

# BOUNCE

CONIFER GROVE  
NETBALL CLUB  
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## PRESIDENTS LETTER

What an awful wet start to the season on opening day. Thank you to all those players and parents who turned out for the parade. We appreciate the effort in such bad weather and luckily our jackets arrived just in time. Thanks to Karen Joosten who spent a lot of time arguing with the supplier

to ensure this happened. And for those new Future Fern parents who had a wet grading day as well, I promise that not all weeks are like that!!!! We had some good results from grading with several teams making A grades but I will let the coaches tell all. But a special mention to Diamonds who have made it into Premier 2. Awesome work ladies!

The club is lucky to have the services of a qualified aerobics instructor for approximately 5 weeks next term. We are hoping to set up a class on a Monday night as an additional fitness option for any interested player (any age). This will be open invitation to anybody for a small fee so spread the word. We are hoping that this will be in the school hall but need to confirm this with the school. We will let you know the details when they are finalised.

We are also lucky to have Ivy Topping come and run some skill sessions for us. Ivy has many years of top level coaching experience. The sessions will be open to Year 6, 7, 8, college age and senior players. The sessions will take place on Friday 13 May and Sunday 15 May. We will confirm session times as soon as we can and call for names from coaches as session numbers will be limited.

The Thoroughbred Tavern (opposite Countdown Takanini) is offering a loyalty scheme this netball season.

Clubs register and a points card is kept behind the bar. At the end of the season the club with the most points will receive a cash prize. The senior players usually meet for a game debrief for an hour or so on a Saturday afternoon so please feel free to join us and share some netball

chatter. So if you are in the Tavern on a Saturday afternoon mention our club name and get the card swiped.

A reminder to players that the correct playing uniform must be worn. This includes the allocated shirt and skirt, black undies and white socks. I know it can be cold and wet sometimes, especially for the

Future Ferns and Juniors but it does not include tights, long black socks, T-shirt or long sleeve shirt under the playing shirt. Any shirt/singlet worn under the playing top must not be seen. A thermal singlet as a good option if you want that extra layer.

Good luck to all our teams in Presidents round and we look forward to seeing all the results in a few weeks time.

Jill Collins



Jill Collins	298 3873	President (and stand-in coaching coordinator)
Shirley Todd	298 2453	Senior Club Coordinator
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## Seniors

### CG Diamonds

**Coaches: Jeanette Ross**

Introducing Diamonds Denise Eldridge, Natalie Hooker, Kristy Ng Shiu, Charissa Miller, Grace Reilly, Christine Goldsmith, Kristal Pihama, Nicola Waite and Coralie Moyle.

This team is made up of 6 players from last season and welcome back past players Denise and Natalie and new player Kristy. After 5 rounds of grading and a crossover the Diamonds are shining with 1 loss and 5 wins, one of those wins by more than 50 goals and very excited to have made it into Senior Premier 2.

Although our team made it into Premier last season we did go down to A Grade for the Competition rounds so lets hope the season continues the way it has started and our Diamonds will continue to shine and hopefully qualify also for the Regional Premier League over Queens Birthday Weekend.

We thank those valuable supporters that have braved the horrible weather over the past 6 weeks and especially our Manager Sheryl Cronin, we really do appreciate it.

### CG Sapphire

**Coach: Jeanette Ross**

Introducing Sapphire Melanie Cronin, Julia Money, Tania Bigham, Angela Trask, Ainsley Clark, Kerry Sherborne, Lucy Isaac, Jill Collins, Maria Halligan and Christine Hynes. This team is made up of 5 players from last season and welcome back Christine and new players Julia, Angela, Lucy and Maria.

Grading day was a day to see which different combinations shone, and which ones needed a little more polish.

We all enjoyed the day getting to know each other a little better and came away with a couple of wins a couple of narrow losses and a draw. This placed us in the middle of Senior B Grade and are looking forward to the rest of the season where we can polish up those combinations.

We thank those valuable supporters that braved the bugs on grading day, it is great to have you.

## Collegiate

### CG Topaz

**Coach: Melanie Cronin**

We are Topaz, and our team is made up out of fast movers Zizi, Stacey and Olivia in the midcourt, our great defenders Amelia and Kim and our accurate shooters Danielle, Taylor and Cailin.

The girls have made a good start to the season, with some really great commitment to trainings. We surprised ourselves on grading day, in that despite losing all of our games trialing at prem. grade, we were competitive at that level, especially with only seven girls on the day.

