



SURREY PARK NETBALL CLUB

**SPRING
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2011**

CLUB REPORT

The end of another spring season for Surrey Park Netball Club, in which we fielded 12 teams from modified through to open age groups. Congratulations to the club's newest team, the Satellites on a great first season.

Well done to all the players that represented the club through the season and a big thank you to the Coaches and Team Managers who worked with the teams' week in week out and of course also to all the parents who support the club on match days. Also, congratulations go to all the players that were selected to represent the Waverley District Netball Association through the year.

There have been some great developments around the club including the launch of our own website and our Facebook page.

We are currently looking for sponsors that will be included in our Business Directory so if you are interested please email us.

We will continue to develop our relationship with the Surrey Park facilities and sporting community as we install a trophy and information cabinet in the club rooms.

With the large influx of new players over the past few years we will look to ensure each player is graded in the most appropriate team based on age, ability, position and friendship groups. The committee will work through this process early in 2012.

Enjoy the off season and we look forward to seeing you all back in 2012.

Andrew Toomey
Club President

CYCLONES REPORT

Spring 2011, Cyclones third season, was another consistent and enjoyable one. The girls continued to grow in confidence with each performance developing into a strong, cohesive unit, having some stunning victories and closely fought contests!!

At training we worked hard on the 'basics', with particular emphasis on footwork, passing and spatial awareness and I am very pleased with their skill progression in all these areas of the game. They developed a good structure in bringing the ball down the court and drove strong into open spaces. There was a big improvement from all in defence, with some great anticipation skills, good movement of feet to get in front and attack the ball with strong body control.

They showed great fight, spirit and sportsmanship against older opposition winning the majority of their games due to their 'never give in' attitude. Their enthusiasm at training was great except on the occasions when it was hot. Need to toughen up a bit girls!!! Even though we had a rotation policy, the girls started to show potential and strengths in particular areas of the court but were always willing to play wherever they were placed in the best interests of the team. They always backed each other up and offered great encouragement both on court and during intervals.

Five players were selected to represent the Under 11 Association side (Hannah Mundy, Lucy Smethurst, Xavian Scott, Rachel Kelly and Jasmin Amiet) and are looking forward to further developing their netball gaining invaluable experience through weekly training sessions and tournaments against other Association Representative teams.

Thanks to the parents for their fantastic support of their daughters and for providing the oranges, lollies and snacks each week at training and games. A big thanks to Trish for her competent managerial skills, stepping in as coach when required, providing weekly match reports and keeping everyone up to date with club matters.

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

COACH
Shelley O'Donnell

TEAM MANAGER
Trish Scott

STARS REPORT

The Stars had a tough season playing some pretty hard teams but the girls tried their best.

They had a losing streak in the beginning of the season but regrouped and had some great results. All the girls gained more individual skills, throughout the season, as well as improving as a team and learning how to play together.

As the season progressed, they started winning but unfortunately did not have the opportunity to capitalise on this due to 2 washouts. The girls had some strong games and made the opposition work hard for their points. The Stars missed out on finals but I dont believe that their position on the ladder reflected their game strengths.

Thanks to Pauline for helping out with the coaching, Josie for being team manager and all the parents for bringing the oranges and coming to support.

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

COACH

Kara White
ASST. COACH
Pauline Holloway

TEAM MANAGER

Jane Peroni

COMETS REPORT

After several successful seasons the Comets were promoted into 13/1 for the Winter 2011 season.

With several of our regular players out of the side through injury (Phoebe, Emily and Meg), the team was under the pump to compete with the stronger teams in the competition, however to the girls credit they worked hard and never gave up.

The girls managed to put together several wins through the season to finish fourth, just missing out on finals.

We were grateful to Kate Tanner for filling in as required through the season and for our new players Natalie, Hannah and Kate Murphy coming in and doing their best for the team.

Thanks to all the parents for their ongoing support at training and on match day and a special mention to Robynne our brilliant Team Manager for keeping me on the right path through the season.

Sarah Adwalan
Natalie Barbazza
Tara Cabello
Kate Gartland
Mia Irawan
Hannah Murphy
Anna Smethurst
Kate Tanner
Nicola Toomey
Kate Wirges

COACH

Julie Toomey
ASST. COACH
Em Flynn

TEAM MANAGER
Robynne Smith

JETS REPORT

I don't know if it's spring fever but there was certainly a strange feeling about this season.

We trained significantly more times than we played, and seemed to have holidays, byes and rain impact the season more than I ever remember before!

After a strong start to the season we sat on top of the ladder with 2 rounds to go. The girls were enthusiastic and had been doing lots of x-training which, to their delight(!) included boxing, skipping, hill running and more.

Unfortunately in the last two games we were overwhelmed by our opposition, losing both to find ourselves sitting out of finals contention. Despite the disappointing end to the season, there were lots of highs.

