

**WINTER
2011**

SURREY PARK NETBALL CLUB

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Presidents' Report

What a fantastic year we have had at the Surrey Park Netball Club, culminating in the Presentation Afternoon held at the Surrey Park Clubrooms during September. There was a great turn out and really showed how big our club has grown.

With over 130 players across 13 teams and "Net Set Go" it was also a successful year on the court with five premierships teams across the Spring and Winter Seasons. Congratulations to all the players and a special mention to the Coaches and Team Managers who worked with the teams' week in week out. Also thanks to all the parents who support the club on match days, at the presentation evening and at other times. Congratulations go to all the players that were selected to represent the Waverley District Netball Association through the year.

As you may be aware after 10 years as President, Lisa Clarke-Smith has stepped down and Tracey Lethbridge has also relinquished the Secretary's role, one that she has held for the past 14 years. The club is truly indebted to these two ladies who have built it from the ground up to where it is today. We are fortunate that they will remain on the General Committee for the foreseeable future. They are joined on the committee by Pam Flynn, Gee Clarke, Jacqui Peters, Tamsin Bourke while Kristen Ternes will remain as Treasurer. Jane Thomas has taken on the role of Secretary.

The coming year will see some exciting developments around the club including the launch of our very own website, the establishment of our Facebook page and to create a greater presence at Surrey Park as we install a trophy and information cabinet in the club rooms. We will seek to work closely with the Cricket and Football clubs so that we can utilise the facilities more frequently.

Of course our primary goal is to maintain a healthy, fun environment for our players and coaches that will enable us to grow the club through attracting new players and retaining our existing players.

Andrew Toomey
President



galaxies

The winter season caused more than the usual stir of excitement as eleven Galaxies made their Netball debut. With a mix of girls who were 'chomping at the bit' after a few seasons of Netta and some new classmate recruits they were ready to finally get out on court.

We had played scratch matches at training but the challenge of having an unknown opponent was exciting. At the halftime break the girl's nerves had settled but they were relaying every passage of play they were involved in as the energy and adrenaline had kicked in!

We faced teams that produced all sorts of challenges and we stuck with them the whole way. We lost some games and we won some games but the girls always produced their own best efforts and above all showed great spirit.

The addition of match play to the skills they were developing in training accelerated their performance was evident at once.

The girls adapted well to all positions and it was

especially pleasing to hear girls who had just spent a quarter in that position give their teammate some tips!

The new season also brought the assistance of Taylah Miller who was been mentored as a junior coach new. Taylah Miller ably ran the mid week training sessions I couldn't attend. Having a larger group, Taylah's assistance also proved especially effective when breaking down the group. The team appreciated her knowledge and support.

Thanks also to the parents of the Galaxies who supported the girls through all of winters challenges- including the weather! Organizing the playing roster, setting up the rings, and of course the oranges! (Special thanks to Marianne Ward for her work as Team Manager and the assistance on many occasions of Maria Merry.

Sophie Barbazza
Kristina Bicknell
Bridget Frania
Charlotte Graham
Zoe Lorandi
Kate McKay
Gemma Merry
Caitlin O'Connor
Amy Roche
Mia Walsh
Madeline Ward

**Katherine Lethbridge
(Coach)**
**Taylah Miller
(Assistant Coach)**

**Marianne Ward
(Team Manager)**



cyclones

After participating in the Spring 2010 competition, the Cyclones were keen and enthusiastic to get on the court for Winter 2011 and experience 'competitive' netball again. We welcomed Bec Reid and Charlotte Abbott into the team after saying goodbye and good luck to Georgie and Georgia who joined the Asteroids. We were all looking forward to a fun and exciting season.

Winter 2011 was great; the whole team was enthusiastic both at training and on the court of a Saturday morning. The girls built on the skills they had learnt during Spring and bought a great sense of team spirit each week.

The girls were provided with the opportunity to experience all positions on the court over the season. Although they all had their favourite positions they played every game with energy and passion.

