



# Newsletter No. 4 - December 2006

# Wantirna South Netball Club

## SPRING SEASON PREMIERS!

**Congratulations to our five Premier teams for Spring 2006.**

**13 -1 Topaz**

**13 - 5 Opals**

**13 -6 Crystal**

**15 -2 Rhinestones**

**Open 2 Turquoise**

**Our 13 -2 Sapphires put up a great effort in very hard conditions but it just wasn't their day. Congratulations to all of you for a great season and to all of our players whose teams didn't make the finals this time - roll on 2007!**



We are very much in need of a **Minute Secretary** for our committee meetings. These are held every six or seven weeks approx, depending on how much there is to do at the time.

We also need a **Property Co-ordinator**, which is a job that doesn't involve attending all committee meetings, just one or two over the year. It involves re-stocking the team bags with first-aid kits, balls, pumps, bibs or patches etc., and after the season is underway there is not a lot to do. Please let us know if you are able to take on either of these jobs - all help is very much appreciated.

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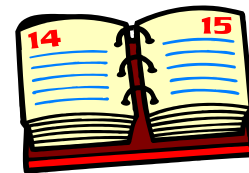
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## 2007 Registrations!

Nearly two thirds of current players have re-registered for next year, so thank you very much to these girls and families.

For those who haven't registered yet, but do want to play with Wantirna South next year, **you have until January 4th to get your form in.** We appreciate everyone is very busy particularly at this time of year, but we need time to properly plan our club grading games. To do this, we need to know how many players we have and what age groups they are in, so please - get your form in straight away! Fees can be paid later, although you **MUST** have your Netball Victoria membership paid before taking the court in Feb. at the Gradings.

If you need another registration form please just contact one of our committee (see page 2) and we'll be only too happy to get another one out to you.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- January 22<sup>nd</sup> - New / Inexperienced Umpires Workshop
- February 4<sup>th</sup> - First week of Gradings
- February 11<sup>th</sup> - Second week of Gradings
- March 17<sup>th</sup> - First round of Winter season 2007

There will be other workshops and meetings for umpires and coaches in March 2007, these will be advised later.

## 2007 Committee

At our recent Annual General Meeting, the following people were elected to committee for 2007:

### 2007 Executive Committee

- President: Pam Last Ph 9801 5485  
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### General Committee Members:

- Liz Brown Caroline McCormick  
Julie Papa Malcolm Proven

## Gradings Info

All girls who will be playing in competitive sections in the coming season (13, 15, 17 & under; Open and A Grade) are required to attend our annual grading games. For those who are new to our club or new to 13's in 2007, we thought you may like to know more about how our Gradings are run at Wantirna South Netball Club.

At the end of every year, coaches are asked to provide Player Assessments; they know their players best and this information is invaluable. After player registrations are in as well, Match committee organise games ensuring ALL players have an opportunity to play in their first preferred position (as stated on their registration form), and usually in their second preferred as well.

Many hours of thought and planning are put into gradings and team selection; however we cannot stress enough that no decisions on teams are made until after both the grading games. For this reason it's important for the players to make every effort to be there both weeks. But if you just can't make it then please let us know in advance, as a courtesy to both Match committee and other players, thank you ☺

We hope to again have a combination of independent observers and our own A Grade & Open players, to assess and comment on the players' performances and effort during the games.

Then Match Committee meet to put it all together, taking into account the Coaches Player Assessments; team balance; performance at Grading Games; on-court positions; age and year level at school; and their own knowledge of the players among many other things, before hopefully coming up with the best combinations, and the right sections for them to play in.

We have learned a lot in the last two years since we moved to be "a grading club", and know absolutely that on-court success at the end of the season starts with doing the Gradings properly.

Teams are selected for the entire year, unless player registrations make changes necessary for Spring season.

**Our gradings will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at the Knox Netball Centre**, starting at 9:30am both days. Further details will be advised once we have finalised registrations.

If you have any questions at all please don't hesitate to contact anyone on Match committee.

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