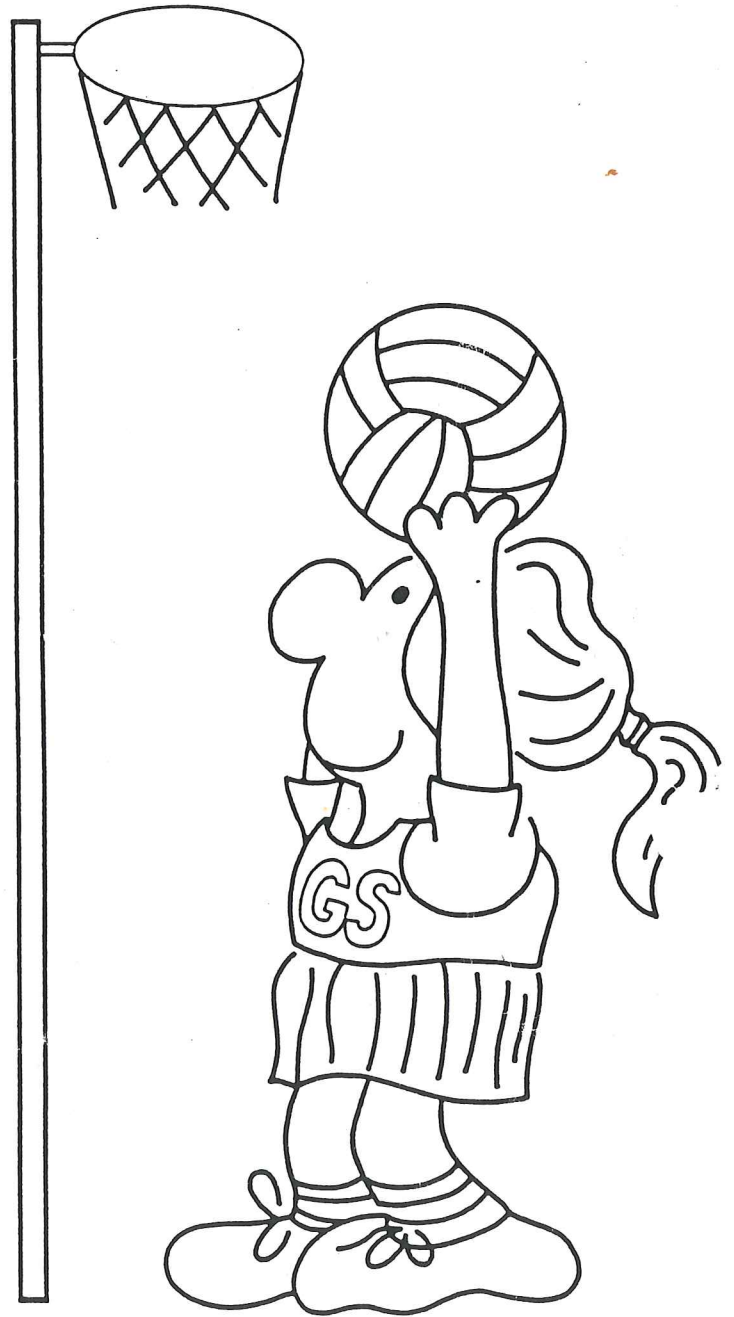


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WANTIRNA SOUTH NETBALL CLUB NEWSLETTER





WANTIRNA SOUTH NETBALL CLUB INC.



HAVE YOU HEARD ?

The season is now in full swing after the Easter/School holiday break.

Several teams have been regraded following the first 3 rounds of competition. Our **Netta Jade** team capably coached by **Kay Morris** and **Debbie Clarkson** have been promoted to the highest Netta section after blitzing the opposition in each of their first 3 games - with scores of 30+ to zip, its no wonder they have been promoted. Indeed, Kay and Debbie actually asked to be elevated to the highest competition.

Also regraded upwards is the **13 and under Emeralds** team coached by **Amy (Lleyton Hewitt) Coloretti**. These girls will now play in the 13's and Under Section 3 competition. This will test the endeavour of all the girls. However, I am sure that if they all attend training and listen to their coach, they can be competitive and win their share of games against any opposition. *Girls, its a matter of believing in your own abilities and you can achieve what you set out to do.* Gone on - give it a red hot go !

And finally, the Open Age Opals who started the season in section 5 will now play in Open 4. This is probably not surprising after spectacular wins in the first 3 games albeit against mediocre opposition. Whilst the girls will have to work a little harder in their new section, I am confident that they will acquit themselves very well. In many respects, it will be important that they do not give in to the intimidation tactics their opponents will undoubtedly heap on them. Remember, the best form of *retaliation* is on the **SCOREBOARD** and that is where we will get our revenge !