With Shelley involved in coaching duties on Saturdays and not always able to get to the games, the girls got used to the team

coaching efforts of Shelley and Trish.

The Cyclones played a great Winter comp; we look forward to more enjoyment of, and development in the game of netball in Spring 2011.

Thanks to all the parents who come along to training sessions and Saturday games (rain and shine) and who have supported us as Coach and Team Manager throughout Spring and Winter competitions.

Charlotte Abbott
Jasmine Amiet
Rachel Kelly
Hannah Mundy
Julia Pike
Bec Reid
Xavian Scott
Lucy Smethurst
Lilly Toomey

**Shelley O'Donnell
(Coach)**

**Trish Scott
(Team Manager)**



asteroids

The Asteroids had a great winter season 2011. We started off a little slow as the girls were faced with teams who were much taller than them. However by the end of the season the girls rallied together to defeat teams that had beaten them earlier in the season 17-2. The girls had a great passion and drive to learn more about the game; this made it easy for me coming into a group that had played a couple of seasons of modified netball together.

The focus of the season was to further develop their skills, particularly concentrating on using correct techniques in passing and goal shooting and the spatial awareness on the court. Often the girls were faced with opponents who were taller and stronger than them; this never stopped their dedication or commitment. They worked harder and came together as a good little team and finished the season with 7 wins.

The girls managed to keep their heads up and show their dedication to train afterschool;

ready to learn more. As the season went along we saw a great improvement in all the girls' skills and their teamwork and participation on and off the court.

Thank you to the families and friends that come to support the girls every week and to our amazing team manager, Jane Thomas who always makes sure that everything is organised and ready to go each week. It has been a pleasure to coach the Asteroids and I'm looking forward to the next season!

Jess Clarke
Maddie Curry
Georgie Douglas
Sarah Hudspeth
Georgia Jowett
Anna Kolednik
Melanie Pontikis
Maddy Thomas
Chelsea Wilby

Priscilla Ryles-Smith
(Coach)

Jane Thomas
(Team Manager)





stars

Hannah Collins
Rachel Forge
Jacqueline Gracie
Billie Holloway
Isabella Magilton
Apirl O'Brien
Enya Peroni
Annabel Pittendrih
Sasha White

**Pauline Holloway
(Coach)**

**Kara White
(Assistant Coach)**

**Jane Peroni
(Team Manager)**

The stars were formed in spring 2010. They had a strong season finishing 3rd with Cathie Maus as the coach.

I started my coaching roll in the Winter season with Polly Holloway helping me out. With a few changes to the team in winter, the girls were all keen and eager to develop more skills and play a more strategic game. Training was held at Roberts McCubbin on the basketball court but the wrong lines on the court and different rings didn't stop them from learning and training hard.

We had a rocky start to the season loosing a few of the first games but as the season went on everything came together and we began to win more games and continued to improve. Winning most of the games in the second half of the season moved us up the ladder.

With girls who could play numerous positions we were able to mix the team around when needed. We were strong under the rings at both sides with rebounding and shooting and moved well in the centre court with the girls making great position.

We missed out on finals by only one game but had an overall great season finishing 5th.

I'd like to thank Polly for helping me coach the girls and contributing ideas for the games and Jane Peroni for being a great team manager.



comets

Winter 2011 saw the Comets once again reshuffle their lineup welcoming 3 new players to the team – Phoebe Maus from Stars, Tara Cobello from Mt Waverly and Kate Wirges from EB's basketball. Our core of Anna, Nicola, Meg, Sarah and Emily were enthused to play at a high level and to make it 3 in a row. Unfortunately for Meg a foot injury put paid to her season half way and Mia Irawan joined the team—thanks Koko! Anna missed several games due to a hip injury, and Emily had to call it a day and have surgery. These girls were committed to their team and still came to support – well done on your great team spirit.

