Welcome to the start of the 2017 Season.

April 2017

A big welcome to our new Players, Coaches and Supporters.

The club is in good shape heading into the season with one more team than last year making us one of the largest clubs. Thanks to all the coaches and umpires who make this possible. Especially those that have answered the call for more help to join us and to Miles, Maria and Jill who have taken on two teams to ensure we get them all on the court.

Coaching

Finding coaches is a huge challenge not just for us but other clubs too. Some clubs have reduced their teams due to the lack of coaches. We have been lucky this season and would like to thank the new coaches for taking on the challenge of running a team.

Opening Day Festivities - 6 May 2017 at 11.00am

The march takes place on the first day of play following the first round of games. All clubs march round the courts dressed in uniform with their banner and other decorative paraphernalia. We would love to see as many of you there to show our strength, especially the collegiate and senior teams. Please assemble at 10.45 for a 11am start. Please go to our facebook page for more information https://www.facebook.com/cgnetball.

Indoor Centre

It is exciting that the new ICC is up and running for the season. Our Platinum team were honoured by the invite to be one of the first teams to play in the new ICC Netball facility at Bruce Pullman Park, in an exhibition match for the grand opening. The building was amazing and it was a really thrilling feeling seeing our ladies dominate the court resulting in a big win over Papatoetoe Rangers. Our Prem teams Platinum and Diamonds will be playing in there and there is a chance for other teams to play indoors later in the season, this will depend on how we are placed.

A side note for indoor spectators. **Only** teams and officials will be allowed on the court area. Spectators are restricted to carpeted areas only and are encouraged to watch the game from the seating areas on the second level. **Enjoy it Ladies!!** No rain or wind or cold to contend with!!!

Sponsorship

Playing in the ICC comes at a cost and we have been lucky enough to get some funding to cover these costs and the RPL fees for Platinum. Thanks to Georgie (our Prem manager) for putting in the time and effort to apply for this funding. It can take time but being successful makes a huge difference to all of us in keeping fees at a reasonable level for all players. We would also like to thank two other of our parent/supporters who have provided some sponsorship to cover court hire at PNC for two of our teams. Every little bit helps. If your business would like to help us with sponsorship even if only \$100 (which can cover the cost of first aid supplies or new balls) and eventually can build up the reserve needed to replace our junior uniforms in the future. Please contact me if you wish to discuss the options available. Something bigger can also be accommodated with our Prem squad in terms of branding etc.

At the courts

Take care in the car park at PNC as it is a busy place with lots of young children. Please park in the designated areas. If you park in a restricted signed area along the front building and fence or on the grass you will be towed. Security guards are on duty on a Saturday to keep track of it all.

Looking forward to seeing you all around the courts. Look after our coaches and umpires and if you see any abuse please go up to the control room and ask for assistance.



Jill Collins President, Conifer Grove Netball Club



Meet the Teams Introducing the Senior Teams

CONIFER GROVE PLATINUM

Coach: Miles Neighbour Trainer: **Brooke Raymond** Manager: **Tiffany Hughes Umpire: Pearl Neighbour** Captain: Ali White

Vice Captain: **Sherry Lunjevich**



Phase 1 complete!... Platinum have placed themselves comfortably in Prem 1. These ladies have shown amazing strength on court as new combinations gel together; our exciting win over local rivals Pacers was a great start to the season.

Our 2017 team consists of Chelsea Bilton and Mel Cronin as our shooters; Ali White, Kiri Stewart and Paige Adams dominating our mid court; and we have Sherry Lunjevich and Sarah McCall in defence; as returning players from 2016. The leadership and passion these loyal club members bring, makes Platinum a team that is that much more enjoyable to be part of. In addition to these veterans we have Camilla Godinet (defence) along with Darby Fullerton who played for Conifer at collegiate level many years ago and has only just returned; each brings a thrilling touch at opposing ends of the court. We also get to welcome our new comers, Tyler Rogers (mid court) and Maryanne Tuilaui (shooting & defense) to Conifer Grove. Their inclusion has added rousing variances to court combinations, creating some new and interesting dynamics which will be sure to please.

CONIFER GROVE DIAMONDS

Coach: Miles Neighbour Trainer: **Brooke Raymond** Manager: **Tiffany Hughes** Umpire: Alana Berry Captain: Elvse Johnson

Diamonds have cemented their spot in Prem Two with 3 wins, ending their successful grading round with a huge win against Karaka over the weekend.

