

JUNE 2014

Hi Players and Supporters

Celebrating success

The last few weeks have seen us have plenty to celebrate. While it was disappointing to have virtually no senior club players at the opening parade perhaps that went in our favour with the judges who awarded us "Best dressed junior club". Danielle Collins and Tina Perez collected our



trophy. Thanks to all our junior players for waving and smiling at the judges!!



Congratulations Platinum not only making RPL for the second year running but making Division 1. Awesome effort ladies and while we know this is going to be a tough competition we know you will give it all and do us proud. They are playing on Friday nights at the Auckland Netball Centre. Good luck Ladies.

Pearl is working hard with the umpires and we are have lots of new faces on court this year and they are all progressing really well and we will be celebrating some badge passes at Prizegiving. We congratulate Lucy Johnston and Jill Collins for passing their Centre badge. We also congratulate Alena Dorotich and Natasha Kelly for passing their Junior badge. You are all doing a great job. Pearl continues her own development and we congratulate her on being selected to the U17 national tournament pool of umpires. *Please remember to be positive on the sidelines towards not only our umpires but all umpires. Many of them are learning too!!*



CONIFER GROVE NETBALL CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Photos



Photos have been scheduled for **Thursday 3 July** in the school hall starting at 6pm. We will shortly send out the time schedule to coaches. It will only take about 15 minutes of your time. The cost of photos remains the same at \$12 and payment is required on the night. EFTPOS will be available.

Club Duty

Heads up!! Our club duty day is the second to last week of play on 16 August. Remember we need 3 or 4 players/parents from each team to fill our roster with just over 1½ hours of time required. This is a small amount of time that we ask across the whole season. Please assist by giving your name to the coach/manager when requested so we don't have to push and search to fill the places. A reminder, that by signing up to play you agree to contribute to club duty as part of that form. The roster of times will be out by the end of July. If you have a specific time of the day (for work or similar reasons) please let us know so we can try to accommodate this.

What your fees cover?

We are often asked about our fee level as it is pointed out that some other clubs have smaller fees. The fees are itemised on the registration newsletter. But we thought we would provide a bit more detail here to those that don't attend the AGM and see the financial accounts presented. The largest portion of the fee is the PNC registration who also pays part of those fees to Netball NZ through the Zone structure. We have no control over those fees. We pay our umpires (based on qualification level) so \$2 per game is included as the umpire fee for junior teams and slightly more for senior teams who have a requirement for higher qualified umpires. We charge a small amount (once bond is refunded) for the use of the jackets and junior uniforms. This allows us to cover the wear and tear and build reserves for replacement purchases in the future. The rest of the "club fee" covers all those things that we need to run the club. Some of our key expenditure is *replacement balls, pumps and first aid, training equipment, trophy engraving and Prizegiving costs, court hire for training and coaches and umpires training courses.*

If you look closer at those clubs with lower fees you will find that they generally have other requirements in that every player has to commit to some form of fundraising purchases or activities. These have a cost as well and while not part of the fees up front do have a cost. We prefer to wrap it all up in one charge without the additional effort of finding people to commit time and effort to fundraising. We don't have enough "people" resources to do those additional things.

Regards

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CONIFER GROVE PLATINUM



Manager: Denise Eldridge

CG Platinum finished Premier 1 Presidents round with 3 wins and 2 losses gaining 3rd place. It is a very competitive section with the top 3 teams securing wins over each other. We really appreciate Jackie Kingi, Siobhan Neighbour and Aroha Isaac for playing for us in our last two Saturday games. We are very lucky to have such talented players to call upon.

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Platinum had a great RPL Qualifying tournament and secured a place in Division 1 this season. With changes to the playing up rule for RPL we also had the need for an additional player and would like to welcome Kushla Dunning who is a great asset to our team. We would also like to welcome on board our new manager Denise Eldridge and wish to thank our exiting manager Kate Steven and wish her well on her impending birth. Platinum have lost our first two games in the RPL league. We have proved competitive at stages with some experienced teams but need to work on our consistency. There are many positives to take away and learn from and everyone is thoroughly enjoying the challenge. Our aim is to secure some wins and remain in Division 1 for the final round. We would like to thank our loyal supporters who turn up every week but Platinum would welcome further support on Friday evenings at Auckland Netball Centre 20th June 6.30pm and 27th June 8pm.