Comets proved too skilful for Junior 15 and leapt to Junior 13 after the grading rounds. The season held some tight quarters but when the girls were comfortable and confident in their positions they were hard to beat. Essex Heights were the only challenger and were to beat us in the final round when we were certainly not at full strength.

Semi final day was a stressful day for all concerned – poor Sarah couldn't get out of bed, Meg and Emily out injured. A frantic phone call to Maddie Curry (Asteroids) saved the day with – this club gives great support across all grades/teams, thanks Tammy!

Comets and coach were stressed and gave Essex Heights a 5 goal start. Emily Flynn (Assistant Coach) proved calm in a crisis and we managed to get back on track. In the end Comets proved victors by a goal.

Grand Final day saw Comets well organised and confident. We were confident if we stuck to our game plan and stayed strong and calm we could win. Phoebe's attacking leads and pinpoint lobs gave Anna plenty of opportunity to get a big score. The mid court of Sarah, Kate and Mia worked tirelessly in both offence and defence. Tara and Nicola were strong on the rebounds and weren't scared to block and back one another up. It was a truly impressive game and testament to the girls and their ability to follow a game plan through to victory – Comets 25 to Essex Heights 13.

Such an impressive season only comes together with great teamwork. Many thanks to the following;

- Our fill-ins Lucy Smethurst, Maddy Thomas, Anna Kolednik and Maddie Curry who came ready to play if required Grand Final Day.
- The Toomey Management Team - Julie & Andrew, for their great work on arranging rosters, scoring & voting.
- Emily Flynn our Assistant Coach for her work at Tuesday training, pregame warm ups and keeping both

the girls and coach calm on Saturdays.

Comets players and their families – Thank you once again for such a rewarding season – it's been a pleasure to coach the Comets over the past 5 seasons and Grand Final wins are a bonus. Seeing the girls come back to play each season is the most pleasing aspect of my involvement.

It's time for the girls to learn some new tricks from other coaches and I wish them all the best in their future netball

Sarah Adlawan
Tara Cabello
Emily Cuddy
Phoebe Maus
Meg Reid
Annaliese Smethurst
Nicola Toomey

Claire Derrick
(Coach)
Emily Flynne
(Assistant Coach)

Julie Toomey
(Team Manager)

bullets

Winter 2011 was always going to be a tough season for the Bullets, as many changes had occurred since spring 2010. We introduced four new players to SPNC to half of the original Bullets team, all of whom were ready to work hard and have fun. Throughout the season there were ups and downs, wins and losses, but it was obvious to me and our supporters that the more they played together, the better the Bullets became. We rounded out the season with a good win to loss ratio and managed to land in 5th spot on the ladder at the end of the home and away season, just missing out on making it to finals. Overall the girls had a great season, they worked really hard as a team and I commend them for that.

I wish them all the best in their netballing futures. It was a joy to coach them and watch their continued growth as players.

GO BULLETS!

Georgia Cook
Alice Fry
Kate Gartland
Hannah Murphy
Laura Petrie
Rebecca Venn
Charlotte Watkin
Sarah Wirges

**Sam Clarke-Smith
(Coach)**

**Clare Gartland
(Team Manager)**



hornets

What a fantastic season for the Hornets!!!!!! A newly formed team, the Hornets are made up of former Jets and Bullets players along with the addition of a new player to SPNC. Considering we were unable to find a training night, due to the girls' various other commitments, the Hornets gelled as a team quickly and had a most successful season, losing only two home and away matches, both to St. Dominic's Dolphins. We played the unbeaten Dolphins in the semi final and lost by 7 goals (our biggest losing margin for the season). Our preliminary final the following week was a comfortable win and a great confidence booster heading into the grand final.

The grand final was indeed GRAND! The Hornets had a bit of a slow start and were down by 7 at half time. The second half was a different story – the Hornets were not prepared to lose to the Dolphins again and fought back to level the scores at full time. This was truly an exciting match! Stung by the Hornets' fight back the Dolphins could not match it in extra time, with the Hornets eventual winners by 2 goals.

