# APRIL

I have thoroughly enjoyed watching our teams during grading. It has been so great to see all the new players, coaches and umpires adding to the character of our club. I can see it shaping up to be a really competitive season for us and I am looking forward to seeing the results after seeing some of the really promising grading performances.

Great to see all the photos of the teams.

Jill Collins President, Conifer Grove Netball

#### Club duty

Thank you to all those that volunteered to assist with club duty. It was a little disappointing that some of the committee had to fill in spaces as there were not enough volunteers. Please remember it is only 2 hours for the whole of the season – not much in comparison to the time and effort the club puts into your daughters netball. Please consider volunteering for us next year so we can share it around.

#### Opening day parade

Opening day and start of Presidents round is **30th April 2016** being the first day of competition play. With so many new faces in the club and Platinum having smart new uniforms it would be fantastic if we could get everyone down to the parade to march behind our brand new banner.

Come dressed in your uniform (with jacket), green and red ribbons in your hair and show your club colours.

We meet at the **far end of the courts at 9.45am** for a 10am parade.

We look forward to seeing you all there!!

#### Fees

We are still waiting on some fees, especially in the junior club so if you haven't paid please do so immediately. If payment is **not made** this may affect **the players ability to take the court.** If you haven't paid and need to make arrangements to do so please contact Catherine Scott (Junior Club) or Rachel Brooke (Treasurer).

#### Training /Club Hoodies

We have been lucky enough for some businesses with links to players offer to sponsor some training hoodies for a couple of the teams. We thought it was a great opportunity as a club to look at getting a club hoodie which individual sponsors can then add their branding too. We are currently looking at some options and prices as we try to achieve the balance of a good quality product and a reasonable price.

Once we have this finalised we will let you know. This will be entirely optional.

#### **Photos**

Team photos will take place in the school hall on

**Thursday 16th June starting at 6pm**. Please mark your diary.



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# Meet the Teams Introducing the Senior Teams

**CONIFER GROVE PLATINUM** 

Coach: Miles Neighbour Manager: Kristal Pihama

Great to be back for a new and exciting season! Platinum has a new look for 2016, and we're not just talking about our new superhot dresses! Miles has stepped up from Assistant Coach in 2015 to Coach this year, bringing some fresh ideas to trainings and game plans. We've also got a few new faces in Platinum! Welcoming to Conifer Grove Club, we have Alison White (middie), who has been announced team captain, Chelsea Bilton (shooter), Brooke Raymond (defender/middie), Tasha Elekana (defender and shooter) and Madison Lunny (shooter). We also congratulate Kirsten Sudbury (defender), Siobhan Neighbour (shooter) and Paige Adams (middie) on being promoted from our Diamonds team. And we welcome back our returning team members Sarah McCall (defender), Sherry Lunjevich (defender) and Kiri Stewart (middie). A fantastic start to the season having concluded grading in Premier 1.

Best wishes to the team for President's round and RPL grading!

#### **CONIFER GROVE DIAMONDS**

Coach:

**Wendy Bremner** 

Players: Aimee Clark, Alana Berry, Chanel Hargrave, Courtnee Bangs, Emma McAllister, Gemma Wilkes (Captain), Georgia Kemp, Jaylene Haimona, Kristen Crow, Melanie Cronin, Steffie Haimona

I want to acknowledge the support from Kristal Pihama throughout trials and beginning of the season, she's been an awesome support. We don't have a manager but the players



take on the bench responsibilities during the matches in rotation. We have a team made up of some experienced prem players and some new to the grade. Our trainings have been great, initially at Conifer School but now at PNC since daylight savings started. We participated in the pre-season tournament, though disappointing in regard to the lack of entries, it was however a good chance for the players to each get to know each other better. PNC grading has taken place over the last 5 weeks on Wednesday nights and there were 3 sections of 5 teams. We had a really tough group in our section but were excited to get an opportunity to play some netball and try out combinations.