Diamonds are an electrifying mix of new members and club faithfuls with a team of 11 and 5 new members. We have Elyse Johnson (mid court), Jacci Grace and Siobhan Ryan (shooting), as well as Court Redshaw and Mel Daley (mid court / defense) as our new comers. Club members new to the premier league and first time Diamond players are Danielle Collins (shooting / defense) and Vivian Perez (mid court) highlighting the strong pathways within our club as well as the desire of our up and coming players to progress. Adding to this exciting bunch we have returning Diamond players Lani Sitagata (shooting), Kristen Basra (defense), Gemma Wilkes (mid court / defense) and returning club legend Kristal Pihama who have already shown great commitment, passion and desire to progress their netball in the 2017 season.

PLATNINUM AND DIAMONDS MANAGEMENT TEAM:

We have returning legend Miles Neighbour as head coach, Brooke Raymond as Team Trainer and new Manager Tiffany Hughes a.k.a Georgie. Our team comes with a wealth of knowledge and experience, so this season will be a must see!

CONIFER GROVE SAPPHIRE

Coach: Jill Collins



Our new look Sapphire team is a fun and bubbly group of ladies. With only three of last year's players in the team they are all just starting to get to know each other. We are blessed with a balanced team of specialist and versatility which is a dream for a coach. On grading day they impressed with their style of play and won section 3 with only one loss by one goal – a fantastic effort. Unfortunately an injury meant we played our last two games with only 7 players and this effected the energy levels by cross over and we lost that by 3 goals as tiredness lead to inaccuracy that wasn't there earlier. The team is made up of Shooters Danae and Hannah, the versatile attackers Danielle and Britney, Paige and Aimee in the mid court and circle defenders Courtney and Olivia. Our goal will be to win Senior B presidents round.



Introducing the Collegiate & U15 Teams

CONIFER GROVE RUBY

Coach: Jill Collins

Manager: Lars Lundo-Nielsen

This is the first year playing in Collegiate grade and is a mix of girls from Year 9 to 11. It has been great to keep this team in tact from last year so that they are all used to playing with each other and they have a great team spirit. Unfortunately grading day was always going to be tough as we had two of our defense end players away on grading day and also another player caught up in another sports tournament. So we played three of our games with only 6 players and a fill in from the Under 15 team. A big thanks to Carmen and Maddisyn from Amethyst who helped us out on the day, we couldn't have done it without you. We finished third in our section which was a great effort in the circumstances and will play in Collegiate B so our goal is to win that and go up to Collegiate A. The team is shooters Taylor, Nicole and Danielle, midcourters are Emma, Sam and Sophie with Kenna, Katrine and Tina in the defence end.

CONIFER GROVE TOPAZ

Coach: Andrew Williams Manager: Nicky Lundo-Nielsen



This is my first year of coaching Netball and am lucky enough to be coaching an excellent team of young girls, Breeanne, Gurleen, Jaimee (Captain), Kaitlin, Pia, Sarah (Vice Captain), Sophie, Zara, and Zoe. All bring different skills to the team providing strength and options from defence through mid-court and into attack.

With only a few training sessions under our belt, we were determined to give grading a really good go. The first game was a rusty performance while the second blew away the cobwebs and the confidence in the team was growing though both resulted in losses. However, the team took all the learning from those two games. We were magnificent in games three and four, powering to wins with quick, incisive, flowing netball with the ball and strong, determined defending without. In both games the bar was raised and it was an absolute joy to watch as we won both decisively. Every player stepped up and performed brilliantly winning individual duels and working as a team. Two losses and two wins left us in third and very happy overall. We will begin, as per grading, in C but confident in our ability to be more than competitive through the season.

We are looking forward with excitement to the season ahead and momentum is building nicely...GO TOPAZ!!

CONIFER GROVE AMETHYST

Coach: Maria Hughes
Manager: Glenda O'Connell

We are a newly formed team of year 8,9 and 10 girls from various schools. Our team is Natalie O'Connell, Maddisyn Hughes-Afoa, Reina Perry, Loveleen Sharma, Carmen Milicich, Isabella Deighton, Madeline Robinson, Aliya Dobbs and Mackenzie Darby. We were lucky enough to have a few training's under our belts before grading day. We had 4 games over the day to which the girls won 3 and drew 1 which meant we had a crossover that the girls drew. We have managed to stay in B grade and I think that girls have a great chance of winning presidents round and going up to A grade. The girls played really well over the day even thought we had 1 girl unable to make it due to illness and an injury in our 2nd game which means we had to change a few things up but it all worked out in the end. I was very impressed with how the girls worked as a team and supported one another throughout the day. We are very excited to see what the rest of the season has in store for us. WELL DONE GIRLS!!



