

# WELCOME TO THE 2012 SEASON

#### Hi Everyone

Three weeks of sun and great netball are behind us. We have had some great results with teams grading well but I will let the coaches fill you in. Thank you to all our umpires who were willing to give up a whole day (or two or three) to ensure all our commitments were met. And it was great to see our new umpires getting a chance to get on court and looking the part in their white uniforms. Our senior club looked great in their new uniforms giving us a fresh bright look.

We have a number of players trialing for reps this weekend. Good luck to you all.

PNC advised that a set of Future Fern hoops went missing at the weekend so if you happen to see them somewhere around the courts can you let the office know. Good luck for the Presidents round and we look forward to you all at the courts.

Regards

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New CG Netball Uniforms



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#### **CONIFER GROVE DIAMONDS**

Co-Coach: Miles Neighbour & Denise Eldridge

Manager Shirley Todd

Diamonds 2012 has a very fresh look and enthusiastic nature, this "young" team has committed to put the intensity into training that is required to perform at a senior level. The team consists of our super captain Mel Cronin who is supported by team incumbents Ainsley Clark & Julia Money. The rest of the Diamonds have made the move from collegiate level this year, they are goal shooters Aimee Clark & Cailin Kimberley, mid court Paige Adams, Philippa Todd & Monique Hawkins plus defence Kahlia Hawkins.

Grading day was a real test with the Clark family on holiday, we had just the core seven to compete. After a slow start the Diamond's stepped up and played exceptionally well throughout the rest of the day. Results see us remain in Senior A Res - 2 wins, 3 losses (2 within 2). As always the grading day gives the coaches a chance to see if any of the training drills and tactics have stuck and credit to all the girls as their through court game was very good. This has been a key part of training over the past 5 weeks.

Thanks Shirley for organising team warm up tops - you will spot us in a blue top with DIAMONDS on the back & to Denise for the drink bottle and Iollies from BNZ.

So with president round now approaching the goal will be to continue the teams focus on tactical improvement, sharpen our individual skills and combine these aspects on court for a strong Saturday performance.

#### **CONIFER GROVE PLATINUM**

Coach: Jeanette Ross

Manager: Sheryl Jamieson.

Players Christine Goldsmith, Sileesha Hepi, Natalie Hooker, Marcia Jerram,

Sarah McCall, Kristy Ng Shiu, Kristal Pihama, Lauren Saunderson

This team is made up of 4 players from last season Christine, Natalie, Kristy and Kristal, 2 players Marcia and Sarah who have made the step up from our Collegiate Premier Grade and we also welcome Sileesha and Lauren who are new to the club.

Platinum trialled for Senior Premier and after 5 rounds of grading and a crossover we had 1 win 1 draw and 4 losses but we only lost the crossover by 3 goals. The team that won the crossover is in Division 1 and we are in Division 2.

We would like to thank Maryjane and Kelly for filling in for us, you were both great and also Julia and Paige for standing by in case of injury.

The team have played exceptionally well at times and are just starting to gel together as a team and form some really good combinations however we do need to work on being a little more consistent if we are to achieve our goal of making the Regional Premier League in a tournament coming up on Sunday13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May at the Papakura courts.

We would also like to thank those supporters that have braved the horrible weather over the past 6 weeks. The team have commented how valuable you are on the sidelines and would be awesome to see you and any other Conifer Grove faces cheering us on at the tournament.





## **CONIFER GROVE SAPPHIRE**

Coach/Manager: Jill Collins

A team full of new faces with only three players returning from last year. If the laughter and fun at training and grading is anything to go by it will be a fun season played with great team spirit. Grading day was a mixed result with more losses then wins finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> position. A tough crossover against a team that skipped up another grade after grading has seen us remain in B grade.

There were some real highlights in the day's play with the combinations in the circle at both ends working well and some players having a go in unfamiliar positions. Looking forward to getting our combinations right as we get to know each other better. The team is made up of the strong defensive combination of Kruz Nathan and Liz Wilson in the circle assisted by Frances Blakelock.

Our mid court is kept flowing with Frances, Angela Trask, Connie Maynard and Lucy Johnston. Lucy is also assisting our shooters Stephanee Moreau and Maria Halligan. We will shortly be joined by Kaddie Ngawhika-Mane who is a utility playing through GD and the midcourt.

