



# Newsletter No. 2 - April 2009

# Wantirna South Netball Club

Welcome back to netball again, it's been a very interrupted start to the season to say the least, but the school holidays and Easter are over, the re-grades have all been done and Round 5 is this week, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May so we can get netball underway again.

There will be NO further re-grades to any sections other than 11's, which will be done after Round 5. Our teams and times are listed below, good luck to everyone and we hope you all enjoy your netball this season.

Team & Section:	Coach:	Game time:
<b>11 &amp; Under Modified -</b>		
Wrens	Caroline McCormick	9am
Finches	Debby Carter	9am
Kookaburras	Sue Hall	9am
<b>11 &amp; Under</b>		
Robins	Linda Wilde	9am
Bellbirds	Renae Lerm & Caroline McCormick	9am
<b>13 - 1 &amp; 2 Rosellas</b>	Malcolm & Stephanie Proven	10:10am
<b>13 - 5 Lyrebirds</b>	Julianne Lecompte	10:10am
<b>15 - 1 Corellas</b>	Liz Brown	12:50pm
<b>15 - 2 Kingfishers</b>	Chriss Ryan	11:30am
<b>15 - 3 Lorikeets</b>	Liz Brown	3:30pm
<b>15 - 5 Swans</b>	Lucy Barton	11:30am
<b>17 - 1 Ravens</b>	Debby Carter & Andie Pearce	11:30am
<b>17 - 1 Darters</b>	Penny Forrest	11:30pm
<b>17 - 3 Firetails</b>	Caroline McCormick	12:50pm
<b>Open - 1 Condors</b>	Alana Coleman	2:10pm
<b>Open - 2 Hawks</b>	Malcolm Proven	3:30pm
<b>Open - 3 Eagles</b>	Pam Last	2:10pm
<b>Open - 3 Falcons</b>	Penny Forrest	2:10pm
<b>Open - 5 Sandpipers</b>	Melanie Brimelow & Caroline McCormick	2:10pm
<b>A Reserve Kestrels</b>	Julie Papa & Phenella Peterson	12:50pm
<b>A Grade Raptors</b>	Andie Pearce	2:10 & 3:30pm

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**TODAY—Thursday APRIL 30th**

is the day for members of our club to receive a 20% DISCOUNT on everything in store\*, on presentation of this voucher.

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## UMPIRES .....

*a very topical issue but an old one too!*

This is an extract from a previous club newsletter: "While on umpires, we've noticed an increase in the amount of negative side-line comments the umpires are subjected to, from other clubs and sadly from our own as well. What does it achieve? If the problem is inexperience then sarcastic comments from the sidelines ensure the umpire won't stay around long enough to gain experience – they'll quit! If they are trying but just not very good at it, then it won't help much either. And if they really are biased then it won't persuade them to change their decision-making" **Good or bad, without them we don't have a game!**

If you have concerns about the standard of umpiring at your game, send a representative to the office during the game and ask them to send someone to observe. After the game its too late, complaints can't be verified and the umpiring can't be witnessed by those in a position to do something about it. Sometimes the real problem is players or a coach who sense an inexperienced umpire and really push things to the limit on-court. It's amazing how often the presence of an MDNA official brings these players back into line without a word being spoken. This is the **ONLY** way to improve the game for the enjoyment of everyone.

Please show some respect for people, often young girls, who are doing the best they can. Don't make it even harder for the umpires, before making criticisms just think how you'd feel if it was **YOUR DAUGHTER** out there being abused.....



## GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

We all think we have it, we all want our kids to have it, we expect it from our opposition.

But sadly we need to send out this reminder to everyone because we've only played 4 Rounds and we've already had 2 complaints about our club to the MDNA! This is domestic competition sport, its meant to be FUN and sometimes in our over-enthusiasm we can spoil it for our kids. We know that sport brings out the competitive side in all of us, and emotions can run high when a game is close, or our girls are not being looked after by umpires, or they are being thrashed on the score-board. But no matter how justified we feel, there is **NO EXCUSE** for abusing players (our or theirs!) or coaches or even MDNA officials— these people are all volunteers and put in an amazing amount of time & effort that most of us never see.

