

SMOG Snippets

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Welcome to 2009! I hope everybody had a fantastic Christmas and a relaxing holiday. Netball season planning is well and truly underway for the Board and the Committee, with our club annual plan for 2009 all signed off and ready to go.

Trials 2009

Details for trials are up on the club's website – so check here for details: <http://www.smognetball.org.nz/95-108.html>. You must attend at least two trials to be eligible for a team – if you are unable to do this, please contact the club to discuss.

The registration form will be up ASAP, so watch the website.

Coaches' corner

The committee are still looking for coaches for three senior teams. If you're keen or want to find out more about the role, email Bex Leslie - Rebecca.Leslie002@msd.govt.nz

Bex is also busy putting together a SMOG coach's resource pack, to help coaches this season. If you have any ideas, please send them to smognetball@gmail.com.

Committee update

The committee met on 27 January for a full on meeting at Hope Bros. Jenny, our Treasurer, ran us through the draft budget for 2009, which will be presented at the Club's AGM (late March).

A key feature of this year's budget is the need to do some **fundraising**. If you have been involved with fundraising for another organisation, or have some creative ideas on how to fundraise, please send them to smognetball@gmail.com.

Farewell to Hannah Steel

It is with much sadness that the committee say farewell to Hannah

"Handog" Steel, who has chosen to step down from the committee due to work commitments. Hannah has played a huge role in organising the club's social events, liaising with the club's sponsors and numerous other tasks for the committee. We will miss her bubbly nature, interesting 'baby cheeses' jokes, but will hopefully still see her at club drinks during the season.



Hannah and Karen at club drinks

Changes in Netball Staff

There are a few changes in Wellington netball staff for the 09 season. Andrew Petrie has taken up the role of Game Manager at Netball Wellington Centre, so will have the hard role of managing our competition.

Raewyn Clarke (previously NWC game manager) has accepted a role with the Netball Wellington Region, replacing Sue Ryall.

Pulse team

The Central Pulse team was named in December 08, with the team starting training this month. For all the details on the team and to join the 'Pulse People' for regular updates, go to the team's website: www.pulse.org.nz. Their first game of the season is versus the Vixens on Saturday 5 April, 2.30pm, at the TSB Arena.

Indoor Community Sports Centre

The construction, maintenance and operation of the Indoor Community Sports Centre (ICSC) on Cobham Park in Kilbirnie was granted resource consent on 20 February. The decision has a 15-working day appeal period. If all goes well, construction on the ICSC could begin in April. Another step closer to staying nice and dry while playing netball.

"Goss from the boss"

It is the middle of wedding season, and a number of smoggies have recently tied the knot. Congratulations to Paula Agnew (now

Mrs Davis) who tied the knot in November down at the gorgeous Awaroa Lodge in Abel Tasman National Park.

Congratulations also to SMOG 1 Captain Lauren Archer (now Mrs Cournane) who got married on January 10 at Soi Cafe, in Wellington.

Good luck to all those smoggies taking part in the Twilight series. And for those heading to the Sevens, have a fantastic time!

Karen

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Spot light on Lindsay Murdoch

Role: SMOG Coaching Coordinator

Originally from: I moved here from Edinburgh, Scotland in July 2008 and have a work visa to stay in NZ until July 2011

Netball experience: I played netball in Edinburgh for Holyrood Netball Club where I played in the top team, The Thistles. I played for my University 1st team and in my final year was part of the Scottish Universities squad. I have yet to play netball in NZ!!! My passion lies in coaching though and I was head coach of Holyrood Netball Club, coaching their 1st team and also their 6th team for the past 2 years. I have coached Heriot Watt University 1st team who play in the British University league for the past 4 years and have handed the reigns of that over to my Mum whilst I am in NZ! In 2007 I was the assistant coach for the Scottish University squad who took part in the British Universities Games. I was president of the Edinburgh Netball League for the past 2 seasons as well as being a Netball Scotland Coach Education tutor and assessor for the UKCC coaching framework qualifications. I was team manager for the Wellington 2 team at the 2008 NPC champs in Rotorua where the girls finished an excellent 3rd



Day job: I currently work at Netball Wellington Region as the CoachForce and Officials Development Officer. This involves working to develop club/school coaches as well as looking after the umpires and bench officials' development.

About Me: When I get any free time I usually fill it with more sport! I have represented Scotland at Touch Rugby at the recent European Champs (3rd) and continue to play over here at McAllister Park. I am a keen snowboarder and I'm looking forward to hitting the NZ slopes this winter having just missed out on this when I arrived! I love any sport and I'm keen to give anything a go. When I'm not running about a sports field I like relaxing with my friends, going to gigs and enjoying the odd glass of vino or 2! I love travelling and I can't wait to see as much of NZ as possible in my time here, I look forward to being part of SMOG for the 2009 season!