

SMOG Snippets

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It was great to see the sun shining for the first round of the NWC competition, after such a dismal week. I hope you all enjoyed your first game and got to test out your team combinations. I managed to catch a few games and was great to hear all the coaches and players cheering their teams on.

Round 1 results

The results for all SMOG teams for the first round can be found here - <http://www.smognetball.org.nz/imgs/20090504-1584.pdf>. Congratulations to SMOG 1, 4, 6 and 8, who all won their first game. There were also a few close losses, with SMOG 3 and SMOG 5 missing out on wins by only a few points.

Some highlights included:

- ❖ Erana Franklin's (SMOG 2) fantastic bounce pass through a Wellington East 1 player's legs, to her team mate.
- ❖ Excellent shooting from Rebecca Jury (SMOG 1), supported by some great feeding by the mid-courtiers.
- ❖ Some great, quick mid-court feeding from Kelsey Firmin from SMOG 3.
- ❖ And lots more great play too numerous to list :o)

The Committee will be posting the draw for all SMOG games and the results on our website each week, on the 'Draws and Results' page - <http://www.smognetball.org.nz/95-147.html>.

CLUB EVENING

A big thanks to all players, coaches and managers who turned up to the club evening on 30 April. Was great to see you all and I hope you found the night informative. We have posted a

few pics from the night up on our Facebook site.

New sponsor bar – Establishment

Our new bar, The Establishment, have organised VIP cards for all smoggies this season. This card allows smoggies to get great drinks deals - \$5 for house wine (range of white and red) and \$4 or \$5 tap beer. If you haven't got your SMOG card yet, pick one up from a committee member at the next club drinks.

Club drinks

Club drinks will be held every **Saturday, 6.30 – 7.30pm** at the Upstairs Lounge at the Establishment. Not only can you get great drink deals with your smoggie card, you can enjoy free nibbles and be in to win a \$100 bar tab.

It is a great way to celebrate (or commiserate) after a game and all boyfriends/husbands, friends and flatties are welcome. The more the merrier and is a great way to show our support for our new sponsor bar. The team roster will be up on the website soon, under the 'Social' page

The winner from the first club drinks on 2 May was Erica Bradshaw (SMOG 3), who kindly shouted all smoggies present a glass of wine. Thank you!

Raffle on 9 May!!!!

We will be holding a raffle this Saturday at club drinks for this gorgeous handbag (pictured). It was kindly donated by ECCO Shoes and is valued at nearly \$200!!! It's from next season's range, so won't be available in Wellington stores till 2010. Inside the bag will also be some extra



goodies, so it is well worth winning. Tickets are only \$1 and can be purchased on the night. Draw will be made at 7.15pm.

Game to watch

On **Monday 11 May**, **SMOG 2** will be playing **PIC 1** at 6pm up at **Wellington East Girls College Gym**. This gym has a great indoor seating to view the game, so come along and support the team! Go SMOG!!!

Regional Super League

Details of the new Wellington Regional Super League for 2009 are now up on the club's website - <http://www.smognetball.org.nz/95-147.html>.



Following games on 6 June, the top 5 teams from the Wellington Prem 1 competition will enter the regional league, joining 4 teams from the Hutt Valley, 1 from Kapi Mana, 1 from Wairarapa and 1 from Kapiti (12 in total). Games will start on Friday 12 June and will be played on Friday,

Saturday and Sundays at indoor venues across the region.

Watch the website for more details on what Wellington teams make it through.

Pulse games

It was a close game on Monday 5 May, with the Pulse going down 60 – 61 to the Mystics. The next home game is 30 May, 2pm versus the Steel. As there is no netball this day, all smoggies will be able to get along and support the home team.

Player support needed for Indoor Community Sports Centre

While the Council have approved Cobham Park as the site for the Indoor Community Sports Centre - this is another hurdle. The Council still have to complete the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) consultation round and affordability is expected to be a big issue this year. There is an

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expectation that quite a few public submissions will say don't build the sports centre now but defer for a few years.