One final point on grading. It is not beyond the realms of possibility that the Association has 'got it wrong' and some further fine-tuning might be necessary. Consequently, for the time being it is important to **win** but **not annihilate** your opposition unless you really want to participate in a higher grade. Accordingly, coaches will be bearing this in mind during Saturday games.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome another new player (and family) to the Club. **Simran Chhugani** commenced with **Netta Jade** on 29 April 2000. Congratulates Simran and we hope to see (and mum and dad) around the Club for years to come.

Finally, apart from the Saturday competition, the MDNA provides other netball activities during the Winter season. For example, in the **June/July School Holidays, Netball Clinics** will be conducted at the Ferntree Gully Netball complex. Run over 2 days, these clinics offer expert coaching and the opportunity to improve your game. All this, and heaps of fun to boot ! The cost is **\$35.00** per attendee and **includes lunch**. If you would like more information, please see one of the committee members.

Also during this holiday break, an **evening Indoor Tournament** is conducted. If you/your team is interested in participating on one of these nights, please let **Sue Wilkinson** or **me** know as soon as possible. The tournament is conducted in the stadium commencing at **6.00pm** with an expected finish of around **10.15pm**. **17 and Under** is on **3 July, 15** and Under on **4 July, 13** and Under on **5 July** and **11** and Under on **6 July**.

As there is a cost to enter teams in these tournaments and to pay for umpires, the Club will have to pass this cost on equally to all participating teams/players. Depending on the number of players per team, a cost of **\$8.00/\$10.00** each is provided as **a guide only**. Please note that there will be **an additional cost for all people to enter the stadium**.

.....Regards, Peter Coloretti (President).

...COACHES CORNER

NETTA RUBIES – SUE WILKINSON/ ELLEN TEAKEL

OUR GIRLS ARE CONTINUING ON THEIR WINNING WAY HAVING A FABULOUS WINTER SEASON. THE WEATHER HAS BEEN PRETTY KIND TO US AND THE GIRLS HAVE HAD A BALL. THE ENTHUSIASM THE GIRLS SHOW IS WONDERFUL. THANKS TO ALL THE MUMS AND DADS FOR SUPPORTING THE GIRLS IN SUCH A LOVELY WAY. "BOY DO WE HAVE SOME FUTURE NETBALLERS FOR THIS CLUB." ELLA AND LAUREN LOVE SHOOTING THOSE GOALS. LOVELY DEFENDERS IN HAYLEY, REBECCA A. AND SAMANTHA. TERRIFIC RUNNING PLAYERS IN SHARNA, LAURA, NICOLE AND REBECCA M. CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS!!!

NETTA JADES – KAY MORRIS/ DEBBIE CLARKSON

WHAT A SEASON WE HAVE HAD. THE GIRLS HAVE BEEN PLAYING TERRIFIC NETBALL. WE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN REGARDED TO THE HIGHER NETTA LEAGUE, BUT GUESS WHAT WE'RE STILL GOING JUST FINE!!!

SIMRAN HAS FITTED IN TO THE TEAM REALLY WELL. CONGRATULATIONS. A COUPLE OF GIRLS HAVE RECENTLY CELEBRATED THEIR BIRTHDAYS. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO JORDAN LONG & MELISSA TIERNEY.

U/11 TOPAZ – TANYA WADDELL

OUR GIRLS HAVE HAD A TERRIFIC SEASON. WHILST WE HAVE HAD ONE FORFEIT AND ONE GAME THE OTHER TEAM WERE LATE TURNING UP, THE GAMES WE HAVE PLAYED HAVE BEEN EXCEPTIONAL. OUR GAMES HAVE BEEN CLOSE, BUT THE GIRLS HAVE COMBINED WELL AS A TEAM TO RUN AWAY WITH THE POINTS EACH TIME. CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS, GREAT EFFORT!!!!

U/13 SAPPHIRES – PETER WIKINSON

OUR SEASON HAS BEEN UP AND DOWN WITH SOME GOOD WINS AND SOME CLOSE LOSSES. THE GIRLS HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD AT TRAINING AT THAT HAS COME THROUGH ON GAME DAYS. SOME GAMES WE HAVE BEEN LET DOWN IN THE HEIGHT DEPARTMENT, MEETING SOME TEAMS THAT TOWER OVER US, BUT TO OUR CREDIT WE HAVE FOUGHT ON WELL. STRONG GOALING BY KELLY AND LAUREN, TERRIFIC DEFENDING BY COURTNEY AND MELISSA. OUR RUNNING PLAYERS REBECCA, LAURA G, NATALIE, SAM AND LAURA C. HAVE SET UP MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR US IN THE GOAL CIRCLE. GOOD WORK GIRLS!!!!!!!!!!