The Hornets are a lovely group of girls to coach and I have thoroughly enjoyed watching them grow as a team. We are blessed with height, speed and agility all over the court.

We have fantastic defence options in Laura, Claire, Brigitte and Eleanor who were the nightmare of many a goaler. Danielle, Lizzie and Naomi provide dash and flair through the midcourt and our dynamic duo in goals, Lauren and Natarsha, combined beautifully to capitalise on the team's hard work. Pleasingly from a coaches perspective, all girls willingly and capably rotated to other positions as needed.

A magnificent season Hornets, WELL DONE!!!

Isabel Detez
Laura Hanna
Naomi Hudspeth
Lizzie McBride
Lauren Neilson
Danielle Pontikis
Eleanor Taverner
Brigitte Traczewski
Natarsha Van Driel

**Georgia Hanna
(Coach)**

**Karen Taverner
(Team Manager)**





The Jets have seen a number of players come and go through their team in 2011 but the core of the team have remained as a consistent group and have really improved their court play and teamwork over the year. After spring 2010 and a grand final loss we saw Naomi H, Laura H and Lauren N move on to the Hornets, a newly established Surrey Park team. This left the Jets a little short for the winter season, but this was not going to deter the girls. With a team of 7, winter colds and flus, Saturday morning school sport and family holidays, we were grateful for the help of the Stars who were able to provide fill-ins for us on numerous occasions. Despite this, we managed to finish just outside the 4 with some terrific wins.

Sophie W was deserved of her MVP, playing with strength in a variety of positions at either end of the court. Tori P, who went home with the Coaches Award improved vastly across the year, especially in her work around the circle at both

ends. Bridget B and Ella N were both new to the club and to the sport but have settled in amazingly well, both preferring the defensive end of the court and both with the capacity to make life hard for the opposition goalies. Hayley P and Jess C have both found their place in goals but can equally play in any other position on the court, and Monica G has done well in the centre court, constantly being shifted between attack and defense.

A great effort in 2011 by all - and a special thanks to Noeleen G as our team manager and our regular band of parents and wider family who come and cheer the girls on each week.

Go Jets!!

Brigitte Bingley
Jessica Cuddy
Monica Gracie
Claire McGibbon
Ella Nolan
Hayley Peters
Victoria Pittendrigh
Sophie Warner

**Jacqui Peters
(Coach)**

**Noeleen Gracie
(Team Manager)**



meteors

We were again graded into Junior 2 and quickly realised that it didn't matter which team we were playing all teams were competitive and capable of winning on the day.

Meteors were fortunate enough to finish the season on top of the ladder. With injury & absence for most of the season to two of our regular players we enlisted the skills of Maegan McGrath and thank her for rushing from her game in Templestowe to fill in and qualify for finals to help out the team.

In the semi final were up against Essex Heights who had beaten us by 1 during the season. Unfortunately for them the game was cancelled at the end of the first quarter when it poured with rain and showed no signs of clearing up. Meteors were given entry to the grand final as we had finished on top of the ladder.

In the grand final against Ashburton Lightning our first half was to be our downfall as we gave away an 8 goal lead. Despite a valiant fight back the girls were only

able to narrow Ashburton's lead to four goals, losing 19 – 23.

Meteors have been a successful and bonded team for many seasons and it is difficult to choose particular players for individual awards. Thankful to the implemented voting system for seasons 2011-2012 I was pleased to award Kara White as MVP and Rachel Butler my Coach's Award.

Thank you to Team Manager, Rhonda Miller, Assistant Coach Dave Miller and Kane Henden for his match stats and all the parents & supporters of the Meteors.