The girls have ended up in 'A' grade and with positive attitudes and 110% effort on court each week, we as coaches believe these girls will do really well. Looking forward to the season ahead!

### CG Ruby: Premier Grade

**Coaches Kristal Pihama and Shirley Todd**

Introducing Paige Adams (captain), Aimee Clark, Kahlia Hawkins, Monique Hawkins, Sarah McCall, Ashleigh Millington, Tegan Thomas and Philippa Todd.

We have all positions more than covered with this very versatile team. All girls are determined to improve over the season with some great personal goals.

As a team, our goal was to get into the Collegiate Prem grade – even though half of our team are playing their first year in the collegiate grade (but we knew you could do it). The team ended up 4<sup>th</sup> in collegiate prem after grading, and started the Presidents round off with a great win (against a team they lost to in grading).

The result showing how 7 determined girls on court, all playing their best, produces great results! Thanks to Marcia Jerram and Amelia Burrow for filling in for us.

Kristal and Shirley are looking forward to a great season with a talented group of girls.

## Under 15

### CG Amethysts      Coach: Miles Neighbour

A well rounded bunch starting with Darby as our captain, who after an impressive year in 2010 growing as a player, now has the chance to lead from the front. Brittany also returning to Amethyst has got a host of new responsibilities now filling both GK and GS bibs this year. In our mid court we have a lot to select from with Jenna, Caitlin, Mandy, & Kaysey. Jenna offers great speed and determination to the mid court and Caitlin balances this with exceptional positioning on the court. Mandy a MIP in 2010 gets the chance to take thing a step further again in 2011. Kaysey and Teina are new additions to the club this year and have proven a great find .... Big thanks to Shirley for her help in finding these talented twins. Kaysey gives our team a strong & motivated centre and Teina gives us options in both GA & GD just what we needed. Amethyst is completed by Siobhan & Marisa. Siobhan will get to develop her skills in defence this year as well as keeping her shooting skills in check and congratulations go to Marisa as she made the Netball academy at Mt Albert Grammar.

Grading day for Amethyst was about trying new combinations, testing the versatility of each player and we had a simple goal of holding a comfortable position in A grade. The day was reasonably successful with two good wins another close game and two losses. This gave us a mid table spot going into the President round.

President round game one was terrible. School holidays hitting hard with three girls away and it felt like the rest of the team joined them in spirit. After half time we held a 1 goal lead over Papatoetoe Rangers in a very low scoring contest, with both teams looked rusty, unfortunately for us PR kicked off that rust to finish strongly, comfortably beating us. Brittany picking up POD after a session with Denise helped her positioning and defensive lean. So cup half full, training will be fun as we work on our through court game trying to reduce our turn over's before our next game.

## Intermediate

### CG Garnet - Intermediate B grade

#### Coach: Jill Collins

Welcome to the 2011 season to the girls and supporters from Garnet. Returning from last season are Tegan Goldsmith (C and defence), Hayley Ballard (GA and midcourt), Alex Rutherford (shooter), Danielle Collins (shooter/defender), Anesu Mlambo (WA/WD), Danielle Harnett (midcourt). We welcome Jenna Hancock (GA and midcourt) to the team. We also have two players new to netball who are both adapting well to the defence end of the court Sina Seumanutapa and Kaitlin Te Rito.

Practices looked shakey and at times I wondered if they were paying attention but they must have been because they played some good netball on grading day. We played in Section 1 which was a real challenge and although results didn't go our way I was really proud of the way the girls stuck to it and fought right to the end. After losing crossover we have been graded in Intermediate B.

Some strong performances on the day were Danielle Harnett and Tegan Goldsmith. Keep up the hard work girls and you will really enjoy the season.





## Intermediate

### CG Ivory - Year 7

**Coaches: Debbie Mountfort & Ashleigh Snell**

Kaylie Mountfort, Britney Lenne, Gaia Hendrikse-Strydom, Brooke Lemafa, Lorraine Lemafa, Melissa Shorrock, Jessica Stratford, Emma Taylor and Arnikita Dunsmuir.

Our girls are lucky this year to have an Attacking and Defense coach. We welcome Ashleigh and all her valuable time she is contributing to the team.

Our grading day went well - We put ourselves down as Section 4 of Intermediate and only lost one game to Papatoetoe Rangers, which meant we then played the Crossover game which we lost but were happy for this to happen, as we can stay in this Section and see how things go for Presidents round.