Sarah W joined us from the Bullets and fitted in beautifully up the defensive end mostly. Jasmine B was also new to the team and club and was a terrific addition to our mid court, although found herself shooting later in the season!

The stalwarts of the Jets, showed improvements across the season.

Thanks to those parents who continue to come and support the girls. I feel supported in my role then.

I'd also like to say a personal thanks to Noeleen G for her terrific ongoing support as team manager.
Go Jets!

Jasmine Bettiol
Brigitte Bingley
Jessica Cuddy
Monica Gracie
Ella Nolan
Hayley Peters
Victoria Pittendigh
Sophie Warner

COACH
Jacqui Peters

TEAM MANAGER
Noeleen Gracie

HORNETS REPORT

The Spring season was a disappointing one for the reigning premiers. Despite healthy numbers initially, we regularly struggled to field a full team.

Most games we were unable to match the intensity of our opposition for a full four quarters. Consequently confidence dropped and we had limited on court success.

Hopefully the break over summer will see a renewed vigour and the Hornets will return to their characteristic exciting style of play.

Girls, remember you are all talented netballers so continue to have confidence in your abilities. We all remember the thrilling come from behind premiership victory in Winter 2011, and it would be great to see the girls recapture that form.

Good luck for 2012!

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

COACH

Georgia Hanna

TEAM MANAGER

Karen Taverner

DIAMONDS REPORT

Taking over the coaching from Sam Clarke-Smith, who held the role for many seasons was a little daunting. I had only known of a few of the girls prior to our first game and not very well, so in a shortened spring season coupled with two byes we had only a few weeks to try to gel and work out each player's strengths.

Diamonds after a tough winter season in section 1 were moved into section 2 in under 17. We quickly found that there isn't much variation in the standard of teams in both sections so we were definitely pushed in all of our games and finished with a couple of wins in the 8 rounds played.

Diamonds also struggled most weeks to have the full team available and would like to thank the many players who assisted by filling in.

The players who make up the Diamonds have built some strong friendships over the years and it was obvious that they not only enjoyed the challenge of the competition but also the opportunity to meet up each Saturday in a social sense.

It was a pleasure to have been given the opportunity to coach the girls and unfortunately I won't be able to continue in 2012 but I wish all the players luck in once again regaining their rightful place at the top of the ladder as they will again be able to play in Under 17.

Thank you to Pam Flynn for her being a great Team Manager and to the many parents, family and friends who came along each week to support the Diamonds.

Good luck to Diamonds in 2012!

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

COACH
Kelsey Lethbridge

TEAM MANAGER
Pam Flynn

METEORS REPORT

Following on from a successful winter '11 season Meteors were graded into the Under 17/1. With many of the players still able to play in Under 15 this was going to be a challenge.

Unfortunately one of our under 15 teams (Bullets) folded after only one game so Meteors welcomed Georgia Cook and Charlotte Watkins. With long term players Rachel Butler & Taylah Miller missing the majority of the season due to injury and school commitments Charlotte & Georgia's joining the team was timely and boosted our shooting and mid court stocks.

Although our ladder results at the end of the season were 3 wins and 7 losses, this did not reflect the closeness of each of the games where we able to test all of our opposition and losing many games by a small margin.

Meteors have been a triumphant Surrey Park team for several seasons so it was disappointing not to make it into the Spring finals series but we look forward to again playing Under 17 in Winter 12 and hopefully being able to once again challenge for the trophy.

Thank you once again to Rhonda Miller for her assistance as Team Manager and Dave Miller for his help with coaching the girls.

Stephanie Black
Rachel Butler
Georgia Cook
Roisin Henden
Dale Lansdown
Charlie Miller
Taylah Miller
Yelena Petrovic
Kara White
Charlotte Watkin

COACH
Tracey Lethbridge

TEAM MANAGER
Rhonda Miller

TAIPANS REPORT

There were some changes to the Winter team when Jac Henden took the season off, Brooke moved to Geelong, Georgia Hanna (coach of Bullets) joined the team as a permanent player, Alex Totney came back to play with old team mates after a season with Rockets and Tess Murray returned after having the season off. A team of 10 players would normally pose a challenge to any coach but with the older group of players it has worked well as most weeks through work commitments, holidays and injuries we have played with only 8 players.

Spring season for the Taipans followed on from what the team had been building during the Winter '10 season where we just missed out on playing in finals mostly due to inconsistency.

Generally our play in Spring was of a high standard and lost games were mostly because the opposition were just better on the day. Unfortunately 2 draws where our opposition ran over us in the final quarter proved to be disappointing and costly in the lead up the finals.