Stephanie Black
Lexie Branda-Pawlaczyk
(Spring 10)
Rachel Butler
Roisin Henden
Dale Lansdown
Charli Miller
Taylah Miller
Yelena Petrovic
Kara White

Tracey Lethbridge
(Coach)

Rhonda Miller
(Team Manager)



diamonds

Winter 2011 brought plenty of challenging matches for the Diamonds team. After completing a quite successful Spring 2010 season, they were elevated to Junior 1 section, ultimately playing against the oldest and physically bigger girls in the junior age group. Unfortunately, against so many talented teams, regular success at this level was hard to achieve, but their endeavour and determination could never be questioned. They were; however, able to finish the season with a couple of wins but sadly missed the finals. I have watched the Diamonds grow and develop as netballers for almost five years now, and I could not be more proud of them.

I wish all the girls the best for their netballing futures and hope they keep playing for many years to come.

GO DIAMONDS!

Anita Coffa
Louisa Detez
Emily Flynn
Teagan Hickey
Maddy Jamieson
Kirstie Janetzki
Hayley Ternes
Jessica Walden
Sarah Young

Sam Clarke-Smith
(Coach)

Pam Flynn
(Team Manager)





flames

Our winter season was played with mixed results. We were bumped up into the Open Section for the first time and there seemed quite a discrepancy in the ability of the teams. But we did well to finish in the middle section and actually only just missed out on the finals which was a great effort. But we were also very aware that we would have struggled against the other teams with bigger, older, stronger bodies who had far more experience than us, so we were not too disappointed to not play finals. We also played with 5 and 6 players for most of the year and so unfortunately the demise of Flames came quickly.

As this is the last report I will do for the Flames, I would like to say a big thank you to all the girls and their parents who have been involved in the team. We have been a great group over many many years and have consistently played in finals. It has been a pleasure being part of such a great group of girls who play netball for all the right reasons. They have always treated each other with respect, considered each other as equals, and played the game fairly and in good spirits. Well done to a great bunch of girls and their families.

Rebecca Smith
Tessa Ashton
Nicola Churchward
Kat Forrester
Bridget Gartland
Elise Spence
Abbey Tanner

Heather Smith
(Coach)

Deb Churchward
(Team Manager)



rockets

The Rockets started this season without some of their players from last season but gained some great new ones. Although it took a few weeks for the team to settle in, they are still playing a strong game of netball and enjoying every minute of it. We have had 1 or 2 great wins this season and are excited for some more to come. With the majority of our players in Year 12, on behalf of the rockets we want to say good luck for all your exams.

Petra Berglund
Kathryn Bibby
Alexandra Brown
Alanah Hickey
Nicola Johnson
Claire Murray
Grace Stewart
Lucinda Totney

Laura Linossier
(Coach)

Karlie Stewart
(Team Manager)





taipans

Taipans welcomed 2 new players for Winter 11, Brooke Reid who found us on the footy club web site and Phoebe Sansom from another club. Georgia Hanna one of our club coaches became a much relied on fill in for winter.

Like most seasons where Taipans start off the season slowly and come home blazing, winter was no exception. We won games where on paper should have lost & lost games that we should have won but I felt Winter season was probably one of their most pleasing for the team as our general play was of a good standard with less player frustration.

On our last game we were playing the top team of Senior 3 – Mt Waverley Magic and thought that a win and a wait on other results we could have a chance to make it into finals. Taipans held up their side of the equation by giving the top team only their second loss by 10 goals to end on a high note, but unfortunately other teams hadn't read our script.

Once again thanks must go to our team manager – Lisa Clarke-Smith and the small band of supporters. Things are looking good for Spring 11 so hopefully we can get some good wins together to enjoy another fun & successful season.