Congratulations to those teams that won their sections in the Presidents round and good luck to all teams for the Championship rounds.

CONIFER GROVE DIAMONDS

Coach: Miles Neighbour

Manager: Denise Eldridge

Well here we are at the end of the Presidents round, it seems like yesterday we were grading. The end of grading saw us with only two wins under our belt, so this group of women went into the Presidents round determined to win and win they did. We started the round with a bye and then wins over Ardmore and HHK and an epic battle with CG Sapphire which proved to be a real test both physically and mentally. Diamonds won by just 6 goals, the closest score of our round and an absolute nail biter. Well done to both teams, you did our club proud that day. And finally it was the battle of the top two against Kaipara, with our girls probably playing the best 2nd half game ever, and winning quite convincingly in the end. Disappointed that we didn't make Prem 1 after the departure of the RPL teams has just given this tight unit even more determination to win the championship round, look out those teams in our grade!!

CONIFER GROVE SAPPHIRE

Coach: Self-Coached

Manager: Kristal Pihama

Sapphire have had an interesting Presidents round. Despite being a new team working together to get our connections right, and being set back a little bit with sickness, injury and other commitments, we have still managed to come third in Prem - Section 3!! We have been working on different combinations and have finally found the right ones, which every week will grow in positivity and strength. We are really looking forward to this round and we hope to gain some good competitive results.



CONIFER GROVE RUBY

Coaches: Melanie Cronin/Sheryl Cronin

Ruby played the Presidents round in Senior B. We had a mixed round with 2 losses, 2 wins and a draw. These results saw us finish in 4th position and remain in Senior B for the Championship round. We are looking forward to the Championship round and hopefully with a bit more work we can achieve even better results.

CONIFER GROVE OPAL

Coach: Tama Johnston

Manager: Tama Johnston

Our team Opal is a fun lovng group who over the past few weeks have come together, gelled as a team, overcome/currently nursing injuries and welcomed others to our training sessions. With Iamo out injured Aroha has stepped up to drive and Captain our team. Our super-sub Stacey Te Kawa will, after this round, be joining the club - welcome mate.

Competition for game time is hard out with Aroha and Connie pushing Jilly to keep her 'C' bib, Tash, Frances, Ange, Iamo and Aroha who are all stepping up to fight for the defensive positions, and Lucy, Iva and Stacey are all fighting for court time in the shooting circle.

This team is growing from strength to strength each week. We are all proud to wear our logo and be part of this team.

Congratulations to our new Senior Centre Badge umpire Lucy who stepped us this year gaining 2 progressions in just a short time – well done! Opal and I am sure the club are proud of you with a much needed mention to Pearl Neighbor for helping her to see this potential.

In the last round of Presidents we play off against Kaipara who are sitting 1 point above us so all our hard work depends on this game to see us move into the grade above – we cannot risk a draw to this team as points differential will see us defeated so onwards and upwards, here we go girls.

CONIFER GROVE AMETHYST

Coach: Alana Berry

Manager: Janine Hawkins

The girls have had a tough start to the season but have improved their game strategy and technique immensely. Unfortunately we did not have as many wins as we would have hoped for during the Presidents round in U15 A-grade and have been placed into U15 B for the Championship rounds. Despite this we are all pleased with the result and hope to take out this grade! There are still a few things we need to work hard on to improve the game further, but I know the girls are capable of taking up the challenge. The progress they have made as a team and as individuals is something to be very proud of. This is a great team and I know they will do the best they can in this next stage of the competition.

