Kingi and Joy Swift. And across the court, we welcome back Samantha Bunce, Christine Goldsmith, Alison Kemp, Courtney Moug and Ellen Burrow. Being one of the three teams who trialled at premier level, we are pleased to have secured a spot in Premier 3. It has all seemed like a bit of a whirlwind start for our team, with a couple of us already picking up some injuries through the grading season. But we're managing to settle in together and are beginning to see some strong combinations. Although we have elected to be a self-coached team, we would like to extend our gratitude to Lyn Berry, Jeanette Ross and Kristal Pihama for taking time to coach and support us through the initial grading period. We are thoroughly enjoying the season this far and are hopeful of securing a permanent place at Premier level. Best of luck to all the club teams for the next round!



CONIFER GROVE RUBY



Coaches: Melanie Cronin/Sheryl Cronin

Ruby is made up of Zizi, Mandy, Alana, Madison, Danielle, Catilin, Georgia, Eileen and Sina, with Melanie and Sheryl as coaches. We have a lovely mix of collegiate and young senior girls, so this year we have pushed them up into the Senior grades. Grading day saw us start slowly with a draw, but the girls managed to turn it around and finish our section in 2nd place, which meant another game in the crossover round. With some fantastic support from our other senior team Opal and a number of other Conifer supporters the girls took the court and played an amazing game to win. This meant we went up a grade into Senior B. This will be a good challenge for Ruby and we are sure the girls will meet that challenge. Thanks also to Jill for umpiring all day in the sunshine.

CONIFER GROVE OPAL

Coach: Tama Johnston

Manager: Tama Johnston

What started off as a team full of defenders has merged into a well balanced team across the court that I believe the girls can be proud of. In our line-up Iva and Lucy represent our shooting circle, Aroha, Connie, Jilly, our mid-court and Ange, Francess, Tash and Iamo our defensive end. With utilities in Aroha, Jilly and Tash, their range and ability to play diverse roles within our team has been valuable. Although we enjoy the competition, we are about fitness and fun fashioning new gears (hoodies and t-shirts designed by ZINK) that represent our unique take on this year helping the girls to really gel as a unit. Our team has come together through an emphasis on team building activities, developing new ideas and forum discussions on Facebook which clearly showed on 'Grading' day coming away with 1 draw, 2 wins and 2 losses putting us at the top of senior 3^{rd.} Not too shabby for our debut. A 'BIG' thanks to 'CG Ruby' you guys have been real awesome in helping us prepare and develop as a squad.

CONIFER GROVE AMETHYST

Coach: Alana Berry

Manager: Janine Hawkins

This will be my first year coaching for Conifer Grove and I am excited for this season! I am privileged to have such a fun group of girls that know when it's time to work hard and focus. After scrambling for players to secure the team at the start of the season, we now have 9 wonderful players! Captain Amber, Vice Captain Brooke, Alena, Katrine, Vivian, Melissa, Shannon, Sophie and Chante. Unfortunately Katrine suffered an injury to her foot during preseason training and will be out of action for a few more weeks – we wish you a speedy recovery! The girls played very well on grading day, winning all of their games convincingly to move up into U15 A-grade for the Presidents round. As expected there are a few things we will need to work on throughout the season, but I am very confident in this teams ability to succeed. Bring on the 2014 season!



CONIFER GROVE GARNET

Coach: Jill Collins

Manager: Estie Fourie



We are Intermediate A with a mix of year 7 and 8 girls. After what was a good grading day we won our cross over but didn't end up going up and we have been seeded at the top of C Grade. The girls now have the goal of winning Presidents round. We have a very well balanced team. Taylor Prince is an accurate shooter adding height to our circle. Four girls are all competing for all of the attack positions from C to GS which is a good headache to have. Chloe Keys, Emma Mackereth, Pia Lundo-Nielsen and Nicole Fourie. At the defence end the four girls are all interchanging between the three defensive positions Talveer Kaur, Kataraina Kelly, Jaime Breen and Melissa Rapana. There was seamless transition when rotating players with all girls adding something to each position. Accurate shooting and many intercepts on defence was exciting to watch on grading day. Really looking forward to the season to see how far these girls can progress.