## **CONIFER GROVE TOPAZ**

**Coach Suzie Reilly** 

Introducing Conifer Grove Topaz. This is a Collegiate team who deservedly made B Grade after a fantastic Grading Day. The weather was amazing and the games were pretty fantastic too. We had 1 win 2 draws and 3 losses, two of those losses against the higher grade.

They are a great bunch of girls, the majority of them I have not had the pleasure of knowing before but guarantee that I will know them well by the end of the season, a few characters I tell you, so I think it is going to be a fun filled season. Jill Collins is also on the scene as well to help out when I am unable to be there. Thanks Jill.

The team is Danielle Collins, Tegan Goldsmith, Danielle Harnett, Alex Rutherford, Sina Seumanutafa, Mandy-Jane Perez, Taylor Whittle, Olivia Foster, Caitlin Goldsmith (Captain). So watch this space, cause I think this team is going to preform very well.

## **CONIFER GROVE RUBY**

Coach: Sheryl Cronin

Our team this year is Conifer Grove Ruby. We are very lucky to have great strengths all across the court with all of our girls able to play a number of positions with fantastic ability. Our team consists of our captain Stacey, Brittany, Darby, Ellen, Kaysey, Marisa, Siobahn, Teina and Zizi.

On grading day we set out with the intention of trialling for Collegiate A grade. The girls performed really well in all 5 games. We were particularly impressed with how they gelled as a team throughout the day and it really showed in their result of making A grade.

We are looking forward to a fantastic season with these girls, and with some tough trainings and great team work we hope to win big! Good luck for the season girls!



#### **CONIFER GROVE GARNET**

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Coach: Debbie Mountfort & Ashleigh Snell

Manager: Anton Strydom

Kaylie Mountfort, Gaia Hendrikse-Strydom, Britney Lenne, Arnikita Dunsmuir, Shannon Menger, Melissa Shorrock, Brooke Lemafa & Larraine Lemafa.

Well done to the above girls on grading day as we easily secured ourselves a spot in Intermediate A Grade with 3 x Wins and 2 x Loss and yippee no cross over game so we got to go home earlier than some.

Our first game was our first win but our 2<sup>nd</sup> game was a wake up call when we played Manurewa Rugby loaded with Rep players but we came back in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and showed them what we are capable of too.

What I enjoyed most was watching the girls as a team on and off the court for the whole day.



## **CONIFER GROVE IVORY**

Coach: Janine Hawkins Co Coach: Jill Collins

Manager:

Meet Conifer Grove Ivory – Alena Dorotich, Amber Hawkins, Taalia Joosten, Chante Rota, Mikaylah Rota, Karolyne Sionemale, Sophie Taylor, Sophie Turner, Mikaela Woodroffe



Great start to the netball season. We were originally going for C Grade and played 5 games on grading day winning all games except one. Therefore we were in a crossover game to determine whether we stayed in C Grade or went up to B Grade. We won the crossover game and was placed in B Grade.

We were pleased to get into B Grade as the games will challenge the team more. There was some great passing and moving throughout the court by all the girls on the day, and we look forward to a great season of netball. Well done girls. Good luck for the Presidents Round !!

## **CONIFER GROVE TURQUOISE**

Coach Anton Strydom, Jill Collins

Manager Gillian Caskie

Conifer Grove Turquoise is made up of eight of the nicest young girls anyone can have the privilege of being associated with (Caitlyn Caskie, Emma Mackereth, Georgia Hendrikse-Strydom, Katrine Lundo-Nielson, Patricia Salonga, Samantha Robinson, Shannon Rountree and Vivian Perez.

The team showed it's best attribute from the outset, falling behind to a competent TG6 in their 1st of 5 matches in the top section of the Junior grade, the young ladies displayed their resilience and love for the game by digging deep and overcoming them by a single goal. This very much set the tone for the day as the next two matches was against the eventual winners and runners up (Rewa and Rangers respectively) and whilst losing these matches in both instances the girls again dug deep and got the measure of their opponents in the 2nd half.

