

JUNE 2013

Hi Players and Supporters

The season is speeding past and already we are at Championship round. Congratulations to Platinum who have qualified for the Regional Premier League (RPL). It is great to have a team back at this level. The ladies play on a Friday night so check out the draw on the PNC website and head indoors to watch some good netball at a local venue and support our team. Good luck Platinum we know you will give your best.

Congratulations also go to Sarah McCall (Under 17) and Vivian Perez (Year 7) who have made it into Rep teams. Good luck for the season ahead girls.

The good news from Presidents round is that all our teams managed to hold positions in their grades which is fabulous. You have all worked hard to get your season going and I wish you all luck as you get stronger through the Championship round. I personally have been umpiring a Future Fern team in their first year and am loving watching them grow and develop as the season progresses.

Please watch out for our young umpires. If you hear them getting a hard time from the sideline (not ours I would hope) head up to the office

and ask for the duty umpire to come down and speak to those people. Please remember to stay back from the sideline to allow room for the umpires to run up and down and make sure all gear and drink bottles are also away from the sideline.

Reminders

Parking – again!!! From PNC. Do not park behind or on the broken yellow lines around the grass edge of the roadway. These lines are being repainted and once done *parking wardens will be coming* to issue tickets. There is plenty of space in the main carpark, so please use it.

Photos - this is happening on 4 July so please keep your calendar free.

Club Duty – 27 July – coaches are currently looking for volunteers so make their job easier and step up and do your small bit (on 2 hours) to support the club.

ANZ netball grant – go on line and vote for our club. <u>www.anznetball.co.nz</u>

Regards

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CONIFER GROVE PLATINUM



Coach: Jeanette Ross

Manager: Michelle McCall

Players: Sherry Elekana, Natalie Hooker, Tracey Hooker, Sarah McCall, Demelza Muir, Kirsty Ng Shiu, Kristal Pihama, Lauren Saunderson, Kate Steven.

After being placed in Premier 1 we knew things would not be easy and ended up having some close games, winning two and losing three placed us 5th overall. This was a good time for Platinum to continue on with developing team combinations. Next we went to the trials for the Regional Premier League Tournament (RPL) that was played over two Sundays. It was good to see the team all supporting one another. "Hooray" we did come up with the result we have been striving for over the last few seasons. Out of 20 teams entered we made it into the top 6 which gave us a spot in Division 2 of RPL. We will now play in this league on Friday nights. Once again thank-you to our umpires and supporters whose help and support is very much appreciated.

CONIFER GROVE DIAMONDS

Coaches: Miles Neighbour/Denise Eldridge Manager: Shirley Todd

Team: Aimee, Ainsley, Ashleigh, Ellen, Kahlia (captain), Mel, Monique, Mel, Paige, Pip & Siobhan

After stepping up to Senior A grade, this team has proven that this is where they belong, winning 3 games and losing 2 in the Presidents round to end up 4th overall. All games were really close fought and kept within an 8 goal difference – so a bit nerve wrecking for the huge line up of supporters on the side-line! The fitness of the team is an added bonus in these tight games, as the team is determined and capable of working hard to the end, and often take advantage of more tired legs in the opposition. The ladies have all merged together nicely as a team, supporting and encouraging each other on and off the court, and collectively have a lot of talent. Go hard for the next round ladies/girls, the side-line is looking forward to even more improvement, and great netball. Make the most of having 2 wonderful coaches (p.s. the coaches didn't write this!). Let's aim even higher up the list in the final results!

CONIFER GROVE SAPPHIRE

Coaches/Managers: Kristal Pihama/Jill Collins

The Presidents Round has had some mixed results for our team. The good news is that Sapphire has secured a place in Senior B Reserve. The bad news is that unfortunately the Sapphire curse has struck again, taking out almost half our team due to injuries - Lucy (Captain), Courtney, Iri and most recently Ange. In a couple of games, we were worried about being able to field a full team of registered players! But the remaining ladies persevered each week and stepped up their individual performances to carry the team through. Thankfully, Lucy and Ange are now back on board ready for action. Thank you to the relentless support from our casualties bench who still come along to support! On behalf of the team we would especially like to extend a huge thank you to Georgia Kemp, Danielle Collins, Sheryl Cronin, Coralie Moyle and Julie Curran. Without you guys as our super-subs,



we wouldn't have been able to make it through the Presidents Round. We really appreciate your flexibility and hope that we can still call on a few of you again until all our players are match fit. Best of luck to the ladies for the Championship Round and wishing Courtney and Iri a speedy recovery.



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CONIFER GROVE RUBY

Coach: Sheryl Cronin

Manager: Melanie Cronin

Ruby have played the Presidents round in Collegiate B ending up in 3rd position at the end of the round with 2 wins, 2 losses and a Bye. The girls have all shown improvement over the round finishing with a well contested win in our last game. We still have a lot of skills to work on personally and as a team, and are looking forward to some good results over the 2 Championship rounds. Thanks to the parents who come along every week and support from the side-lines.

CONIFER GROVE GARNET

Coaches: Carron Jerram/Janine Hawkins

Manager: Janine Hawkins

Our aim in the President Round was to stay in A Grade. We started with only 7 players with having lost one of our players at the beginning of the President Round (Alena Dorotich to a broken leg). In spite of this the girls played extremely well. Unfortunately our first game resulted in a loss, although it was very close. Then in the second game they came back fighting and drew 20 all. The next two games were also hard fought but lost both, but once again they were close games. The last game of the season was the decider whether we stayed in A Grade or went down to B Grade, therefore it was a nail-biting time. The girls showed all their skills and won, which enabled them to stay in A Grade. We welcome a new player to our team, Brooke Varney, who has being a great asset. Also thank you to Emma Mackereth who was able to fill in for us in our last game, due to an absence of one of our players. Now we look forward to the Championship Round and the challenges it will hold.