It is really important that Wellington get a quality indoor sports centre and it is well overdue. As players and coaches, you certainly know playing outside in a Wellington winter is less than ideal! That's why SMOG are encouraging all players, coaches, managers and netball supporters to put in a submission on the Council LTCCP.

Just head to the Council website: <http://www.wellington.govt.nz/haveyouursay/publicinput/lccp/2009lccp.php>, fill in the basic details, then scroll down to the social recreation section. Your submission doesn't need to be long - you could just put "Indoor Community Sport Centre - We've been waiting for 10 years, let get on with it now!"

Every little submission of support helps and gets us another step closer to a lovely indoor stadium, where we can really enjoy our netball.

Baby news

Marianne Delaney (our SMOG 1 coach) had a baby boy, Zachary James, on Monday 27 April - 8 pound, 11 ounces. All are doing well and SMOG 1 can't wait to welcome their new supporter.



Key dates to note

- ❖ 16 May: Match up between SMOG 1 and SMOG 2, Court 1, 1pm
- ❖ 30 May: Queens Birthday weekend – no games
- ❖ 30 May Pulse home game vs. Steel, 2pm, TSB Arena

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Umpiring update

This time we're covering a couple of things you might feel a bit silly asking - but if no one ever tells you, how do you know?!

What area of the court do I control?

When you stand on the side of the court, everything to the right of the centre circle is your area. You also make any "out of court" calls down the entire length of both sidelines that you run.

When do I blow my whistle?

- ❖ **To start the game:** If the centre who starts with the ball will be on attack in your half, you blow the whistle to start.
- ❖ **When a goal is scored:** When a goal is scored at your end, blow your whistle and raise your arm straight up (this indicates to the scorer that a goal has been scored).
- ❖ **To restart after a goal:** If the goal has been scored at your end, it is you who blows the whistle for the next centre pass.
- ❖ **When there is an infringement in your half:** Blow the whistle to penalise the player on court, in your half only.
- ❖ **When the ball goes out of court:** Blow your whistle and say who has the throw in - remember that you control the entire length of both your sidelines! If you are unsure of who took the ball out, you could ask the other umpire if they saw, if not, make the call.



Beck O'Shaughnessy (SMOG 6)

Spot light on Jenny Smith



Originally From: London, UK.

About Me: Grew up in West London and on the south coast of England. Went off to the very grey West Midlands for university (I have a Masters degree in Physics which I have never used since!), but was soon back to the sunny south coast to start training as a chartered accountant. After 3 years of exams and on the job training, I qualified and was very lucky to get an 18 month secondment over to Wellington. Three years later and I'm still here! I live out in Petone with my (v long term!) boyfriend, Andy and our two parrots, Lara and Ambrose. When I'm not accounting or playing netball, I'm currently training for the Harbour Capital half marathon in June. Last summer I discovered a love of ocean swimming, which led to me competing in my first triathlon in April, and I am keen to do some more when next summer comes around. I have also been known to enjoy a drink or two (post-match only of course!).

Netball Experience: Started playing when I was about 8 years old, played a bit through school, but by the time I was 16, hockey took over and I hung up my netball shoes. More than 8 years later I was persuaded by a friend to take netball up again, and am now in my third season playing for SMOG. Currently playing in the awesome SMOG 7 who are set to dominate Prem Reserve 3 this season. As I was always the tallest in the class at school I always got put in as GK, and hated it! However I have grown to love playing defence and now happily play WD, GD and GK.

Joined SMOG: Joined SMOG at the start of the 2007 season, have played two seasons in the senior grades and have now stepped up to Prem Reserve for 2009. I was talked into joining SMOG by a workmate, who then talked me into joining the committee before she buggered off to the UK on her OE.

Role in SMOG: Player, treasurer, uniform co-ordinator.