EMERALDS
13 AND UNDER SECTION 3

They may have been put up into section 3 from section 4 but so far the girls know that they aren't going to get it easy from their opposition or me.

On Saturday 8th April the Emeralds were going to kick some Boronia Uniting butt and did they ever!!!! With another win to our name with a score of 24-5. Mind you we were just too good and they couldn't handle any more South pressure so they forfeited to us in the last quarter. (They obviously don't make them like they do at Wantirna South) , and Melinda didn't step once again.

We turned up the next week where Nicole informed me that we had been put up into section 3. So after the girls had a cry about that they finally got on the court where we confronted St. John's Corella and unfortunately lost 23-13.

However during the game Kylie decided to take after her coach and roll her ankle but it was partly Melissa's fault she pushed her!!!

For someone so small like Amanda her opponent was shorter than her , *yes shorter* however she did tell Amanda to back off but like Amanda was going to take notice of someone smaller than her.

Hayley must have been looking for three votes this week as at training she presented me with a A3 size poster of Lleyton Hewitt. What a suck but - I loved it!

The following week we played Ferntree Gully Chambray where the girls decided it was our turn to put another win to our name 35-12. Kylie decided to stay on her feet and Nicole got 25 goals with the assistance from Hayley in GS and Sam in WA. It was raining all day but according to Melinda it is better and much more fun to play in the rain. Mind you it affected her feet as she stepped 3 TIMES. Apart from Nicole's orange and pink nails the girls really played well together as a team of eight not as individuals and Melissa kept out of Kylie's way this week.

At training on Wednesday, 10th May Sam has mastered the arts of "knees up" and she let the whole of Regency Park know. Melinda was concerned that her white runners didn't go with her jeans , but then why was she wearing jeans to netball training.

Anneka's wish finally came true not only is she getting her braces off but she was captain last Saturday where we played Boronia Uniting Leopards and won 24-18.

Well done girls keep up the good work!

By: Amy Coloretti

The "Potato" Gems - 15 & Under 3

Since the last newsletter 4 more rounds have gone by.

RESULTS

Round 3

Wantirna South 58 defeated
F.T.G. 7

Round 4

After the RE-GRADES we played Selby, a team that came up from 15/4 – we won 44-19

Round 5

Wantirna South Bye

Round 6

After the RE-RE-GRADES we played F.T.G. Kingfishers – what a nice bunch of girls they were. This team came down from 15/2 and thought they would "kick our butts" – literally.

Scores

Want. Sth.

Goals 45
Bruised arms 3
Bruised heads 2
Injured knees 2
Bruised backs 3

F.T.G.

Goals 19
Warnings 1
(From Mrs. O'Moore)

Pity the umpires didn't do the same!

However, to "The Gems" credit they did not lower themselves to their opponents' level but concentrated on getting even with them in the best possible way – on the scoreboard – the only place it counts.

Well done girls!

Remember – ALWAYS play "in the spirit of the game" – no matter what.

ALTHOUGH, remind me never to get on Laura's (alias Little Miss Chupa Chup) bad side – if looks could kill, her opponent would be 6 feet under by now – whew!

And then we have

Brelee – who seemed very proud of herself, of a job well done after leaving her opponent on the ground.

Mel – Little Miss Late Riser – I have 2 questions for you –

1. How many times have you seen your sister play Netta this season compared to how many times she's seen you?
2. Did you ever do Tumble Tots when you were younger?

Stephanie – 'Little Miss Chatterbox' –

I WANT TO SEE THAT KNEE TAPED BEFORE THE NEXT GAME! OKAY!

MARLENE



WANTIRNA SOUTH OPALS

(The old girls of the Club !)



Open 5 - Week Three - Wantirna South Opals (50) def. FTG (11)

Another very good display from the girls this week. We welcomed back the **Waddell sisters - Tanya and Hayley** - this week and they each performed well at both ends of the court.

I would like to say a big thank you to the 'mid courters' - **Julie D, Alana and Mey Fuon** - for sharing the running duties in this game. Their young, fresh legs kept pressure on the our opponents for most of the game.

