

# JUNE 2012

#### Hi Everyone

Presidents round has seen fine weather (mostly) and some good netball with our top teams leading the way. It's great to see so many smiling faces on the courts with players enjoying themselves.

Congratulations to our Platinum players Sileesha Hepi who has made the Counties Manukau Under 21 side and Sarah McCall who has made the Papakura Under 17 side. Well done Ladies and all the best for your rep commitments.

A reminder from the Centre that if you have a problem with umpires during a game do not hassle them directly but go up to the office and ask for the duty umpire to come and have a look. We have no control of the umpires on the other side of the courts and can do nothing other than get the duty umpire to observe. Any person can do this, it doesn't have to be the coach although it would be good manners to let the coach know of your intentions. But please remember that many umpires, especially at the junior and intermediate level are still learning and it may simply be inexperience. We have tried to have a more experienced umpire mentoring all our younger umpires to provide guidance. If you have a problem with one of our umpires then please see Shirley Todd.

Please note your diaries for Monday 25 June for photos. Coaches have been given the timetable and will let you know your time slot. The price is the same as last year \$12 plus .25c if paying by cheque.

Your coaches will soon be asking for volunteers for club duty day. We need at least 3 names from each team. This is 18 August (last day of play).

Good luck in Championship Round everybody.

Regards

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#### **CONIFER GROVE DIAMONDS**

Co-Coach: Miles Neighbour & Denise Eldridge

#### Manager Shirley Todd

Well here we are at the end of the first round, which sees Diamonds remaining in A Reserve Grade after a successful and hard fought Presidents round. The season started off well for us with three great wins from the first three games, an awesome start which we really wanted to continue right through to the end of the round. But we had a bit of a hiccup in the fourth game, which saw us losing to Drury, making it vital we win the last game and win it well so we could push for A Grade. Things didn't go quite to plan against

Marlins , we got off to a bad start going 9 goals down by the end of the first quarter. A real determined defensive effort, combined with some awesome shooting saw the girls hold their own for the rest of the game, finally going down by 14 goals. So we remain in A Reserve, probably a true reflection of where we should be, however our goal for the rest of the season should now be to win this grade.

We have had some great trainings, Miles always has a great plan set for the session, with drills set and the team works hard at these every week. Denise has been in charge of getting this team fitter, and the benefits of these training sessions are now being seen on court. Thanks to all our fantastic supporters who have been turning up every week, it's great to see this support from the club, bring on the next round

#### **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

Since the last issue CG Platinum have played in the RPL qualifying tournament. The teams that took part were very strong indeed and although we played well at times we were unable to qualify. It was however a valuable experience for the development of our players/club and I personally feel that we are not far away from the teams that did qualify and will have to keep working hard and give it another go next year.

During Presidents Round CG Platinum have had 4 wins and 1 loss by only 3 goals. These results were good enough for our team to be runners up in the Prem 2 Grade. The Papakura Centre decided to put us up to the Prem 1 Grade for the Championship Round along with the winners of our grade. We are really looking forward to playing in this grade against some stronger opposition which we know we are capable of competing with if we play to the best of our ability.

We would like to congratulate Sileesha Hepi our fabulous GS who has made Counties Manukau U21's. This is a first for Conifer Grove for many years and we are very proud of her. Also sharp shooter Marcia Jerram and dynamite defender Sarah McCall who made Papakura U17's which is also a great achievement. Unfortunately due to other commitments Marcia has had to withdraw but I am sure many other opportunities will come her way in the future. Good luck for all your tournaments Sileesha and Sarah and we look forward to hearing all about them.

CG Platinum thank everyone for their support on the sidelines, it really is great to have the encouragement from you all.





# **CONIFER GROVE SAPPHIRE**

Coach/Manager: Jill Collins

Presidents round has been a big challenge for us with injury and illness and a surprise pregnancy taking its toll on our available players. Already we have to thank Suzie Reilly, Shirley Todd, Siobhan Neighbour and Brittany Jamieson for standing in for us and to Caitlin Goldsmith for standing on the sideline as cover. Due to this it has been hard for us to get our combinations going and we are without a win in Presidents round so unfortunately will be moving to B Reserve next round.

The highlights have been the work of our defenders Kaddie, Kruz and Liz. We now have the help of Missy Moreau for coaching and saw a glimpse of what we can achieve on Saturday with our best game yet only losing by 2. Lucy has been versatile, moving between WA, C and GA. Ange has had some great games with many tips at WD. Connie has run hard at C and Maria and Steph have worked the circle well but not always got the reward. Keep working girls the best is yet to come.

## **CONIFER GROVE TOPAZ**

**Coach Suzie Reilly** 

Well things didn't quite go our way in this round. We were put a grade higher than expected which made it a very tough round for the girls. They battled and worked hard mixed with a few minties moments and although the results on the board dont make good reading, the girls showed great spirit and held their heads high. We are looking forward to the next round to show what we can really do. Thankyou to all the girls and the parents who come and support.

# **CONIFER GROVE RUBY**

Coach: Sheryl Cronin

Ruby started the Presidents round in Collegiate A. With only 5 teams in our grade we have only played 4 games. We have had 3 wins and 1 loss, which should see us take out 2nd place in our grade. The girls have had a good start to the season and we are now looking forward to the Championship rounds. Thanks to our supporters we appreciate your positive calls from the side line.





#### **CONIFER GROVE GARNET**

Coach: Debbie Mountfort & Ashleigh Snell

Manager: Anton Strydom

We had an exciting 1<sup>st</sup> round and ended up placed 4<sup>th</sup> in Intermediate A Grade.

Unfortunately two of our games were very close but due to bias referring we were not the winning team on the day but I felt we were with the way the girls continued to play the game even with unfair calls – We definitely deserve the Sportsmanship award for this round.