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CONIFER GROVE GARNET

Coach: Jill Collins

Manager: Estie Fourie

With more wins than losses we have remained firmly in Intermediate C for Championship round. We let a couple slip but the girls are showing good improvement in some key areas and they have really great team work. It is great having so much versatility in the team with all the girls taking their opportunities in their favourite positions. Taylor, Emma and Nicole show good accuracy in the circle and Pia brings a different dynamic with her quick feet when shooting too. They are all developing good timing in the mid court positions. Chloe controls the mid court at centre assisted by Jaime. Melissa, Talveer, Kataraina and Jaime are interchangeable in the defence positions and we see lots of tips and intercepts from this team. Looking forward to watching these girls grow as Championship rounds get going.

CONIFER GROVE IVORY

Coach: Courtney Webster-Frost

Manager: Sheldon Pastars

At the end of Presidents round team Ivory finished in 2nd place, having only lost one game. The girls effort and focus in all trainings paid off, with the girls getting pleasing results on court. All members of the team have made a massive improvement to their game, and are developing really well as a team. I look forward to Championship round with these girls and can't wait to see them improve their netball skills even further. Great job girls.



CONIFER GROVE ZIRCON

Coach: Gabriella Casey

Manager: Vanessa Mager

We have completed our first five games of the first round in the Intermediate section F. It has been a testing time for Team Zircon. However, we are coming along nicely with 3 out of 5 games being relatively close. Against Opaheke Storm 6-9, Drury 8 5-7, SS Sistas 10-16, CP Allstars 4-29 and last week against TG Manuka 4-7 which again was very close. We have some strong defensive players in Katelyn and Krystal. Some all rounders in Aleesha and Lynette. Great skills developing in Taylor, Mackenzie and Ashley and Jenna is great wherever she plays.

Here are some action photos from our game last week against TG Manuka.

Looking forward to working hard towards our first win





CONIFER GROVE TURQUOISE



Coaches: Danielle Collins/Hannah Bertram

We have had quite a few tough games in Presidents round and finished 4th in Junior B with two wins. Since this is a mix of Year 5 and 6 players this is a great result for them as it was a tough grade. All of their games were played with enthusiasm and the girls are improving as individuals and as a team. The girls are starting to learn what positions they prefer and what they are best at. Some girls have changed their positions completely as a hidden talent has come out of hiding. We are sure they will continue to learn new skills and improve their old ones meaning more wins will come their way. Tayla is showing her mid court ability away from the circle, Meeka is improving her circle moving, Ailya and Celeste run all day at Centre and defence, Tina has great versatility, Ella is starting to anticipate play and get great intercepts, Indie works hard on her shooting, Georgia is getting great space in the mid court.

CONIFER GROVE GEMS

Coach: Zizi Jasim

Manager: Tracey Robinson

After moving up to Junior E Grade after grading day, our Gems had to work hard against teams who were much taller than them! We had some close games, some unfortunate losses and an awesome win of 19-1, which placed us 5th in our grade at the end of Presidents round. The girls are beginning to play as a team and are developing their netball skills (and silly-ness) through out each of our games and trainings. It's great to see that they are beginning to get used to the positions they play best at and they are displaying some great techniques in these positions. I look forward to the Championship rounds where I'm sure the girls will continue to improve their skills and play as a talented junior team!

CONIFER GROVE AMBER

Coach: Jane Tomlinson

Manager: Catherine Scott

Amber placed 4th after the Presidents round with 2 wins and 3 losses. While results were mixed, it was awesome to see our girls continue to improve individually and gel well as a team unit. Flashes of flare and brilliance could be seen in every game - and whatever the outcome, Conifer Grove Amber was always ready with big smiles and a positive attitude at the end of the game. Great effort girls - we're proud of you!



CONIFER GROVE PEARL

Coach: Sina Seumanutafa

Manager: Sharan Timothy

My girls from CG Pearl are just fantastic. They work hard, play hard and use every skill they learn at training. They are an awesome team. Some players are naturals and some are exceeding and improving. They play like they've been playing for more than a year, so just keep up the good effort my little ones and keep playing your game. Not only am I proud of you all, but the parents and supporters are proud too.