Again the flexibility of all the girls to play in various positions was most notable. Whilst the score line was a little onesided, the game was played in very good spirits which was a credit to the FTG "ladies".

The one disappointing aspect of the game was the ankle injury sustained by **Mey Wun** just prior to the end of the match. We hope it won't be too long before she is back with us on court exciting the team with her inspiring play whether in attack or defence.

We head into the break 3 and zip and a real chance to be upgraded. We will have to wait and see what happens on this front but regardless, if we stick together we can still be competitive wherever we play.

Open 4 - Week Four - Wantirna South Opals - Bye

Yes Open 4 here we come ! We have been regraded up one section and received the Bye the first week back. Whilst I think we will have to play a little harder, I do think the new grade will improve our netball.

Remember at least 80% of the game is played above the shoulders - if we believe in ourselves, we can continue to do really well this year regardless of the grade and opposition.

Let's continue to build on the good start we have made to the season.

Open 4 - Week Five - Wantirna South Opals (36) def Rustlers (29)

Welcome to Open 4 girls - the competition was much better today although our patchy play - **particularly our abysmal passing** - allowed the opposition to lead us for all of the first half. However, an improved 3rd quarter in which we outscored Rustlers by 8 goals, saw us take the lead for the first time in the match and we were never headed again.

We also welcomed **Amanda Blackwell** into the team for this game and she performed very well in her first game of netball for some time. Amanda will be an



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important addition to our team as our **permanent 8th player**. The extra player will be 'god-send' for this team as we seem to be forever having to cover injury/absence to put the side on the court. This week it was **the Boey sisters - Mey Wun and Mey Fuon** - who were unavailable and that '*blast from the past*', **Leanne Van Ree** also helped us out today with a guest appearance. Thanks Leanne - your effort was appreciated.

Let's keep the **OPALS** season well and truly on track. The one thing that has been very pleasing so far this year is **the very good team work** we have displayed on court. This is an important ingredient to being a **successful team - and that is exactly what we intend to be this season.**

Open 4 - Week Six - Wantirna South Opals (45) def Fairpark (16)

Good to have at least one of the **Boey sisters** back - **Mey Fuon** returned this week and turned in a very good performance. Hopefully it won't be too long before we see **Mey Wun** back in the **Green & White**.

We played against a very aggressive opponent today - admittedly they only had 6 players, but they put up a **fight**. **Hayley Waddell** has the bruised cheeks (at both ends) to prove it ! Nevertheless, we weathered the storm very well, playing pretty good netball for a consistent performance over the four quarters. I have to mention that our passing was a little better this week. However, we have to keep working to make it harder and crisper in windy conditions.

I think that there is still a bit of improvement in our team, and we will need to continue in the same vein as today as the season progresses - once you're on top, the rest of the pack is always trying to beat you.

Thanks to **Leanne Van Ree** for filling in again for us today - this time at particularly short notice.

Quote of the week from one of our opposition: "*It's not that you are **THAT** good, the umpires were just #@&#*". I reckon they got it **half right**, the umpires were #@&#, and if they had been better we would have won by more ! Because, **WE JUST COULD BE THAT GOOD.**

GET WELL SOON !

The **Mountain District Netball Association, State Championship Team** is made up of a number of players from **Wantirna South's former A Grade side**. Unfortunately, several weeks back, one of those players - **Kathryn Taylor** - seriously damaged her knee in a game against Canberra. Kathryn has undergone surgery and is now going through the long recuperation and rehabilitation processes.

Players, parents and committee members of Wantirna South Netball Club wish **Kathryn** a speedy recovery and we hope it won't be too long before she's back on two sound legs running around the court playing fantastic netball.

U/15 DIAMONDS - JULIE PAPP

WE ARE A FEW GAMES IN TO THE SEASON NOW AND THE GIRLS HAVE SETTLED REALLY WELL. ON 8.4.00 WE PLAYED SELBY S___S. IT WAS A QUARTER WIN/QUARTER LOSS GAME AND THE GIRLS TRIED REALLY HARD BUT WE WENT DOWN BY 1 GOAL 33-32.

ON 29.4.00 WE PLAYED MT. GATE AND WE HAD A STRONG 16-4 OPENING QUARTER WHICH SEALED THE GAME WE WON 32-18.

ON 6.5.00 WE HAD A BYE. SO I OFFERED THE GIRLS A WEEK OFF TRAINING. BUT TO MY SURPRISE THEY ALL WANTED TO TRAIN ANYWAY. I MUST BE DOING SOMETHING RIGHT?