We played our first grading game against Marlins a skilled team of players used to playing in RPL league. We had 3 players unavailable. We were chasing throughout and lost by a margin of 40 final score 24-64. The following week we had a bye and the next week the team was very keen to take the court however Hui Hui Kotahi had insufficient players so we won by default. We came up against Aztec 2, another strong prem side and were again beaten by 40 final score 33-73. We improved in some areas and you can see by the number of goals scored it was incredibly fast paced game again. On the 13th of April we had our final grading game versus Papatoetoe Rangers and won the match with a 5 goal margin 46-41. Diamonds played much more as a unit. It was great to get a win under our belt and we are really looking forward to the president round starting. I look forward to seeing the players develop individually and as a team throughout the season.

#### **CONIFER GROVE SAPPHIRE**

Coach:

Jill Collins

Like many other teams this year Sapphire is a new group of young ladies who have come together not having played with each other before. Luckily the core of the team is made up of a group of friends so the team has quickly knitted together. The biggest challenge for us is that we have no specialist circle defenders. A couple of the girls have volunteered to step in and learn new



defence skills. We graded in section 2 which we knew was going to be a big step up for us as most of the girls have not played at this senior level before. While we didn't win any games the scorelines didn't really reflect just how well the girls played. Our new defence players of Danielle C and Britney assisted by Katherine really impressed at this level with the pressure they were able to put on and the amount of turnovers they got and this was helped by the mid court defence of Aimee. The mid courters of Danielle S, Kourtney worked well in combination with the shooters and defenders to get the space needed with patient passing. The shooters of Hannah, Madison and Caitlin started to really work well as a team with their moving improving all day. Unfortunately our shooting stats weren't quite up on the day which is the reason the scorelines didn't reflect how well they all played as a team.

I am really proud of all of them and just how much they kept up their intensity right to the end of crossover. And a speedy recovery to Danielle C who got in a tussle with a Rewa shooter and dislocated her elbow but luckily it popped back in again. The Physio strapped her up and she played crossover against Lauren, our former RPL shooter!!! We are expecting to be in B Grade and the girls are all set to work hard to get some good results there. Thanks to Alana for umpiring our grading and to the parents who came down to support us.

## **Introducing the Intermediate Teams**

**CONIFER GROVE GARNET** 

Coach: **Donna Richmond Manager Extraordinaire:** Glenda O'Connell

We are a newly formed team of 10 Year 7 & 8 girls from several schools. Georgia Bell, Aliya Dobbs, Maddisyn Hughes-Afoa, Jess Kats, Tayla Lenne, Beth Mannion, Nat O'Connell, Tarvn Richmond, Madeline Robinson & Ashlev Rohloff.



For the first few weeks of training was spent getting to know each other so grading was always going to be a bit of the unknown as we were placed in section 2. In our first game against a well drilled Strath Gold we started with a few basic handling errors in the first 2 mins which cost us a few goals but once everyone found their rhythm we had some lovely play. It was a very well matched game and we lost 9-7 the girls took a lot of heart from that, knowing they could only improve as the day went on – and how different the result could be over a full 40 minute match up. We played a close backwards and forwards game against Southern Horizon just missing out with a loss 6-5 due to some great defence. An outstanding game against Randwick Park winning 10-7 then next round vs Ardmore who we did a great job against, keeping them scoreless in the 2nd half to win 13-2 The final game vs PR8 was a very very physical game. We probably got a bit intimidated by their style of play and lost 9-4.

I did not play the same combination throughout the entire day, and feel very spoilt for choice with each of the girls rising to the challenge, perhaps in positions they hadn't played for some time. We managed to play our cards right and avoided the need to play cross over – so right in the middle of B grade we are. I am very proud of the girls efforts and am enjoying watching new friendships form. Winning the Presidents Round is a reality for us which could see the girls bumped to A grade – a challenge I think they will all be up for. It can only get better from here. **Well done girls!** 

**CONIFER GROVE IVORY** 

Coach: Maria Hughes Manager: **Michelle Rees** 

The team is made up of 9 girls from Year 6 to 8. Eden Annabell (GD,WD,WA,C) Brianna Baker (C,WD,WA), Devon Brown (GD,WD), Mackenzie Darby (GA,WA,GS), Kate Groshinski (C,WA,WD), Carmen Milicich(GS,GA), Shontay Petera (GA,WA,WD,C), Ella Rees (GK,WD), Tia TeMoananui (GK,GD,WA,WD).



