

SMOG Snippets

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Hi all,

Only 1 more weekend of games in Round two, then it's on to the Challenge Round at Hataitai courts. A few smoggies have commented that they're unsure how this final round works, so I have attached the structure of the round at the back of this newsletter.

Congratulations to the following teams, who are performing well in their grades:

- 🏆 SMOG 2 – currently 1st equal in Division 1 with 24 points
- 🏆 SMOG 3 – currently tied for 2nd equal in Division 1 with 16 points
- 🏆 SMOG 4 – currently 3rd equal in Premier 3
- 🏆 SMOG 5 – currently 2nd in Prem Reserve 2.

Good luck for your last game in Round Two and let's see if we can get some more points on the board.

Update on Regional Super League

SMOG 1 are half way through the second round of the Regional Super League and are currently placed 3rd equal (with NaeNae White) in Division 1.

This Friday (7 August) the team are playing NaeNae White out at Walter Nash Stadium in the Hutt at 7pm. This should be an exciting game, as both teams battle to move further up the table. Be really great to have a huge noisy SMOG crowd, as the NaeNae team have the home advantage.

Prize giving – Pop idol

By now you should have all received info about the club prize giving, which will be held at the Establishment on Saturday 5 September (full details can be found on our website here: <http://www.smognetball.org.nz/95-148.html>).

The theme this year is 'Pop Idol', so let your team's imagination go wild and think up something creative to come dressed as – prizes will be given to the best dressed team.

Tickets cost \$20 and include a drink on arrival and nibbles. Team managers will be coordinating the sale of tickets.

The official formalities of the prize giving kick off at 6.30pm (so don't be late) and all friends and partners are welcome to join us from 10pm.

Nominations for awards

One of the key parts of the club prize giving is the rewarding of smoggies who have had an outstanding season and contributed hugely to the club. The Committee are calling for nominations for the following awards:

- 🏆 Premier Player of the Year
- 🏆 Premier Reserve Player of the Year
- 🏆 Senior Player of the Year
- 🏆 New Coach of the Year
- 🏆 Coach of the Year
- 🏆 Manager of the Year
- 🏆 Team of the Year
- 🏆 Smoggie of the Year

If you know of someone who fits one of these categories, please send us a nomination. The Committee need a description of why they should win the award(s), what team they are in and the name of the nominator(s), in case the Committee want some more info.

Nominations need to be in by Friday 21 August, so please send to smognetball@gmail.com ASAP.

Chocolate Run

Just a gentle reminder that all money from Chocolate sales needs to be in to your team manager by 10 August. This is the last fundraiser for the year, so be great if we could finish with a record number of sales, and of course profit!

Fundraising efforts

Fundraising has been an important task for the club this year, so we thought it was important that we updated you on how much we have raised over the last few months.

As of last week, we have raised a total of **\$4,630** (excludes GST). This included:

- ✚ \$1,618 through the first run of chocolates sales;
- ✚ \$911 from the Club Quiz night;
- ✚ \$1,777 from providing 28 course marshals for the Wellington marathon;
- ✚ \$181 from the Marist St Pats night;
- ✚ \$143 from raffles.

This is a fantastic effort, and with the sales from the second run of chocolates to come, we are on track to meet our fundraising target of \$6,000.

The club got the following note from the organiser of the Wellington Marathon - "Thanks for your assistance at this year's event. Hope we'll see you again in 2010".

NWC notices

Jewellery and Uniforms

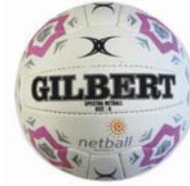
Please ensure your teams follow the rules regarding dress code including uniforms and jewellery. Players are reminded especially that leggings or anything visible beneath the uniform can't be worn unless approval through the usual uniform registration or dispensation process has been applied for and received. Players may be asked to leave the court and will incur a fine of \$20. For clarification please check the competition rules on the Netball Wellington Centre website.

Fines for Defaults and Failing to report for Umpiring

Please ensure all outstanding fines for defaults and/or failing to report for umpiring are paid on or before Friday 7 August, to avoid the respective teams being withdrawn for the remainder of the competition. If you have any inquiries regarding this, please contact me.

'Win a Ball Competition'

On Saturday 8 August, Netball Wellington Centre is running a 'win a ball competition'.



All umpires or collectors of scorecards will be given a new ball to take to the court. You can decide whether to use the ball for the game or not, but the winner of the game gets to keep each ball.

Committee members wanted

With the end of the season drawing near, we have a few members of the committee (myself included) stepping down from their roles. This means we are on the look out for some new enthusiastic smoggies, who are keen to get involved for 2010.

Being involved in the committee is hugely rewarding – you get to learn about the inside workings of our netball club (plus Netball Wellington), plan some great events and make sure everyone has a great season. It also looks great on your CV, which is a bonus!

If you're an organised and enthusiastic person and would be interested in a role on the committee for next year, please drop me a line on smogclubcaptain@gmail.com or have a chat to one of us committee girls at the courts.

Key dates to note

- ✚ 7 August – SMOG 1 vs. NaeNae White, Walter Nash Stadium, 7pm
- ✚ 10 August – Money due from chocolate sales
- ✚ 29 August – End of NWC competition, Hataitai courts
- ✚ 30 August – Finals of Regional Super League, Te Rauparaha Arena
- ✚ 5 September – Wet weather reserve day for NWC competition
- ✚ 5 September – SMOG Prize giving

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NWC Challenge Round

The Challenge Round starts on Saturday 15 August and takes up the last three weeks of the competition.

As outlined in the NWC Competition Rules, all grades with 8 teams will follow the first format below, whilst grades with 5, 6 or 7 teams will follow the respective formats below.



Week 1 of Challenge Round			
8 Team sections	7 Team sections	6 Team sections	5 team sections
1 v 6	Team 1 to semis	1 v 5	Team 1 to semis
2 v 5	2 v 5	2 v 4	2 v 5
3 v 8	3 v 7	3 v 6	3 v 4
4 v 7	4 v 6		
Week 2 of Challenge Round			
8 Team sections	7 Team sections	6 Team sections	5 team sections
<u>Semis:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winner (1 v 6) v Winner (3 v 8) Winner (2 v 5) v Winner (4 v 7) <u>Seeding Games:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loser (1 v 6) v Loser (3 v 8) Loser (2 v 5) v Loser (4 v 7) 	<u>Semis:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 v (Winner 4 v 6) Winner (2 v 5) v Winner (3 v 7) <u>Seeding games:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loser (4 v 6) v Loser (2 v 5) Loser 3 v 7 no game – ranked 7th 	<u>Semis:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winner (1 v 5) v highest ranked loser Winner (2 v 4) v Winner (3 v 6) <u>Seeding:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> remaining losers play off 	<u>Semis:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 v highest ranked loser Winner (2 v 5) v Winner (3 v 6) Other loser out – ranked 5 th
Week 3 of Challenge Round			
8 Team sections (Premier and Premier Reserve Grades only)		All Other Grades	
<u>Final:</u> Winner of S/F 1 v Winner of S/F 2 <u>3rd and 4th play-off</u> – Loser of S/F 1 v Loser of S/F 2 <u>5th and 6th play-off</u> – Winner of Seeding Game 1 v Winner Seeding Game 2 <u>7th and 8th play-off</u> – Loser of Seeding Game 1 v Loser of Seeding Game 2		<u>Final:</u> Winner v winner (no other games)	