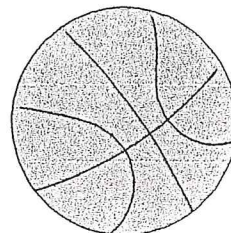
THEN LAST WEEK 13.5.00 WE PLAYED ROWVILLE OPALS. IT WAS A VERY PHYSICAL GAME THAT BROUGHT OUT SOME GREAT PLAYS OF NETBALL. THE LAST QUARTER ESPECIALLY THE LAST 5 MINS SAW THE GIRLS LIFT TO A LEVEL OF AGGRESSION (NICE OF COURSE) WHICH NEARLY WON THEM THE GAME BUT UNFORTUNATELY TIME RAN OUT AND WE LOST BY 1 AGAIN 23-22.

THE GIRLS ARE PLAYING AS A TEAM, WHICH IS WHAT A COACH AIMS FOR. WELL-DONE GIRLS. JULIE PAPA.

U/15 CRYSTALS - RACHEL THURGOOD/ KERRY MCCREDDEN

OUR SEASON HAS BEEN FULL OF SURPRISES, BOUGHT TO YOU BY THE FAMOUS MDNA. LAST WEEK WE STARTED OUR GAME ONLY TO BE TOLD OUR FIXTURE WAS WRONG, WE WERE PLAYING THE WRONG TEAM. OUR GIRLS WERE NOT IMPRESSED THAT WE COULDN'T TAKE THE GOAL WE HAD SCORED WITH US TO THE NEXT GAME, WHAT A SHORT QUARTER THAT WAS. THE GIRLS HAVE BEEN WORKING REALLY HARD, MANY TIMES WE FIND OURSELVES UP AGAINST GIRLS THAT ARE TALL AS TREES, OUR BOUNCE PASSES ARE GETTING A GOOD WORK OUT. KEEP PERSISTING GIRLS, IF WE KEEP WORKING WE ARE SURE TO SEE THE RESULTS.

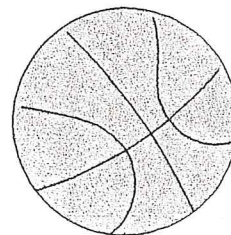
Name: Hayley O'Neil
Netball Team: Rubies
Favourite Netballer: Nicole Richardson
Favorite Football Team: Hawthorn
Favorite Footballer: Shane Crawford
Favourite Singer/Group: Bardot
Favourite Song: Poison
Favourite Movie: Stuart Little
Favourite Food: MacDonalds
Ambition: Netball Player



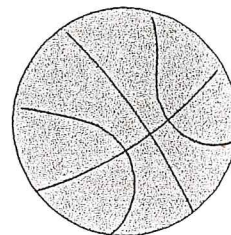
Player Profiles

Name: Anneka Hosken
Netball Team: Emeralds
Favourite Netballer: ME!!!!
Favorite Football Team: West Coast Eagles
Favorite Footballer: Phil Reeds
Favourite Singer/Group: ME!!!!
Favourite Song: Melly
Favourite Movie: Scream
Favourite Food: Sugar
Ambition: I don't know!

Name: Lauren French
Netball Team: Sapphires
Favourite Netballer: Vicki Wilson
Favorite Football Team: Geelong
Favorite Footballer: David Spriggs
Favourite Singer/Group: Bardot
Favourite Song: Candy
Favourite Movie: Toy Story
Favourite Food: Spaghetti
Ambition: Primary School Teacher



Name: Lucy Saarelaht
Netball Team: Topaz
Favourite Netballer:
Favorite Football Team: Essendon
Favorite Footballer: James Hird
Favourite Singer/Group: Brittany Spears
Favourite Song: What's A Girl To Do
Favourite Movie: Sound of Music
Favourite Food: Hungry Jacks
Ambition: Actress



Player Profiles

Name: Ashlea French
Netball Team: Crystals
Favourite Netballer:
Favorite Football Team: Melbourne Demons
Favorite Footballer: Russell Robertson
Favourite Singer/Group: Taxiride
Favourite Song: Everywhere You Go
Favourite Movie: 10 Things I Hate About You
Favourite Food: McDonalds
Ambition: Succeed in school and be a make-up artist.

Name: Laura Nash
Netball Team: Rubies
Favourite Netballer:
Favorite Football Team: *Collingwood*
Favorite Footballer:
Favourite Singer/Group: S Club
Favourite Song: Don't Stop
Favourite Movie: Stuart Little
Favourite Food: McDonalds
Ambition: Normal Mum