We are still experimenting with positions and can already see stand out performances where the girls gave 100% in the position they were placed in for that game. By the cross over game we were all hot and exhausted but can't moan about the hot sunny day that's for sure.

Well done girls we were very proud of you and also the commitment you put in at training and a thank you to the parents for your support on all of the above.

Also thank you to our Umpires and all the Conifer Grove Exec's as without all your hard work things would not run so smoothly for us Coaches.

## Junior

### CG Ebony

**Coach: Kelly Maria and Sarah Lee**

We have a great team of girls, a couple of who have never played before. Our girls Tyla, Dashanna, Wendy, Kendall, Gurpreet, Talveer, Gurleen and Preet are doing really well. At grading we won 2 games and lost 3 but walked away with our heads held high. The first game of the season was a loss (5-12) but it was against a team we lost to at grading (1-12) so we improved our goals and held them back - fabulous result.

We enrolled for D grade but after the grading day we were placed in B grade so we have some work to do in front of us.

Kelly is our lead Coach and Sarah helps with coaching while fulfilling the Manager duties.

Our girls are enthusiastic and looking forward to the season ahead.

Go Ebony!



### CG Turquoise - Year 6

**Coach: Janine Hawkins - Junior A Grade**

Team: Jasmine Birch, Jasmine Edmonds, Amber Hawkins, Taalia Joosten, S. Taylor, Karolyne Sionemale, S. Turner, Mikaela Woodroffe

After a successful grading day (in the rain!), CG Turquoise played five games, winning three and losing marginally to two teams but this was

enough to secure them a place in the Junior A Section.

They are a great team who work extremely well together and this has helped in their first win in the Presidents Round against Drury - 17-4.

Well done girls - so proud of you especially as I was

unable to be there to cheer you on, although we have great parental support which is great!! Best wishes for the rest of the season - and have fun!

## Junior

### CG GEMS F Grade

**Coaches: Paige Adams and Millie Burrow**

The Gems graded in Junior F on grading day, finishing 4th, securing their place in F grade for the Presidents round.

They worked well together, applying what they had learnt at training in order to be successful, maintaining a lot of the possession throughout all of their games. They had 2 wins, 1 draw and 2 close losses.

Our team consists of eight lovely yr 5 ladies, Bianca, Emma, Georgia, Grace, Katy, Samantha, Shannon and Vivian. Most of the girls played at Future Fern level last year, except for Vivian who is new to netball and quickly learning the rules, having a strong pass and excellent feed, fitting well into the midcourt.

The rest of the girls are beginning to specialize in certain positions, with Bianca, Georgia and Grace forming a very strong and on to it defensive end. Shannon and Emma being speedy through the midcourt and Katy and Samantha shooting like Irene van Dyk, with Sam also being a zippy WD. We hope to remain in F grade for the championship round as the girls have the potential to take it out.



## Future Ferns

### CG Amber

**Coaches: Courtney & Jasmine**

First of all we would like to introduce team Amber - Lara Weight, Nicole Fourie, Kyla Kealey, Kataraina Kelly, Chloe Keys, Mackenzie Mager, Zaneta Sionemale, Katelyn Statham and Danielle Wairoa.

Despite the horrible weather the girls had a successful day winning 2, drawing 1 and losing one. Team Amber made 'B' Grade and they all should be very proud of themselves.

Already the girls have improved heaps just from practices and practice games. At training the girls are always focused and are putting 100% effort in at all times. We look forward to the rest of the season with Team Amber.



### CG Pearl

**Coach: Cindy Loane, Co-coach: Selina Birch  
Manager: Pranoti Gupta**

Introducing Ashley Birch, Shireen Gupta, Daysi Insley, Talya Lenne, Paige Makiri, Charlotte McNicoll, Shivashna Prasad, Kya Teremoana and Miya Arrowsmith.

Kelematina Perez was in our team for grading day but she broke her arm at school and had to resign which opened up a space for Miya Arrowsmith. Kelematina will be missed as she was a great part of our team.

All of our team are new to netball and only a few of the girls did Fun Ferns last year as an introduction to netball.

Grading day was absolutely wonderful as none of the girls complained about being soaking wet and all girls gave their all on and off the court. Round one we played against Takanini 8 which was a very close game with Takanini winning 5-2.

The parade was well attended and the girls really enjoyed wearing the wigs and shaking their pom poms.

We are all looking forward to our next game against The Gardens 1.