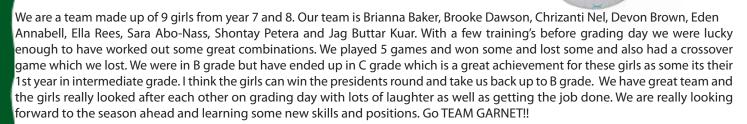


Introducing the Intermediate & Junior Teams

CONIFER GROVE GARNET

Coach: Maria Hughes

Manager: TBA



CONIFER GROVE IVORY

Coach: Christine Muir Manager: Jude Shuker

The team is made up of 9 girls from Year 7 & 8. Harleen Badwal, Kate Groshinski, Jessie Malcolm, Venitia Moonsammy, Skye Pethybridge, Natalia Sheiford, Meg Shuker, Jamie Strong and Paris Taylor.

We are a new team this year with girls from coming from a number of different teams/schools. We have spent the first few trainings getting to know each other and Christine, and working on our skills and some combinations. It's been great to see the girls giving new positions a go as we try to work out combinations on court – everybody is doing their best for the team. Both our Coach and Manager were not able to be at grading day (!!) but big thanks to parents Anne and Gina who stepped up and guided the team through the day. We were graded in C grade and we won one game, drew one game and lost three close games, so found ourselves crossover. However we won that game and so have stayed in C grade which is a great effort. Best of all the girls enjoyed playing together on the day and are keen to get on with the season. We are sure that as combinations develop the team will improve and we will do well in C grade this year – watch this space!!

CONIFER GROVE ZIRCON

Coach: Hannah Bertram Manager: Catherine Scott

Our team of talented year 7 girls are Kiri Anderson our feisty GA and go to person to fill any other position when needed, Elizabeth Williams steady hand WA and awesome GS, Abby Mitchell our new talented GS, Aisha Aziz solid as and always smiling GD, our ever powerful Bethany Hendrikse GD/GK, Simran Kaur GK who is always surprising us! and our midcourt super squad Isabel Waters, Hannah Reid and Haniya Raza who prove valuable things come in small packages. What a pleasure it was to watch these girls after only 3 training sessions light up the court at grading. Winning 2 out of the five games finishing 3rd and remaining in Grade D.

There were some tough games played but they put their heart and soul into each one and showed that they are going to be taking on the upcoming season with confidence, resilience and great team spirit.

CONIFER GROVE TURQUOISE

Coach: Michelle Rees
Manager: Jane Tomlinson

Team Turquoise consists of 9 fantastic girls who are keen to have a great season this year. They are Dayle Anderson, Ella Fussell, Jami Nel, Kalehi Perez, Maddysin Rees, Mansukh Kaur, Olivia Annabel, Kim Carelse, Trishleen Basra.

The girls are training hard and enjoying learning to work together as a cohesive unit – all the while with smiles on their faces, a spring in their step and a cart-wheel or two thrown in for good measure. We had lots of fun on grading day placing 4th with 2 wins and 3 losses. It was a great opportunity to see them try out different court placements so we now have a good idea about where each girl plays well, and what combinations work.

This means that Turquoise has placed in Junior B grade and so it's going to be a challenging Presidents round – but our girls are up for it! With support on the side-lines from family and friends and a positive attitude, our girls will flourish this season – see you all court-side!



Junior Teams cont...

CONIFER GROVE EBONY

Coach: Danielle Collins Manager: Jade Devcich



These girls were all looking for a place to play netball but had not been able to find a team. The Club was lucky to be able to arrange a late registration and get them together and offer them a place to play. So with only one week before grading and one training run they took the court on grading day. Considering their level of inexperience and the fact that they had only known each other a week they did a fantastic job. They won two games and have great potential and really enjoyed themselves. We look forward to watching them grow and learn the game. They are Amelia, Trinity, Holly, Vasie, Lily, Louise, Ava, Libee and India.

CONIFER GROVE GEMS

Coach: Melissa Daley Manager: Glenda O'Connell

We would like to introduce our team of 9 girls who are Gypsy, Lorelai, Shylah, Sophie, Samantha, Meya, Shyra, Skylah and Saliha. We came up against some pretty tough opposition on grading day, especially with some of the girls being in their first year of playing. We lost all our games and went down to F grade. The girls played well and had a positive attitude all day. We are proud of our girls and look forward to the season and to see how the girls do in their new grade. Good luck GEMS





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