Its worth noting that sometimes its our teams who are handing out the thrashings, and we expect good sportsmanship from our opposition players and coaches don't we?

Please everyone, **CHILL OUT** and just relax! Enjoy the competitiveness and the excitement of our games, and parents cheer your girls on and get involved! But there's no sheep stations at stake and our girls will be happier in the long run if we all just remember that.

## COACHES CORNER

Now that we're back at netball the rain has arrived! There is no doubt that netball is a drought-breaker and if it were played year round our dams would be full! No doubt the rain will prevent some teams from training on wet and miserable nights, so **parents**, please ensure you have the coach's phone number so you can ring to ask whether training will be happening. If you are in Wantirna please remember your coach might not be, and may be unaware its raining, so help them out by calling to check, rather than rely on them to make 8 or 9 calls (or more). Also, for anyone who **texts** their coach, please leave your name!! You'd be amazed how many sms's they get that they have no idea who they're from!!

After Training, no player is to be left at the school on their own while waiting to be collected. All coaches are aware of this but sometimes players insist on waiting outside the fence line. Please, if you have to wait for a lift you should wait with the coach or responsible adult inside the school. Coaches cannot be held responsible for player safety unless the girls follow this advice. Another good reason to have the coach's mobile number programmed into your phone so you can contact them too if you are going to be late, not just the person you are picking up.

**Players** if you are unwell or have an injury and you are not able to play please ensure that you give the coach enough notice. It is no use calling up an hour before a game, and even worse calling late for an afternoon game, when anyone who may have filled in has already played for their own team and they can't play again! And please— **don't just text!** It's hard enough to hear the phone up at the courts but coaches are very busy and don't always check their phone regularly for messages It's always better to ring the coach early and advise that you may not be able to play, to give them enough time to arrange to borrow players from other teams, then if you find you are able to play then this is a bonus.



**Thank you from all of our coaches!**



## Congratulations to our girls:

The following **16** players were selected to play representative netball with the MDNA this year, we are very proud of all of their efforts and wish them success:

- Open age: Taryn Kirby and Talia Charalambides
- 17 & under: Mikaela Dewar, Kirsty Carter, Rebecca Anderiessen and Madison Pearce
- 15 & under: Samantha McIndoe, Stephanie Proven, Sarah Tikfesis and Ashleigh Bull
- 13 & under: Lauren McIndoe, Paige Turnbull and Chelsea Van Twest
- 11 & Under: Michelle Breedon, Ruby Cameron and Tess Murnane

Round 7 of the HOLDEN CRUZE CUP is being played at Knox Netball Centre  
 Friday 01st MAY (tomorrow). A flier is attached .  
 Monash University Central is our pathway team for our rep players to enter the VICTORIAN NETBALL LEAGUE.

There are three games being played starting with the 19 & Under at 7pm, then Division One at 8:20pm and Championship at 9:40pm

SEATING IS STRICTLY LIMITED but as of last night there were still tickets available to be sold at the door on a first-come first-served basis. If you want to see some great netball played locally then be early—the doors open at 6pm.

Tickets are only \$5 for adults, \$2 for 12-17 yr olds and Free for kids 11 & under



REPRESENTATIVE NETBALL not only needs players, it needs coaches too. We are very pleased to let everyone know that Lauren Proven was awarded a Coaching Scholarship by the MDNA and is currently coaching the U11 Rep team. Lauren is in her 9th year of playing with our club; she's umpired and coached for us too but has taken a break from these this year. WELL DONE Lauren, we hope you continue to enjoy being involved in netball at many different levels for a very long to come, and we're very proud that you represent our club so well 😊



### SOME DATES FOR YOUR 2009 DIARY

2/05/2009	Round 5
9/05/2009	Round 6
16/05/2009	Round 7
23/05/2009	Round 8
30/05/2009	Round 9
6/06/2009	No games
13/06/2009	Round 10 (of 15 rounds)
15/08/2009	Grand Finals and Club Presentation Night

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