CONIFER GROVE IVORY

Coach: Jill Collins

Manager: Lars Lundo-Nielsen

The girls have had some highs and lows during Presidents round with 2 strong wins being enough to keep them in Intermediate E. We have seen some strong individual performances but the girls haven't yet managed to really get it together as a team with everyone firing together. But when they do look out!!! All of the girls are working hard at being able to play different positions which is making it easier to get combinations on court. Trinity as a new player is working hard and improving week by week and getting more consistent with her shooting.









Our defensive team of Sarah, Talveer, Sam and Gurpreet are all getting some great tips and working hard to pressure the ball. Kate's

versatility of being able to play either circle end and centre is proving valuable. Shannon is getting some great space and feeding well. Katy is developing her combination with Trinity and scoring well. Emma is eager to get in the shooting circle but is valuable in the centre and working hard on her passing. Keep up the good work girls as we look to improve our position during Championship round. Congratulations to our Players of the Day Gurpreet, Sam, Katy and Shannon.

CONIFER GROVE ZIRCON

Coach: Courtney Webster-Frost

Manager: Kim Paster

CG Zircon finished 4th after Presidents round, not having as many wins as they would've liked, but they still kept their heads up and played with enthusiasm and lots of effort. The girls have now bonded together as a team and are improving week by week - with Caitlyn and Talyor working amazingly together in the shooting circle, Jasleen, Preet and Krystal working their magic in the mid court and Sophie, Kaitlin and Gurleen working together wonderfully to keep those goals out in the defence area.

At trainings every player puts 100% into everything they do.

Keep up the good work girls and we look forward to championship round.

CONIFER GROVE TURQUOISE

Coach: Estie Fourie

Manager: Nicky Lundo-Nielsen

CG Turquoise had a very successful Presidents Round, finishing in 2nd place – only 2 points behind the winners!! This means they will remain in Junior B Grade for the Championship Round.

There were certainly some nail biting moments with some closely fought games. The team has been working hard and with the advantage of having almost all the same players coming together again from last year, have settled into their respective positions with enthusiasm and a desire to give it their all. We have certainly seen the strengths come out in each girl as they work on their skills to play at least 2 positions.

The team's defence is strong with a combination of Kirsten & Kataraina in the goal circle, with Danielle and Zeneta also contributing to some great intercepts and determination in defence. Aleesha is our "newbie" this year and has had to work hard as Centre and in the mid-court and is fitting in really well. She is joined by MacKenzie in midcourt making an impact on getting the ball to our shooters. Our main shooting combo, Pia & Nicole, have



worked well together to complete the team's hard work with some great results with their shooting & fast pace when on attack. This is consolidated with the skills of Chloe who is very versatile as a shooter, defender and also on attack!



The team has great support from our parents/families so thanks & we look forward to more fun as the season continues!

CONIFER GROVE GEMS

Coaches: Danielle Collins/Nikayla Reece

This year we have a team of 9 amazing players with a load of talent. The girls have been playing amazingly.

Rebecca and Tayla with their tremendous shooting and Tina, Georgia, Lynette and Celeste in the mid court, moving and driving into space. We also have Paige, Kya and Jaime working great in defence. The girls have been playing extremely well winning most of their games. Keep it up for the rest of the season girls.

CONIFER GROVE EBONY

Coach: Gabriella Casey

Manager: Aaron Dobbs

Our girls have had mixed results, with both wins and losses. Some games were real "nailbiters" ... so exciting to watch!!!

The team is currently placed 3rd in the Junior G grade as at 25 May 2013. I think this is a fantastic result considering some girls have never played before and four are playing a grade above. We also settled for a draw in the last game before the long weekend, despite winning. The opposing team did a little "creative accounting" on the score card. You have to laugh. Never mind. Most importantly, whether they win or lose, our girls have fun and show great team spirit. They continue to improve with each game and coach Gabriella Casey continues to inspire and is finding some winning combinations. Looking forward to more fun and exciting play in the coming weeks.

CONIFER GROVE AMBER

Coach: Kim Elliott

Manager-Assistant Coach: Kristain Midgley

What a team! The CG Amber girls have been fantastic and exciting to watch, their skill level and knowledge of the game is growing in leaps and bounds and they have had some great results so far. With 4 wins and 1 draw they were the winners of the Presidents round in section 2 which has seen them moved up a grade to section 1!

The girls are working well as a team, their confidence is soaring and they are moving the ball down the court with ease. They are making









space and driving the ball hard and as a result our goals have been coming in thick and fast. A big thank you to the parents on the sideline, we endure some nail biting moments through out all of the games but I know your support to all the girls is invaluable.

We are looking forward to more exciting games throughout the remainder of the season.

CONIFER GROVE PEARL

Coach: Michelle Rees

Manager: Hina Desai

CG Pearl continues to play consistently every week making their coaches, parents and supporters very proud of them. We have players who have amazing natural timing on court and players who are beginning to read play and put defence in place resulting in intercepts. The girls have jelled well over the previous few weeks and now are displaying some flow in their game which is outstanding for 1st year teams. They have almost conquered the no stepping rule and are improving in their release time for passes. The girls always work hard at training and it is paying off on the court. Keep up the awesome work girls!!!

