

CENTRE CIRCLE



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It has been a busy and exciting time for the Region with our Representative teams going away to their National Tournaments, and the highlight being the **Counties Manukau U17 team** making the final at the U17 NZ Champs! This is the first time a Regional team has made a National Final! What a fantastic result by Delwyn, Kath and their team. The team performed well all week, with seven wins leading up to the final, and losing by just two goals to Wellington in the final.



The U19 and U21 team also had good tournaments, the U19 team placing 13th with some close scoring games throughout the week. The win over Waikato for the U21 team was extra special and they finished in 8th place.

The PIC Insurance Brokers Counties Manukau Team has recently been named and we will be hosting two home matches for our team.

With Netball Centre Closing Days fast approaching, the Region still has plenty of exciting netball to watch.

At the end of this month we have the Regional Premier League finals, showcasing the premier teams throughout our Region. We continue to celebrate the many successes our members are enjoying throughout the 2011 season.

Counties Manukau Team announced



The PIC Insurance Brokers Counties Manukau Team has recently being named. Congratulations to the following players; Megan Adler, Samantha Rowe (Mellons Bay Netball Club), Marcia Bennett, Ruth Hei Hei, Dannielle Steffany, Ashleigh Timoko, Italia Tipelu (Aztec Netball Club), Kirsten Hurley, Merilyn Nordin, Caitlin Riedstra, Toni Rinckes, Jean Waaka (Papatoetoe Rangers Netball Club). Training Partners, Shanna Coetzee & Tabitha Mau, Coach: Winnie Hauraki, Asst Coach: Carolyn Pou, Manager: Wendy Bremner.

The team is training twice a week leading up to their first match against Tasman at home on Sunday 4 September. The 'Sponsor A Player' campaign is underway again for the team, and we have been pleased with the support for this year. Thanks to the following sponsors that have signed up so far; Flexco NZ Ltd, Chipmunks Manukau, Astill Hawke Accountants, Pukekohe Service Print, Enzed Hose Ltd, Rylock Auckland, Canadian Pacific Ltd and Melinda Nordin Optometrists. Only four spots remaining.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LION FOUNDATION
NETBALL CHAMPS

September 2011

See **PIC Insurance Brokers Counties Manukau** in action next month

SEE BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS
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REGIONAL PRIZEGIVING

Wed 19 Oct, 7pm
Bruce Pulman Park
Make sure you are there.....



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admin@netballcm.org.nz

4 Sep v Tasman Home at Strathallan College—11.30am
10 Sep v Western Away in Palmerston North—1pm
18 Sep v North Away at North Harbour—12pm
25 Sep v Waikato Home—11.30am
Finals Week in Wellington [Click here for more info](#)



Regional Premier League hits top gear



FINALS WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday 27-Aug

- 9.30am Division 2—5th & 6th playoff
- 11.00am Division 1—5th & 6th playoff
- 12.30pm Division 2—3rd & 4th playoff

Sunday 28-Aug

- 9.30am Division 1—3rd & 4th playoff
- 11am Division 2—Division 2 FINAL
- 12.30pm Division 1 FINAL
- 2pm **Prizegiving**

All draws, results and information can be found online; www.netballcm.org.nz



A big thank you to our new support sponsors for the 2011 Regional Premier League

We have now moved into the business end of the Regional Premier League for 2011. With only two rounds remaining before Finals Weekend, the competition is hotting up in both Divisions. Congratulations to Papatoetoe Rangers 1 for beating Aztec Premiers on a count back to take the Plate Round for Division 1 and to Papatoetoe Rangers 2 who won the Plate Round of Division 2 and being promoted to Division 1 for the Competition round.

ACTION SHOTS FROM THE RECENT AGE GROUP NATIONALS



Loads more photos can be found on our Facebook Page,



News Bites

Rep Team Function – Sheryl Lady Wells

This was a great evening, the highlight being Sheryl Lady Wells attending as our Guest Speaker. This event offers our teams the opportunity to introduce themselves, wish each other well for their respective tournaments and an informal occasion for teams and their families to get together.

Inter-Centre Day

This was hosted by Mangere Otahuhu Netball Centre. A very well organised day and great to see our Centre Representative teams representing their respective centres so well. The Region provided selectors and 5 players from each age group were selected as Players of the Tournament. It is very exciting to see the wealth of talent within our Region. Congratulations to Papakura Netball Centre who were the overall winners. [Click here for more info.](#)

Special thanks to a number of volunteers

- Cooks that went away with our Regional teams to National Tournaments: Sharon Fitzpatrick, Debbie Shoebridge and Nadia Pou.
- Umpires and Bench Officials who have officiated throughout the season for the Regional Premier League
- Regional Umpire Panel – for their on going coaching and support of our Regional Umpires
- Coaches and Managers of our Representative Teams

U15 Nationals

Congratulations to all the Centre teams that competed at the U15 tournament held in Taranaki. Special mention to Pukekohe Netball Centre who were placed 2nd and Mangere Otahuhu 4th in Division 2.

