



# Newsletter No. 4 - July 2010

## ANNUAL PRESENTATION NIGHT

Yes its time again to start planning for the social event of the year, as always on Grand Final Day evening for the MDNA Winter Competition. Details will be emailed out to all of our club members, but if for some reason you don't receive that information please let one of our Presentation Night Committee know straight away so they can get it to you. Contact details are below, but here is some basic information that you should write down NOW:



- Where:** Rowville Community Centre, Kelletts Road, Rowville
- When:** Saturday 14th August, 2010 and a 7:30 sharp start
- Why:** To celebrate the end of the Winter season, hopefully some Premierships too, but more importantly to provide a "whole club" get-together where we celebrate the achievements of the great people in our club! We'd love our players, coaches, umpires, committee, parents & anyone else who wants to be part of it to be there!
- Tickets:** Are a flat \$12 per head (Kids 5 & under are free). No meal provided this year, BYO nibbles & drinks as usual. Tea & coffee will be freely available.
- On Sale:** At our Registration Table up at the courts on 17th July, tickets issued on the spot.
- Contacts:** Michelle Reeves 9801 9330 or 0417 132031 or Carmel Tikfesis 9720 1336 or 0419 877843

# Wantirna South Netball Club

Our U11 Kookaburras, coached by Amanda McCormick, had the thrill of playing in a State League curtain-raiser recently. The girls played really well and made a fantastic impression on all who were there, they're a great advertisement for our club - WELL DONE!



## SPRING SEASON 2010 REGISTRATION DAY

*Spring season starts on 4th September but we need to have team lists in to the MDNA by mid-August. To make this easier for everyone we are again holding a Registration Day up at the courts.*

*We will have a desk manned all day on JULY 17TH, 2010*

*Fees are again only \$45 per player. Registration forms will be available, and payment can be accepted on the day by cash or cheque only. If you wish to pay by EFT please advise when registering so our Treasurer can look out for your payment.*

*Note: Netball Vic is an Annual Membership, if you've paid it already this year then it isn't required again for Spring season.*

## DIARY DATES

JULY 10th	ROUND 13
JULY 17TH	ROUND 14 & SPRING SEASON REGISTRATION DAY
JULY 24TH	ROUND 15 (last week for 11's & Modified)
JULY 31ST	FIRST SEMI-FINALS
AUG 7TH	PRELIMINARY FINALS
AUG 14TH	GRAND FINALS & WSNC PRESENTATION NIGHT
SEPT 4TH	SPRING SEASON COMMENCES

## Who was that?

This one really got us wondering about some of our girls ☺

Who was the U15 player who turned up to netball with a full roll of toilet paper in her pocket?

Hmmm. . . .





Our very own Penny Forrest has yet another feather in her cap, she was Team Manager and is the new Coach of the Victorian Men's Reserve Netball team who are the current NATIONAL Premiers. Five of the guys from this team very kindly came along to our 13-1 Rosellas team training in April, much to the initial amusement of the girls, who very soon found out that these guys can seriously play! A lot of fun was had by everyone there, but as well as that the girls learned so much it was incredible. Thanks Penny for asking your guys along, we hope they enjoyed it as much as our girls did ☺

For those playing 11's and Modified 11's the end of the Winter season is not far away - we hope you've really enjoyed playing netball and haven't minded the rain & cold over the last few weeks, it's a winter sport after all we just haven't had a winter like this for a while! For those playing competitive, finals are just around the corner, and we've looked at how our teams are going:

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| 13-1                | Flying (must be that training ☺) |
| 13-3                | 3rd, top 5 all very close        |
| 13-4                | 3rd, definitely in finals        |
| 15-1                | Not their season ☹               |
| 15-3                | 4th on a very close ladder       |
| 15-5                | 3rd, close but should be ok      |
| 17-1 Darters & 17-3 | not their season ☹               |
| 17-1 Firetails      | 3rd but aiming for 2nd           |
| Open 1              | 4th, definitely in finals        |
| Open 3 x 2 teams    | Both in, maybe even top 2?       |
| Open 4              | 5th in a race for 4th spot       |
| Open 6              | 3rd, top 5 all very close        |
| A Res x 2           | Fighting it out for 4th spot     |
| A Grade             | Also flying - top of ladder      |

**GO SOUTH!!**

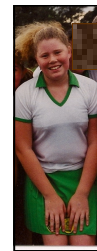


One of our dedicated committee members, Vicki Stanciu, has launched her own business creating & selling Pandora style beads & bracelets. She'd love to hear from you! Coaches presents maybe? And Christmas isn't really THAT far away . . .

From Issue #3 these are our current players:



Melanie Brimelow



Mel Wilkinson



Taryn Kirby



Lauren Proven



Natalie Savory



Katherine Last



The "Hasn't Changed One Bit!" Award goes to Taegan Ross



The "How Cute are Those Pigtails!" Award goes to Breanna O'Moore



And the "Awww, How Cute!" Award is a tie between Tanya Heaton & Mey Wun Boey



As we said in an article last year - "FACEBOOK is a fantastic way to keep in touch with friends & family. But remember, NO conversation on FaceBook is totally private and whatever you tell one person you might as well be telling everyone!"

For some people that's the intention, but what a shame this really fun way to communicate with friends is being hijacked. Most of the time its great to have some fun & a laugh, but when it turns people against each other it's very sad, especially when its over netball - sport is supposed to bring people together!

There've been lots of posts, some very nasty, about who's the best or worst player, the best or worst team or club, who said what to who, and its causing a lot of unnecessary heartache & anger.