On a positive we will be playing these teams again so they had better be ready for when it's a fair game.

We are lucky to have lots of supporters every Saturday cheering the girls on and watching the brilliant netball they are playing as a team with these challenging games

## **CONIFER GROVE IVORY**

Coach: Janine Hawkins Co Coach: Jill Collins

Manager: Michelle Woodroffe

Conifer Grove Ivory had a great start to the season. We placed third in the Presidents round which has meant we have kept our place in Intermediate B. Looking forward to playing the Championship Round now that we are in the swing of things. In the Presidents Round this team kept the parents on their toes a lot by having some very close games!

We lost two games, but one of these teams we lost to was only by two points and this is the team that has gone up into A Grade, then they won two games and had a draw with one team. The girls have all worked hard as a unit. Alena Dorotich, Sophie Taylor and Karolyne Sionemale showing their quickness throughout the midcourt, Mikaela Woodroffe, Sophie Turner and Chante Rota putting in the valuable goals and Amber Hawkins, Taalia Joosten and Mikaylah Rota working their magic in the defence area. Very proud of you all - keep it up!



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## **CONIFER GROVE TURQUOISE**

Coach Anton Strydom, Jill Collins

Manager Gillian Caskie

Presidents round Netball was a real challenge for the team. Before the first match we had already lost a key player for three weeks, quickly followed by other injuries not too mention minor injuries on game days. The good news is that the need for players has unearthed a new club member in Megan, whom I am sure will prove to be an asset to the team and the club. A huge thanks to those future ferns that found themselves playing Junior A grade at very short notice - in fact at one time we had an unknown player on the court helping out. A real positive is that we could really identify the areas that we need to improve on going forward in order to be competitive.

Suffice to say that the disruptions did not lead to very good results and ultimately the team has dropped down to B grade for the championship round. A huge thanks to those future ferns that found themselves playing Junior A grade at short notice.

The good news is that the need for players has unearthed a new club member in Megan, whom I am sure will prove to be an asset to the team and the club. Despite a series of losses the girls, parents and team management remained positive throughout and we are eagerly looking forward to the Championship round with renewed vigour, our mantra being "The taste of winning is all the better once you have tasted defeat" and we certainly feel that we have had more than our fair share of the latter. Watch this space!

## **CONIFER GROVE EBONY**

Coach: Connie Maynard

Manager:

Ebony has worked hard in the presidents round but unfortunately the wins have not been in our favor. As a bonus the girls have improved every week with some real gutsy performances on the court. But this has still not prevented us from being placed 6th in Junior D's (which is just 1 point away from the fifth placed team). In championships round we have been relegated down to Junior E, which is not necessarily a disappointing result as the girls were originally trialed at a high level. So we are looking forward to the rest of the season.

# **CONIFER GROVE GEMS**

Coach: Courtney Webster-Frost & Britney Keys

Manager:

CG Gems have finished 4th in Presidents Round with 2 wins and 3 losses, keeping them in junior C grade. The girls have worked extremely well to get the ball down the court and into our goal circle, where our amazing shooters do their bit to get the point.

Our first 5 player of the days are: Nicole for the only goals scored in a game, Zaneta for her brilliant intercepts, Mackenzie for getting in front of her player, Kataraina for her great half in GD and for not complaining when been put in C and lastly Pia for her amazing shooting and awesome attacking.

Keep up the good work girls and have an "I can do it" attitude for Championship Round.



#### **CONIFER GROVE AMBER**



Coach: Nikayla Reece and Danielle Collins

We continue to see the improvements of our girls in Conifer Grove Amber every week. Our girls show up to practices, eager to participate in every exercise we give them. They thoroughly enjoyed the ladders we pulled out to work on their foot work and playing rock paper scissors. During our practices we verse the CG Gems who are a year older and really push our girls to the limit while also giving them the chance to learn from their opponents.

We had a bye last week which gave the girls and parents an extra rest up before long weekend the following week. The girl's last game was a bit of a wake up and gave us plenty to work on in the future practices. We would like to congratulate our well deserved players of the day who have been Kya, Miya, Tayla and Daysi who really stood out on those days. We look forward to our other girls getting more confident and putting their efforts to their best ability which they are already on the road to doing. They really are future ferns.

#### **CONIFER GROVE PEARL**

Coach:Michelle Rees

Manager: Amanda Strong

The presidents round for the pearl girls has been a challenge. We have made outstanding progress in our skills throughout the round and the girls have continued to be enthusiastic and enjoy the game regardless of the score. We have had some standout players in every game making player of the day a hard decision, but to date the recipients have been Kayla Johnson, Nici Erasmus, Shayde Lowe, Olivia Koopman, Lisa Mlambo.

We are looking forward to the championshiop round and teams who are on a more at our level. I'm sure our supporters and ref's will appreciate lower stress levels too.

A big thanks to our committed supporters, both parents and grandparents. Also, to the girls who have become excellent supporters and sportspeople by continuing to cheer and offer encouragement from the sideline. Keep up the great work TEAM

#### **CONIFER GROVE ONYX**

Coach: Hana Weka

Manager: Tracey Robinson

Team Onyx have had a great start to their netball season. We had some challenges with injuries and sickness taking out players early on in the round but have bounced back to place 4<sup>th</sup> in our Pool for the Presidents round. The girls found every game a challenge and were rewarded for their hard work by scoring goals in nearly all games. At practise the girls have been working on skill development with catching and throwing and we have started some basic game drills. Harleen Badwal, Meeka Elliot, Madeline Robinson, Brooke Cornish and Mariken van Daalen all received Player of the Day awards for their excellent efforts on the court. Well done girls.

Attached photo is Team Onyx in action against St Marys Topaz.