In Spring, top position on the ladder is a guaranteed finals berth and a draw in our last game saw us lose the luxury of maintaining top position. We headed into the preliminary final with only seven players and knowing Mt Waverly Magic would be a challenge. It was a seesawing game, down by 2 at ¼ time, up by 1 at ½ time and down by 2 at ¾ time. The girls completely outplayed the opposition in the last quarter with the shooters doing a brilliant job. We progressed into the grand final with a 5 goal win.

Taipans were flying the flag for the club as the only Surrey Park team to make it to the grand final. It has been many years since we have had only a single grand finalist. Our opposition was Malvern Breakers whom we have a 1 goal loss and a 7 goal win to during the season so again it was always going to be a test.

We were down by 1 goal in each of the first 2 quarters but it was still within reach. The 3rd quarter was to be the start of our downfall and we went into the break with a 6 goal deficit. The opposition continued to play a great game of netball and went onto to win 18 – 29. We were outclassed by a better team on the day and I was thankful that we were soundly beaten than losing by a narrow margin – although the girls didn't seem to share my sentiments at the time.

It has be again a pleasure to coach Taipans. Thank you to the girls for making the job easy, to Lisa Clarke-Smith for her role as Team Manager and to the small band of supporters that come along to our games.

Sam Clarke-Smith
Bek Clarke-Smith
Georgia Hanna
Kelly Henden
Tessa Murray
Brittany Roebuck
Phoebe Sansom
Martine Scott
Alex Totney
Justine Travill

COACH

Tracey Lethbridge

TEAM MANAGER

Lisa Clarke-Smith

WINTER KEY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Saturday 17 March	Round 1 Winter Season
Saturday 7 April	No Game - School Holidays
Saturday 14 April	No Game - School Holidays Re-grading fixtures on WDNA website
Saturday 28 April	SPNC Fundraising BBQ at courts
Saturday 9 June	No Game - Queens Birthday
Saturday 7 July	No Game - School Holidays
Saturday 14 July	No Game - School Holidays
Saturday 28 July	Winter Semi Finals
Saturday 4 August	Winter Preliminary Finals
Saturday 11 August	Winter Grand Finals Spring '12 fixtures on WDNA website
Saturday 18 August	No Games - Season Break
Saturday 25 August	No Games - Season Break
Saturday 1 September	Round 1 Spring Season

REP REPORT

Once you have been playing netball for a while, any of the girls who play for Surrey Park can consider the next step in playing netball. This would be to trial for the WDNA representative teams. These are based on age groups – U11, U13, U15, U17 and Open age. Trials are held every year, once for U11 and twice a year for older age groups. It is a big commitment to play rep netball as there is Sunday training plus games, and you must continue to play and train with club netball on a Saturday.

Playing rep netball can expose players to broader coaching skills and more competitive games, it can develop their netball, and possibly lead to higher opportunities with regional, and state youth teams, and then onto the Victorian Netball League for U19 and Open age.

Earlier this year five of the SPNC Cyclones tried out for the WDNA U11s representative team. They attended 2 training sessions and were all selected for the 25 person squad. Xavian Scott, Hannah Mundy, Jaz Amiet, Rachel Kelly & Lucy Smethurst have since then been attending training sessions at the Ashwood courts on Sunday mornings.

They are developing friendships with girls from other clubs and are enjoying developing their netball at these sessions.

They will each participate in five of the 6 Tournaments that WDNA competes in – the first of which will be held at our WDNA home courts on Sunday 6th May. The following tournaments will be held on 27 May (Waverley), 15 July (Cranbourne), 22 July (Lilydale), 19 August (Springvale) & finally 9 September (Doncaster).

In addition to the U11 players mentioned, Surrey Park Netball Club had 4 players selected for WDNA in 2012, Tara Cabello U13, Anna Smethurst U13, Kara White U17, Hayley Ternes U17, and Georgia Coad U13 plays for Yarra Valley Grammar Ariels.

It would be great to some support for all the SNPC players who have made Rep this year at a tournament or two!

NET SET GO

Net Set Go is Netball Victoria's play based motor skills program. The emphasis is on the acquisition of basic motor skills in a fun environment of appropriate games and activities. It is a positive introduction to Netball ensuring enjoyment and a continued participation within the sport.

Three years ago Surrey Park incorporated Net Set Go as a junior development program that would serve as a feeder for our younger teams. In this time we have seen four rotations of the program as well as expanded the program to Our Lady's Primary School. The Satellites are the most recent team to have completed the program.

PINK NETBALL DAY

Thankyou Surrey Park netball club!

To all those who wore a touch (or more) of pink, donated money or time, collected donations from others, or rattled tins thankyou so much.

As a club we raised \$456 on the day and i know many bought items from the pink shop prior to the actual day. These should have been added to our page but hey as long as it helps the bcna it doesn't really matter if they are not.

Watch the spnc website for some 'pink' photos.

A lady by the name of Kim from another club won the cosmetic hamper and was very excited about it.

Pam Flynn

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