Samantha Clarke-Smith
Rebekah Clarke-Smith
Jacqui Henden
Kelly Henden
Tessa Murray
Brooke Reid
Brittany Roebuck
Phoebe Sansom
Martine Scott
Justine Travill

**Tracey Lethbridge
(Coach)**

**Lisa Clarke-Smith
(Team Manager)**



premiers

Spring 2010

Winter 2011

Meteors (Junior 3)

Stephanie Black
Rachel Butler
Roisin Henden
Dale Lansdown

Charli Miller
Taylah Miller
Yelena Petrovic
Kara White

Hornets (Junior 9)

Laura Hanna
Naomi Hudspeth
Lizzie Mcbride
Claire Mcgibbon
Lauren Neilson

Danielle Pontikis
Eleanor Taverner
Brigitte Traczewski
Natarsha Van Driel

Comets (Junior 22)

Sarah Adlawan
Emily Cuddy
Annabel Pittendrigh
Meg Reid
Anna Smethurst
Nicola Toomey

Comets (Junior 13)

Sarah Adlawan
Tara Cabello
Emily Cuddy
Mia Irawan
Phoebe Maus

Meg Reid
Anna Smethurst
Nicola Toomey
Kate Wirges

Taipans (Senior 10)

Sam Clarke-Smith
Bek Clarke-Smith
Jacqui Henden
Kelly Henden

Tessa Murray
Brittany Roebuck
Martine Scott
Justine Travill

Rockets (Senior 6)

Kathryn Bibby
Alanah Hickey
Nicola Johnson
Laura Linossier

Claire Murray
Grace Stewart
Alexandra Totney
Lucinda Totney

awards

	Most Valuable Player	Coach's Award
Taipans	Jacqui Henden	Kelly Henden
Rockets	Grace Stewart	Alexandra Totney
Flames	Tessa Ashton	Nikki Churchward
Diamonds	Hayley Ternes	Teagan Hickey
Meteors	Kara White	Rachel Butler
Jets	Sophie Warner	Victoria Pittendrigh
Hornets	Lauren Neilson	Brigitte Traczewski
Bullets	Isabel Detez	Alice Fry
Comets	Anna Smethurst	Nicola Toomey
Stars	Hannah Collins	Annabel Pittendrigh

net set go

The ongoing success and growth of the club is in no small way the result of the successful Net Set Go program run by the club over the last 3 years. Net Set Go is a program devised by Netball Victoria to encourage young players to learn the skills of the game in the same way that Auskick works for AFL.

By running our own sessions we are able to adapt the program according to the skill and progress of each of the groups. With the keenness of the girls and an assessment on their readiness, the players are able to form a team to play in the Saturday morning competition.

In March this year after completing the 2010 NSG program at Our Ladys primary school, eleven girls formed the team "Galaxies" and began playing in the Winter competition on Saturday.

In April this year another group of enthusiastic girls began their sessions at Roberts McCubbin Primary School under the guidance of Kat Lethbridge. Enrolled were ten girls from RMPS and four girls who

joined in from Our Ladys.

After the initial 10-week program the group moved the sessions to the outdoor courts on Canterbury Road to prepare them for game play which had not been possible at RMPS during their building works. Kelsey Lethbridge kindly stepped in to replace Kat who was traveling overseas and worked on the rules, positions and umpired practice games to replicate the upcoming competition.

All 14 of the girls decided to test their skills and nervously took to the court in August for Spring season under the name of "Satellites". Lucy Mason has taken on the role as coach of the team with Kath de Groen Team Manager. A highlight of their first game was scoring a goal, which was very exciting for players and spectators, along with the ability to put together some passages of play to pass down the court without crowding. Good things in terms of netball achievement seem destined to head Satellites way. Good luck for Spring.

Anna Burke
Sarah Cuddy
Rachel Douglas
Trinity de Groen
Jessica Grigg
Skylar Gowans
Katie Hatch
Hannah Hill
Brooke Lipscombe
Bella Loverso
Maddie Lurati
Charlotte Pittendrigh
Kate Thomas
Meg Wirges

**Katherine Lethbridge &
Kelsey Lethbridge
(Program Coordinators)**

**Tracey Lethbridge
(SPNC Player & Team
Coordinator)**

