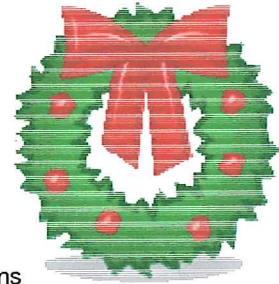




Wantirna South Netball Club

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We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas. Enjoy your holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.



Congratulations to everyone involved with these 6 teams that made the 2008 Spring Season Grand Finals:

Premiers: Open Premier Raptors; Open 2 Corellas; 17-3 Firetails

Runners Up: Open 3 Eagles; 17-1 Ravens; 13-4 Lyrebirds

All games were hard-fought and exciting, and all our teams played very well on the day, with the Runners Up teams losing by only 3, 1 and 4 goals respectively. Considering the weather conditions, we should all be very proud of our girls who all played it out to the end - this was a great effort by everyone and congratulations to all.



A very wet but very happy 17-3 Sandpipers team – Premiers in both winter and spring seasons 2008! Well done & congratulations to all players and Coach Liz Brown.

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CLUB GRADING GAMES 2009

When: Sunday February 8th and Sunday February 15th, 2009

Where: Knox Netball Centre, Dempster St, Ferntree Gully – indoor courts.

Time: 9am – 2pm, beginning with 13 & under. The full timetable will be advised when we know how many players we have grading.

Who: All girls who will be playing in 13 & under, 15 & under, 17 & under and all Open age teams in 2009 are expected to participate in both of these grading days.

The games for grading are pre-planned - you cannot just turn up on the day and expect to play, or play in your preferred position or in a different age group, if you haven't already registered. All we need is your form + any requests!

If you haven't registered yet but you do intend to play, you have until January 15th.

If for any reason you are not able to attend either day please let someone on Match committee know before January 15th. Our Match committee are all volunteers who have families and busy lives just like everyone else, and put in many hours to plan these games, so we would very much appreciate your courtesy by giving us fair notice if you are unable to attend, thank you☺.

Please note that Netball Victoria Membership* must be paid before players can take the court at the gradings. We would much prefer it if this could be paid for prior to the 8th Feb (remember you can pay by direct credit to our account) however payment can be made on the day if absolutely necessary.

For club fees, these must be paid before Round 1 in March 2009, unless by arrangement with club Treasurer Debby Carter.

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*Please note that Netball Victoria have determined that membership costs remain the same for 2009 so the amount as advised your form is correct.

Players for 11 & under and 11U Modified

We haven't forgotten you –

We want your registrations too!!

Also, if you have any friends who want to come and play netball at Wantirna South with you, please let us know by January 15th at the latest. As our teams in this age group are selected primarily on friendships, we don't want you or your friends to miss out, but you need to tell us in time!

(Please note players need to be 8 years of age before they can start playing.)

DATES FOR YOUR 2009 DIARY



Thursday January 15th	Final date for club player registrations
Sunday February 8th	First round of club grading games
Sunday February 15th	Second round of club grading games
Monday March 3rd	MDNA compulsory Club umpires meeting
Saturday March 14th	winter season Round 1



A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At our recent Annual General Meeting in November 2008, attended by all committee members and TWO interested parents, the following people were elected to committee for 2009:

President:	Pam Last
Vice President:	Liz Brown
Secretary:	Michelle Reeves
Treasurer:	Debby Carter

General Committee: Caroline McCormick; Nicole McIndoe; Julie Papa; Malcolm Proven.

Property Co-ordinator (non-committee role): Carmel Tikfesis

I have to express my disappointment that apart from those who sent their apologies, only two parents found the time to come to this meeting – thank you to Carmel Rush and Clive Savory.

I know, I know, people “just don’t have the time”. Life is busy isn’t it, and getting busier all the time it seems, I know exactly what you mean!

I wanted to complain about the lack of interest, and try to make people see how frustrating it is, but I won’t, no point really. But I would like to ask everyone this question - when the people who are now volunteering “just don’t have the time” anymore, to be a coach or a committee member, and it will happen one day, what then? In the past there has always been “someone” who will step up, and hopefully it will always be so, but life IS getting busier and it’s getting harder every year, for all clubs in every sport. Right now, we’re all here because we enjoy it – no one is denying that, we are all volunteers after all! But our lives are busy too, we have other kids and jobs and partners and extended families.

In particular, we need new coaches. We have fantastic knowledgeable people who will support you and help you learn to be a coach. Someone who will at least “look after” a team is better than no-one at all, and we need these people too, but being able to help the girls improve their netball is a skill in itself. WE HAVE THESE PEOPLE but they can’t keep coaching two and sometimes THREE teams each! If you have ever thought about helping to coach a team, now is the time to put your hand up, when there are others here now who are willing to pass their knowledge and experience on.

Please consider any small way you can help out, its not like work, and its fun – true ☺

Pam Last

President, WSNC