



# Newsletter No. 6 - November 2009

# Wantirna South Netball Club



Following the Annual General Meeting held on November 17th, the following people have been elected as your committee of management for 2010:

### Executive Committee

President	Liz Brown
Vice President	Nicole McIndoe
Secretary	Michelle Reeves
Treasurer	Wendy Dewar

### General Committee

Caroline McCormick	Debby Carter
Joanne Moon	Taegan Ross
Carmel Tikfesis	Monica Hayes
Vicki Stanciu	Sue Hall
Lyndell Murnane	Brenda Cameron
Julie Papa	Susan Papa
MDNA Delegate:	Pam Last

Thank you very much to those club members who attended the AGM, everyone has busy lives these days so it was very much appreciated that some people did take the time to be there.

### REGISTRATIONS 2010



Lots of registrations were taken last week at our first, trial Registration Day at the Netball Centre last Saturday 21st November. Thank you to everyone who registered for next year, & even the

few who advised they weren't playing, it all helps Match committee to be organised as early as possible for next years' Gradings and team selections.

If you weren't there, can't find your form or would like another one then contact one of the committee members named above, or you can now get the form on-line at our webpage on the MDNA website at [www.sportingpulse.com.au](http://www.sportingpulse.com.au) in the Club Pages section, we're right down the bottom - alphabetically only of course!!

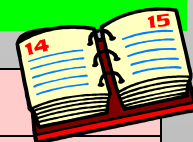


**CLUB MEMBERS  
DISCOUNT DAY  
Friday December  
4th, 2009**

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

You can save heaps of \$\$\$'s and save money for our club too. We use the credits from Rebel Sport to buy supplies for our teams, which helps to keep our fees down so please support the club while saving money yourself :)

\*conditions apply



### **SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Sat. December 5th	Last day for U11 & U11 Modified competition.
Sat. December 5th	Round 10 Spring season
Sat. December 12th	Spring season finals
15th January	All player registrations to be in to Match committee
Sat. February 13th	First round of club gradings for all players in 13 & Under and older
Sun. February 21st	Second round of club gradings
Mid - March 2010	Round 1 Winter season (date to be confirmed)

## A LETTER FROM THE (EX) PRESIDENT

*This is my last opportunity as Club President to say thank you to a few special people, and to let everyone know about the long list of changes and achievements over the last 5 years, of which I'm proud to have been a part. It was only when I started putting a bit of a list together for the AGM that I realised just how much has changed, and how much this club has grown, and as we have so many new members I also wanted to share it with you all. There is a page following this which lists these in detail.*

*In 2002 the out-going President, Peter Coloretti, urged the members to move to a gradings system as the way forward. The idea wasn't overly popular but did have some support, so the next 2 years were very much a period of change and at times turmoil. At the end of this time, in late 2004, there was a referendum of members held, which narrowly voted in favour of introducing a grading system from 2005.*

*And so the new committee for 2005 came in with its first major task being to establish a system for grading players. This was to be a unique system which suited our club and was created from scratch. We were unanimous in our philosophy that we would do whatever it took to plan grading games and select teams only after every player had equal opportunity to play in her preferred position, to be challenged on-court to play her best, and to be observed by independent, experienced and knowledgeable netball people.*

*I believe this is "mission accomplished" as the club has grown from 117 members in 2004 to 186 in 2009 - or to put it another way, from 13 teams to 21 teams - an increase of over 60%. More importantly, it has also translated into much greater on-court success for our teams and our fielding of teams in every age group and across every level up to and including A Grade. I believe our members are happy knowing that the club has a consistent and fair policy with team selection, and while we can't make everyone happy all the time we try really hard!!*

*Growth in itself is not the aim though. As great as it has been for the club, it is only desirable if it can be supported by i) a good strong committee ii) enough coaches liii) enough umpires. This is one of the challenges facing the new committee - to maintain the quality of the club by attracting more people into coaching in particular.*

*To the "thank you" part though. While there have been fantastic people who have been there for a lot of this journey, there have been 5 people who have been on committee with me since 2005, and the 6 of us have been together through all of these changes. To Sandy Brimelow, Liz Brown, Caroline McCormick, Julie Papa, and Debby Carter - thanks for the support, we made a great team. I enjoyed (most of) the many hours we've spent together, the occasional glasses of wine and even the very rare disagreements at Match committee - a healthy debate is always a good thing and no-one could accuse any of us of not sharing our opinions!*

*So finally, I wanted to share one more thing with you all, which probably sums up my personal philosophy about what makes a happy club. I recently heard an interview with Robert Craddock, HeraldSun cricket writer. His comments about the Australian Cricket team struck a chord with me as they could just as easily apply to our club if we lose our focus on what's made us strong - he said "We can spend so much time looking for the next big thing that we don't notice the good, steady, reliable players we already have".*

*I believe this is what has made ours a great club over the last 5 years, our genuine efforts to place all our players in teams and sections where they can enjoy and develop their netball, whether that be in the 1's or the 5's or somewhere in between.*

*I urge the new and future committees to maintain that commitment to players of all abilities, and to provide for as many players as possible what they want from their netball, be it social or high level competition, to the best of our abilities.*

## WSNC Achievements, Changes and Innovations 2005 – 2009

- Increase in fielded teams from 13 in 2004 to 21 in 2009 – an increase of over 60%.
- Fees in 2005 were \$70 (Winter) + \$40 (Spring). Current fees are \$90 + \$45. There has been no increase in Winter fees since 2008 and none for Spring fees since 2006 despite increased costs.
- Very rarely do players leave our club to transfer to other clubs. There are a small number who came to us for a season or two then returned to their original club, and some who left us and then came back. We lose players mostly to private school sport or giving up netball all together.
- Since 2005 we have had 168 new players join our club, of whom 109 are still playing.

### 2005

- Grading system introduced
- A-Grade team re-established
- New Life Member inducted: Mey Wun Boey

### 2006

- Introduction of Newsletter distribution by email saving money, time (and trees)
  - Club Constitution updated
- Introduction of email for AGM correspondence again saving money, time & trees.
  - Webpage established on MDNA website
- New Netball Victoria requirement for written permission to photograph or video players
  - Volunteer Small Equipment Grant \$1450 received
  - Sports Uniform Grant \$1000 received
- Introduction of bodysuit dresses for players 17 & Under and Opens in Winter
  - Establishment of a Coaches Register
  - Establishment of an Umpires Register
  - Drink bottle cages purchased for younger teams
- Lockable equipment storage established at Regency Park and Wantirna South Primary Schools

### 2007

- Updated club logo
- New Life Member: Sue Wilkinson
- Change of team names from gemstones to bird names
  - Club Handbook revised
- Introduction of 10 Year and 15 Year Players Awards

### 2008

- Club jacket introduced
- A-Reserve competition introduced in Spring season
- Umpires achieved C Grade badges – Katherine Last, Natalie Savory, Hayley Black
- New light-weight, club-printed bibs & patches for all teams commenced, completed 2009
  - Laptop computer & MYOB accounting software purchased
  - Introduction of EFT payment facilities
- Family discount for 2<sup>nd</sup> & subsequent players introduced, assisting 35% of member families.

### 2009

- Woolworths Fresh Food Kids Community Grant \$2200 received
  - Umpires achieved C Grade badge – Susan Papa
- Bodysuit dresses introduced for 15 & Under players from Winter 2009
  - Record number of teams fielded – 21 in Winter 2009
- Record number of players received MDNA Best & Fairest Awards
  - Record number of players in MDNA Representative teams