We are a new team this year and have gotten off to a great start. We have had some trainings and given the girls a chance to get to know each other better and form some good combinations. On our grading day we played a total of 5 games throughout the day. We managed 2 wins and 3 losses although one loss was a little extreme with this particular team actually winning every one of their games by over 20 goals so clearly they have gone up a few grades. I was really proud of the way the girls continued to play the best they could all day long even when they were extremely exhausted by the end. We went for C grade which I didn't realise until the end of the day so what an achievement for these girls who last year most played at Junior level. We managed to come 3rd place on grading day which I am pleased with so we will stay in C grade and I feel the girls are more than deserving of this grade and we could quite possibly even go up a grade after presidents round if the girls keep playing the way they have started. We are very lucky to have some amazing players in our team and I am not short of any positions I feel lucky to be coaching these girls and cant wait to see how our season will go. Well done Team Ivory.

**CONIFER GROVE ZIRCON** 

Coach: **Katherine Biggelaar** 

Managers: **Amanda Strong and Kristyn Mitchell** 

Our team is made up of a mixture of year 7 and 8 girls from several schools. We have got Harlen and Ruby who are right up the defence alley, Breanne and Jamie who are shooting and Jessie, Kayla, Chrizanti, Natalia, Skye and Caitlyn who have been playing a mix of positions in the mid court. The girls have brought positive attitudes to the court during both trainings and grading day. Some of us were feeling a little bit apprehensive about not knowing anyone in the team however as time has gone on and with the help of some team building activities, we are starting to get to know each other.

Grading day was a fantastic day for us to all come together and give our best shot on court. We won two games, lost two and drew one which meant we did not have a cross over which was a fantastic effort. It has been really pleasing to see that some of our players are trying out new positions as we work out what combo's work on court with everyone giving it their best shot. We have been placed in E grade which is fantastic. We are looking forward to seeing what the season has in store for us!

Keep your eyes open for us in action on court!



# **Introducing U15s & Junior Teams**

**CONIFER GROVE AMETHYST** 

Coach: Alana Berry & Madison Eruera

Manager: Nicky Lundo-Nielson

Amethyst this year is made up of some wonderful girls! In the team we have Taylor, Nicole, Katrine, Danielle, Emma, Sophie, Samantha, Tina and Kenna. With a mixture of school years and new combinations I wasn't sure how the girls would fare coming into the pre-season, but I was pleasantly surprised! A lot of fitness, ball skills and communication exercises at training meant we were ready for competition.

**CONIFER GROVE PERIDOT** 

Coaches: Danielle Collins and Courtnee Bangs

Peridot is a mix of year 9 and 10 girls who have come together from different places. The first couple of weeks of training the girls were a bit shy and quiet but it hasn't taken them long to blend together and now the trainings are noisy affairs with lots of laughter, but at the same time hard work. Some players have taken the challenge of trying new positions as we try to find combinations and give players a chance for development as well. Grading day in Under 15 section 1 was a huge challenge. We had one draw and despite being beaten in the other games we got stronger each game with the last two only losing by a couple of goals. We are now focusing on the challenge of U/15B as we aim to win the grade. We are lucky to have some girls willing to play a number of positions which really helps us with selections. Introducing Sophie, Pia, Jaimee, Amber, Sarah, Zara, Kaitlin, Gurleen, Zoe and Reina. **Go"Peridactyls"** 