Winning their last two matches in a similar see-saw fashion saw Turquoise secure 3rd spot in the A grade. The attitude and team spirit that the team brought to the court was impressive and this was underlined by the gusto with which they sought to secure their place in the A-grade in winning their last match. We anticipate a challenging season but I firmly believe that everyone in the team is going to grow as players and as individuals during the course of the season.

Many thanks to all the parents and family support on the day (keep that up please) and a word of thanks to our president who assists also in helping me coach this team (which is a two pronged job for Jill). Last but not least all teams thrive with the skills of a good manager and in Gillian Caskie the team is more than sorted.

#### **CONIFER GROVE EBONY**

Coach: Connie Maynard

Manager:

What a bunch of players I have in my little team 'Ebony' with a give it a go attitude. We graded two grades higher then we had indicated on the entry form so, while the girls didn't come away with a win, they gave it there all. It was a great day to try our combinations out.

I had Talveer and Sophie down in the shooting circle, playing defence and intercepting ball after ball, a force to be reckoned with. Helping them out was Jasleen at WD who got tips and intercepts like a pro. Then in my mid-court I had my little girls Jenna & Krystal who were up against girls at least a foot higher but, they just knew to throw the ball higher and run into space.

In the shooting circle was Katy a shooting pro (and part-time dancer) and two new shooters Jamie and Rebecca, two girls with a bright shooting future. At the end of the day there was alot of proud parents, grandparents, team manager and a coach. Good work girls.

#### **CONIFER GROVE GEMS**

Coach: Courtney Webster-Frost & Britney Keys

Manager:

First of all we would like to introduce team Gems - Lara, Chloe, Mackenzie, Kataraina, Danielle, Zaneta, Pia, Kirsten Nicole.

The team graded in section 3 on grading day, finishing 4th, securing their place in C grade for presidents round. During the day the girls work well together, quickly getting the ball down the court into our shooting circle. They won 2 games and lost 3 throughout the day. We hope to remain in C grade for the rest of the season.



#### **CONIFER GROVE AMBER**

Coach: Nikayla Reece and Danielle Collins

Manager:

Meet Charlotte, Georgia, Tayla, Shivashna, Kya, Miya, Celeste, Tina and Daysi. With having a late change of coaches these girls have adjusted well to the new routine and it definitely showed in their grading games. As the day went on we started to see the strengths amongst the girls and they improved each game. This was pleasing to see because we hadn't seen them play before. Throughout the day we saw lots of impressive things. We had lots of tips from Georgia and Kya in defence.

Daysi got some good space and stuck with her partner beautifully. Charlotte and Celeste with some wonderful shooting. We also had Tayla who is an excellent shooter and a great mover. Tina with her speedy feet and great intercepts. Shivashna worked well in defence and got some great tips and intercepts. Unfortunately Miya was away sick and we look forward to her joining us next week. We are proud of them as they played well and we look forward to watching them improve each week and we know they will have a great time.

#### CONIFER GROVE ONYX

Coach: Hana Weka

Manager: Tracey Robinson

Enjoying their first year at netball are the girls from Team Onyx.

They are Meghana Bedveli, Harleen Badwal, Brooke Cornish, Mackenzie Darby, Aliya Dobbs, Meeka Elliot, Madeline Robinson and Mariken van Daalen.

Our first day Day Out was Grading Day and boy that was amazing to see so many teams. The girls showed fortitude and good team spirit to lose 1 game, draw 1 game and win 3. This effort earned them a  $2^{nd}$  place finish in their pool.

The parents were very proud to see our fledgling team come together. Well done girls and thanks to our supportive families who came along for the day.









## CG PEARL

Coach:Michelle Rees

Manager: Amanda Strong

Ella Rees, Jamie Strong, Shayde Lowe, Olivia Koopman, Jessie Malcolm, Lisa Mlambo, Indiana Rota, Kayla Johnson and Nici Eramus, have begun the season with enthusiasm.

We enjoyed a great grading day with the girls experiences some firsts. First wins, first falls, first goals, and first all day of sport. Thanks to our manager, Amanda Strong, we were well supplied with everything from shelter, ice, and lollies to the never ending supply of pink slips to sign.

A big thanks and congratulations to all the families, parents and girls for their



participation, encouragement and support on the day. The team is beginning to develop some clear understandings of the game and are continuing to improve their skills each week.

Keep up the great work girls!!!

