

BOUNCE

CONIFER GROVE
NETBALL CLUB
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PRESIDENTS LETTER *Welcome to season 2011*

The administrative chaos of the start of a new season is now behind us and all teams are up and training in the sunshine of late summer. A huge thank you to the Executive and our selectors for getting us through this busy time. We welcome a number of new players across all age groups to the club and it's great to see the familiar faces. We have twelve teams in all; 2 senior, 3 college age, 2 intermediate, 3 junior and 2 future ferns

Thank you to all our coaches and umpires for making it possible to get our teams on the court. Without you it wouldn't be possible. We remind you that you need to look after these dedicated people. Many umpires face abuse from players and sideline supporters which can make their job unpleasant. **Respect them all whether they are Conifer Grove umpires or not.** Just accept their calls and get on with the game. We want to continue to uphold our reputation as a "clean" and sporting club. This is important to us all. If you have an issue with either your coach or umpire please contact the relevant member of the executive below.

The season has got off to a great start with our senior team Diamonds being accepted for trials in Premier Grade. The first week of play saw the game being played in the most difficult conditions in what can only be described as a torrential downpour. It was so wet my umbrella leaked and it felt like we were standing (and for those playing) in ankle deep water. Happily it was fine for week two. Three good wins and one loss so far have seen them off to a good start. If you would like to see some good netball, these hour long grading games are being played on a Friday night at 7pm at the PNC courts. We would love to see you down there supporting our top players. Keep up the good work ladies.

Each season we get requests from players and parents to pay subscriptions off. We know it can be a struggle to meet the fees at a time of the year so full of "returning to school" expenses and so soon after the Christmas rush. We would like to suggest that if you find it a problem - plan ahead. We are happy to accept a small automatic payment during the rest of the season as an advance towards next season. We already have several people using this option as they find the fees are then covered by the due dates next season. We know that a smaller regular amount, for example \$10 a fortnight or \$15 a month, is easier over time than a lump sum in February.

If you would like to set up such a payment please contact our Treasurer Denise Eldridge on 2989519 and she will be happy to give you the details.

The season starts with full day grading tournaments. Saturday 26 March saw a wet and soggy start for the Future Fern, Juniors and Under 15 teams. Despite the weather the girls all played well and there were many excited faces in the

younger grades having a great time. It was also great to see several new umpires getting out there and giving it a go.

Coaches will give specific team details but grading usually means you need to be at the court by about 8.30am (first games at 9am) and plan to stay til around 3pm when cross over games finish. **Remember compulsory managers meetings are at 8.45am.**

- 2 April Seniors
- 9 April Intermediates and Collegiate
- 16 April Opening Day (includes parade and first day of normal competition)
- 23 April Easter - no netball
- 30 April Normal play resumes.

Please remember when you are supporting the players to stand well back from the sideline to allow room for the umpires to run up and down the sideline. Some umpires were getting knocked about by umbrellas on Saturday and struggled for running room. Some of the senior courts have the "umpire area" marked but if your court doesn't please stand well clear or better yet set yourself up at the end of the court opposite to the umpire (essentially the left hand end of the sideline).

A reminder that we will be asking parents and players to assist with our club duty day. This involves an hour and half of your time at the courts to assist in either the office, administration or tuck shop. Being available to assist is a requirement of you or your child playing for the club. We have been allocated the last day of play being 13 August so note your diary and we will call for volunteers a little closer to the time. But please make our job easier and be prepared to step up and assist and more importantly to turn up on the day.

Finally I would like to wish all our players good luck for the season ahead. So here's to fine days, good games (and hopefully results) and injury free netball.

Regards

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