Coaching Update

In partnership with Netball NZ we have secured funding through the Kiwisport Regional Partnership Fund. This funding will allow us to appoint Coach Liaison Officers in each of our centres and to also deliver NNZ Coaching Modules to targeted Intermediate and Secondary Schools in our Region. This is an exciting project, with funding secured for three years.

High Performance and Development Programmes—2011/12

Planning is currently underway for the Regional High Performance and U15/U17 Development Programmes. The Region sees these programmes as being invaluable for the development of our players, coaches and umpires at both centre and regional level. Once the programmes are confirmed with dates/venues etc...details will be sent out to Regional and Centre Representative Players.

U17 NZ Talent Development Programme

This will be hosted by the Region and we will be combining with Waikato Region. This is a two day programme which will be held at Papatoetoe High School, players and umpires will be invited by the Region to attend.

IMPORTANT—New Email addresses:

Please note due to an upgrade of our server some staff have new email addresses:

Nicola Waite – rm@netballcm.org.nz and Nicole Terrill – admin@netballcm.org.nz

Congratulations to:

- Counties Manukau U17 Team for coming Runners Up at the U17 Nationals Champs
- Channelle Campbell, Stephanie Collins, Liz Ene, Nicole Jensen, Olivia van Diepen and Ashley Fennessey who were named in the Tournament Team at the U17 National Champs.
- Shaanee Stratton of Pukekohe Netball Centre who was also identified at the U17 National Champs.
- Olivia Caldwell, Tracey Glass, Therese Dixon and Rebecca Jeans who umpired at the U17 National Champs. Rebecca Jeans was reserve umpire for the Final.
- Adrienne Morrin who has just been named as the NZ U21 Team Assistant Coach.
- Nina Smith, Carollyn Frew and Rachael Smith – appointed as Bench Officials to the U19 NZAGC's final



Netball World Champs 2011

At the recent Netball World Champs in Singapore, the Silver Ferns were well supported by a large contingent of Kiwi Supporters. We have asked some of our members to send us some photos and give us an insight to their experiences at the Netball World Cup.

Maree Bernasconi, Netball Counties Manukau Life Member was one of these avid supporters, here is her story...

I'm still buzzing after an awesome time in Singapore. I loved every minute!!!

The highlights for me were:

The opening ceremony which had a unique Asian fairy tale theme with a lovely young girl wishing she could be part of a team representing her country Singapore. She sang beautifully of her desire to play netball but many attempts at shooting a goal made it obvious why she wasn't in the team. All the countries participating in the cup then marched past. It was great to be up close to so many international players. Singapore then played in the opening game.

The tour party I was in had an age range of 21 to 85. This was magnificent as it was very pleasing to see the young and older all getting on and enjoying each others company as well as the netball. We stayed at the Carlton Hotel which is right in the middle of town just across the road from the Raffles Hotel where most of the netball teams stayed. Many times while shopping at Raffles we would bump into players. They were always very polite and willing to give up some time to talk.

Highlights

- Friendships made. A good friend now is Chrissy Solomon. She is the coach of Avondale College's number one team.
- The Moari Cultural Group from Rotorua who sang the night away.
- Jan Lunds husband Simon on guitar (till I am)
- Netball and the netball dress-ups every day
- Guest speakers bought in by Yvonne Willering our tour party leader. Bronwyn Spiers, South African Coach, Sharelle McMann and Vicky Wilson
- Dinner night at Sentosa Island
- Foot massages – boy can they do reflexology
- Lots of laughs
- Freedom of our tour party to be able to shop and shop some more
- Trying to buy netball shoes at different sporting shops and continually be told 'we don't play netball here so no netball shoes for sale'
- Rooming with Pat and Pauline

We had a great time and paid \$1 deposit to Yvonne for the World Cup in 2015 in Sydney



Yvonne Willering Tour Group, spot the Counties Manukau members



Maree Bernasconi, Pat James & Pauline Coultas, who do you think they are supporting!!!

Sue Miller, Netball Counties Manukau Service Award Holder joined Dame Lois Muir's group...

OFF THE COURT AT THE WNC WITH DAME LOIS MUIR

I was one of 42 people from all over NZ who joined the Stars Sports Tours supporters' group led by Dame Lois Muir and Ivy Topping at the WNC. The party comprised singles, sisters, groups of friends and three couples – brave men!

On the first morning Lois gave everyone a white panama style hat. The idea was that combined with our black supporters' tee shirts we would make a statement when entering the stadium en masse. It also proved a good way of identifying those in our group and we were easily spotted in the TV coverage. Every day we had a sweep on the score for the NZ game with fun prizes presented to the winners. Then there was the monkey which was awarded for a perceived misdemeanor. I received it once for 'inviting' the hotel electrician to my room – what else are you supposed to do when the lights suddenly go out?!

The Silver Ferns did not play on the Thursday so Lois had arranged with the team management for us to meet them at their hotel in the morning. It was interesting that all 16 teams stayed at the same hotel. We had photos with the team and then we were able to mix and mingle and get autographs. Our group had prepared a card with messages which was presented to the team. In reply Casey stated how much the NZ supporters were valued by the Ferns. For me, this event was a highlight of our trip.

Pauline are you supposed to be holding the Netball World Cup???