**CONIFER GROVE TURQUOISE** 

Coaches: Hannah Bertram & Sina Seumanutafa

Manager: Catherine Scott

This year we have the pleasure of coaching a group of 10 year 4, 5 and 6 girls, they are Elizabeth, Kiri, Simran, Aisha, Kalehi, Meg, Isabell, Carla, Achlyn and Sophie. Being part of a new team with members in their first year of junior netball they did their best on grading day. Despite the cold and harsh weather they still managed to run back on court, in high spirits and played some really tough games, finishing 4th in B grade avoiding cross over and ending up in the bottom of A grade. We have a tough Presidents round coming up, but with training, hard work and discipline they will meet the challenge. The girls are developing their skills well and are learning to work with the different skill levels they each have. Their team ethic is very impressive and they are always looking to help each other. We are still to appoint a Captain and will have a decision by the start of Presidents round.

THANK YOU to those who came and braved the weather to support us!

We are very excited to work with and help improve and push these girls to succeed their set netball goals. They all have the potential to be great netballers with a lot of hard work and along the way FUN! Looking forward to this season with such an amazing enthusiastic team of positive girls! **Bring on the competition!** 

**CONIFER GROVE GEMS** 

Coaches: Kate Assink
Manager: Cushla Barret

We are proud to introduce our 10 wonderful girls to the club who include Amber, Olivia, Georgia, Lily, Maddisyn, Reezyn, Kyla, Jami, Nataliah and Bethany.



We came up against some tough opposition on grading day, especially considering the the size of the girls we played who were literally giants compared to our girls! We lost every game but if gold medals could be given out for determination, resilience and effort all of our players would receive one. We are proud of our girls and look forward to a great season in C grade.

We are the Gems and we ROCK!!

**CONIFER GROVE EBONY** 

Coach: Bronwyn Guy Manager: Jane Tomlinson

What a great grading day we had. Our team, a mix of year 3, 4 and 5 girls, played so well and worked well as a team. With winning 1 game in the torrential rain, drew 1 and conceded 3 against some very competitive teams. We finished 4th in our section and had to play a cross over game only losing 1 nil. The girls all enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to the coming season to put their new skills into practice. We have been placed in division D. A big thank you to friends and family who came to watch the games and support the girls. The girls train really hard each week and I am excited to see how these girls will grow over the coming season and become the netball stars that they are.

Introducing the team – Sophie Guy, Ruby Laughton, Dayle Anderson, Saaliha Aziz, Shyra Vui, Gypsy Sylva, Mansukh Kaur, Ella Fussell and Nidhi Sharma.





If you are involved a business or know someone who is who would be interested in assisting us as a club (or a team) with some sponsorship we would love to hear from them. Every little bit helps. Whether it is \$200 to help towards tournament entry fees, training light costs, a team of training hoodies or something more substantial we would be happy to discuss any options. Every little bit helps us keep the fees reasonable and assist us build a reserve as we work towards future costs of replacing uniforms in the junior club or adding to existing jacket supplies as the numbers in our senior club grow.

Thank you to our existing sponsors this season;

Physio Mechanics, Stirling Sports Papakura and Allison Kemp (Barfoot and Thompson, Estate Agent).



## **Monthly Awards Nominations**

Papakura Netball Centre is happy to introduce the Domino's Monthly Awards. These awards will be awarded on a monthly basis for the following 5 categories – **Player / Coach / Manager / Umpire / Volunteer**.

Each of the category winners will receive 2 free pizza vouchers. They will also have their photos taken, which will be displayed in the Hall for the month. Their photo and nomination information will also be uploaded to the PNC website and Facebook page.

Nominees will be selected on the 1st working day of each month and successful recipients will be contacted by the PNC office to arrange collection of vouchers and to have their photo taken.

All clubs are encouraged to nominate worthy players, coaches, managers, umpires and volunteers. Please do so by completing the nomination form PNC website - <a href="http://www.papakuranetball.org.nz/monthly-award-nominations/">http://www.papakuranetball.org.nz/monthly-award-nominations/</a>





#### Parking - NOTICE

- \* Don't park on the grass or yellow lines.
- \* Don't park in front of the building or the fence in the designated committee car parks.

  YOU WILL BE TOWED!!!

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