We urge you to not post anything when you're angry or upset - don't be the victim or the bully!!

Reminder: Lots of parents, coaches & teachers also have FaceBook - think about it before you make comments you might regret later!

## UMPIRES Issues

Its long overdue that we had a feature on umpires - not only our own clubs' but on umpiring in general. We know the vast majority of you are players and their families, with varying degrees of interest in those who officiate your games every week. The best umpires go about their job in an "un-noticed" sort of way, but we know umpires' abilities vary just like players' do. Players though don't have to contend with being questioned, criticized, even verbally abused, on a regular basis, so we asked some of our umpires what they would like to say back, if they were able to. . . . .



**No 1: DON'T MAKE IT PERSONAL!** You can agree or not with our decisions, but you DO NOT have the right to insult the person out there doing her best. Most of these sort of comments come from the sidelines, but think about the impact on court. If you have a young or inexperienced umpire, you will either turn her off umpiring forever (great - no umpires no game!) or you will unsettle her so much she'll do an even worse job than you perceive she's already doing. What will NOT happen ever, is that she/he will suddenly turn into a great umpire because you yelled at them!

**No 2: LEARN THE RULES!** If you feel you must comment on our decisions then at least be right! Then the difference is in interpretation which most umpires can live with, everyone sees things a little differently. And if you are so sure you can do it better, why aren't you an umpire yourself?

**No. 3: ADVANTAGE.** Just because you don't hear a call doesn't mean we didn't see it! There are times when the umpire has made a decision but doesn't verbalise it, because at the younger and/or lower levels players do get more easily confused. If we make a decision to just let play continue to the advantage of the team in possession, we're trying to help the players and are not totally incompetent! Also, while it's always frustrating to have the ball brought back when it was further down the court, players ignoring the whistle in the first place is often the cause.

**No. 4: WE'RE HUMAN!** The day is yet to happen when a player plays the perfect game, so give us umpires a break, we're human and we make mistakes too.

**No. 5: WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THE OTHER UMPIRE** Sometimes the umpire on the other side of the court is having a bad game, no doubt about it, but we are powerless to do anything about it so don't expect it! Be pro-active and go to the office for assistance, don't just stand there complaining and wanting "someone" to do something.

**No. 6: THE 'UGLY PARENT' SPOILS THE GAME FOR EVERYONE** As hard as it can be putting up with being constantly criticized, sadly it seems to come with the job. But we wish that the "ugly parents" on the side would realise they can be spoiling the game for the players, and often their own daughters are embarrassed by this behaviour. Either that or they are being turned into "princesses" who expect every decision to go their way! Come on spectators - its meant to be fun!

### RULES IT HELPS TO KNOW . . .

In the interests of helping you as coaches, players and spectators (and to avoid embarrassing yourselves 😊) we've put together a few very basic rules that we all should know but every single week umpires are criticised for and even asked about by players -



#### ON THE LINE IS IN

In our game on the line is in which includes the transverse and goal circle lines as well as the boundaries. This is the opposite to basketball so please try not to get them confused.

#### DEFENDERS - DISTANCE FIRST THEN ARMS UP

If you put your arms up before you are the required 3 feet away, you will be obstructing and will be penalised for this. Distance first!

#### GOALERS - STEPPING IN

If you choose to step in, the defender has no obligation to move away another 3 feet! They can and should hold their position so think carefully before you do this and don't expect a free path to the goal post every time.

#### APPROACHING THE UMPIRE

Team captains are the only people who can approach an umpire. If you have a query by all means ask, and if the umpire wishes to clarify by speaking with the coach or players they will do so.

### UMPIRES AWARDS PROGRAM

About half way through this season we introduced an Awards Programme for our umpires, to reward and acknowledge those whose efforts, dedication, attitude, co-operation, and improvement go beyond just "doing the job". Jo has awarded four so far, to:

KATHERINE LAST who stepped up into the role of Umpire's Convenor for the weekend which is not an easy task. After leaving the already set roster I left for the weekend thinking that there would be no problems, but she was 2 short on the day before finding fill ins. I think Katherine did a great job and I hope you will all agree.



KRISTINE STANCIU is a new umpire this season and has worked hard, to the point where she is now able to umpire on her own without a mentor. Great Work Kristine keep it up!

TAYLA HAYES for her willingness to step up and help the club. Since Tayla's return to umpiring after her serious knee injury she has been willing to umpire up to 3 games a week if required. Great Work Tayla!



CHLOE BROWN for showing improvement in her attitude towards umpiring, and taking on board all advice given to her to help improve. Great Job Chloe keep up the Excellent Work

HAVE A GO AT THE SECTION ONE THEORY EXAM TO FIND OUT JUST HOW MUCH YOU DO KNOW, IF YOU DARE!  
It's on-line and free, nothing to lose! Just register and allow a maximum of 1 hour. Visit [www.netballvic.com.au](http://www.netballvic.com.au) and follow the links



The umpires you see here are at varying stages of their umpiring careers - some have just started with us this year, learning the rules & building their confidence to blow that whistle; and other umpires who have gone on to complete their C and B Badges and who are now sought after to umpire at higher levels

Being an umpire is rewarding because without umpires we simply wouldn't be able to play the sport we all love! If anyone would like more information on how to be an umpire please visit the Netball Victoria Website or alternatively send an email to [jo.moon@live.com.au](mailto:jo.moon@live.com.au) - thanks :)

Jo,  
Umpires Co-Ordinator



↑ Look closely - what every umpire needs when they're not sure - **THREE ARMS, TO SIGNAL BOTH WAYS!!** 😊