CONIFER GROVE IVORY

Coach: Courtney Webster-Frost

Manager: Sheldon Pastars

Team Ivory is made up of our accurate shooters Grace and Danielle, our zippy midcourt Jasleen, Rebecca and Kirsten and our amazing defenders Samantha, Sophie and Gurleen. The girls have made a great start to the season, showing amazing commitment and effort in all trainings. On grading day the girls started off with a hiss and a roar winning their first game 19-1, giving their confidence a massive boost. On court all players put in 100% effort, were always encouraging one another, and bonded really well as a team. At the end of the day the girls ended up in the middle of their grade, leaving them in D grade for Presidents round. I look forward to an amazing season with these lovely bunch of girls.

CONIFER GROVE ZIRCON

Coach: Gabriella Casey

Manager: Vanessa Mager

We played four grading games during the day. We drew one game, won one and lost two to some very competitive opponents. We played a tough game on cross over but unfortunately lost. Overall the team had a great day out and will practice more so they can gel together as a team. Tayla played well as goal shoot and is new to netball, Jenna plays comfortably in her defence or attack position, Krystal showed great sportsmanship in the goal circle, Lynette and MacKenzie displayed good defence skills,



Aleesha has way more energy than most darting all over the court, Ashley tried very hard and put in a great effort, and last but not least Kaitlin was an excellent goal keep for all the games.



CONIFER GROVE TURQUOISE

Coach: Danielle Collins

Manager: Hannah Bertram



In our team we have a mix of year 5 and 6 girls; Celeste, Tayla, Meeka, Indianna, Aliya, Ella, Kelematina and Georgia. They all are such great players and we looked forward to developing their skills throughout the year. On grading day all the girls played so well and really found their strengths and worked as a team. With two wins and three losses against some competitive teams, they ended up 3rd in section 2, meaning they did not have a cross over game. This lead them to being placed 2nd in B grade which is a great result. We look forward to what this season has to offer.

CONIFER GROVE GEMS

Coach: Zizi Jasim

Manager: Tracey Robinson

Introducing Conifer Grove Gems! Our team this year consists of 8 talented Junior girls who are excited to have a successful netball season. We have Meghana and Harleen - our speedy defenders, Madeline - our multitalented shooter and defender, Sara, Nici, Jessie and Jamie who are our exceptional mid-courters and Mackenzie - our star shooter. Grading day went very well for our Gems, winning all but one game, placing us in E Grade for the Presidents round. These girls all played amazingly as a team, which enabled us to prevent the last 3 teams we graded against to score any goals against us. What an accomplishment! I am excited to see these girls grow into the star players they are set out to be, bring on the rest of the season!

CONIFER GROVE AMBER

Coach: Jane Tomlinson

Manager: Catherine Scott

Wow what a grading day we had for the Future Ferns team Amber. The girls were ready, excited and rearing to go. As a team in their second year of netball they showed the spirit and tenacity of a team much older. Well done to our awesome girls who played as a team and showed some real skill on the court. Of the 5 games played on grading day, they won 3 games, drew 1 and lost 1, which landed them a spot in Future Ferns Section 1, what a great effort! A big thank you to friends and family who came to watch the games and gave such positive support. We are looking forward to what the rest of the season holds for our Amber team. Introducing the team - sisters Kiri and Dayle Anderson, Aisha Aziz, Isabella Mika, Katie-Rose Pemberton, Maddisyn Rees, Utharmisha Uthayakumar, Bailey Williams and Elizabeth Williams.



CONIFER GROVE PEARL

Coach: Sina Seumanutafa

Manager: Sharan Timothy

Hi everyone I'm Sina, Coach for Future Ferns Pearl and my Manager is Sharan Timothy. The girls started out very enthusiastic this year. They were keen to play some netball but most of all they were very excited to wear their uniform. The girls train very hard on Monday afternoons and are always bubbly. On grading day they went on court ready to play with an outstanding attitude. They played five games - lost two and won three. It is their first year of playing and their result came out exceptionally well. They are ready to play their first game on May 3rd and I'm excited to watch them. I want to say thank you to all the parents and supporters that were there on grading day, you guys were fantastic!



PAPAKURA NETBALL CENTRE

OPENING DAY / DRESS PARADE 2014

Saturday, 3rd May 2014 10:00am - 10:45am

AWARDS:

BEST CLUB BANNER BEST DRESSED JUNIOR TEAM BEST DRESSED SENIOR TEAM BEST DRESSED CLUB

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