

# SMOG Snippets

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Hi all,

Well the netball season is over for another year – time to stash away your uniform for the summer months and maybe start thinking about summer sports – perhaps a round of Twilight Netball?

## Prizegiving 2009

Thanks to all the smoggies who attended the 2009 club prizegiving on 5<sup>th</sup> September at the Establishment. It was a fantastic night, and I even heard a rumour that some players thought it was the best yet.

Congratulations to the following smoggies who picked up awards on the night:

- 🏆 Premier Player of the Year: Sanita To'o (SMOG 1)
- 🏆 Premier Reserve Player of the Year: Loren O'Sullivan (SMOG 5)
- 🏆 Senior Player of the Year: Christine Farnell (SMOG 8)
- 🏆 New Coach of the Year: Marianne Delaney (SMOG 1)
- 🏆 Coach of the Year: Kylie Bulling and Lauren Cournane (SMOG 4)
- 🏆 Manager of the Year: Tiana Rakete (SMOG 4)
- 🏆 Team of the Year: SMOG 4
- 🏆 Smoggie of the Year: Becks O'Shaughnessy

Congratulations also to all those MVPs, Managers and Coaches, who picked up a small gift on the night, as a thanks for all the effort and hard work they have put in over the year.

Teams certainly got right into the 'Pop Idol' theme, with a fantastic array of costumes – Pink Ladies, Britney Spears and Jem, just to name a few. Award for the Best Team Costume went to SMOG 4, who came as the fantastically trashy Amy Winehouse. I was lucky enough to take out the award for Individual Costume (not rigged I promise), for my appearance

as Madonna, from her 'like a virgin' phase.

A huge thanks must go out to the Establishment for hosting us, playing all our favourite songs and kindly giving us the 'club shot'. Serving 85 shots in one go is no mean feat. I have included a few photos at the back of this newsletter for your entertainment (full photos on Club facebook page).

## Netball Wellington Centre prize giving

The Netball Wellington Centre prizegiving was held on Tuesday 8 September, with a number of smoggies attending. Congrats to the following teams/people who won awards:

- 🏆 Winner of Division 1: SMOG 2
- 🏆 Winner of Premier 3: SMOG 4
- 🏆 Runner up for Senior 1D: SMOG 8
- 🏆 Winner of Prem Res 1, Round 1: SMOG 4
- 🏆 Club Administrator of the Year: Karen Boyes

Unfortunately, we couldn't take the trophies for SMOG 2 and 4 home, but photos of them have been put up on facebook. Congratulations also to the following smoggies who were nominated for awards, but narrowly missed out:

- 🏆 Nomination for Coach of the Year (Developing Players): Lisa Norton
- 🏆 Nomination for Coach of the Year: Marianne Delaney

## Regional Super League

Congratulations to SMOG 1 who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2009 Regional Super League (RSL).

The Netball Wellington Region is currently considering how the RSL will work in 2010. Representatives from the Board, Committee and SMOG 1

and 2 recently attended a meeting with NWC, and clearly conveyed our views – all NWC Prem 1 teams should get through and we do not want to see a repeat of the situation that robbed SMOG 2 of its spot. We'll update of any changes via our website as things progress.

### **Returning gear**

Do you still have your team's ball bag or a club uniform/tracksuit that you hired? If the answer is yes, please contact Beck O'Shaughnessy via [beckosh@gmail.com](mailto:beckosh@gmail.com), to arrange a drop off. It is important that we get all our gear back in, so we can do a stock take and restock in time for next season.

### **So long, farewell.....**

With the season ending, its time to say farewell to some of our hard working Committee and Board members.

Kylie Bulling and Beks Henderson are both stepping down from the Board – these two have been a driving force behind the Board, both having a wealth of knowledge of how SMOG works. They have both provided me with lots of support during the year, helping me answer those hard questions and make sure we remain a financially strong and competitive club.

We are also saying farewell to Rani Morunga-Caldwell, Lindsay Murdoch, Leanne Mildenhall and Paula Davis. They have all made a huge contribution to the daily running of our club and have been a fantastic team to work with. Luckily, Lindsay is moving onto the Board, so we haven't lost her completely.

And lastly, I will be stepping down from Club Captain. I have had a fantastic four years on the committee, (two as club captain), but am having a break next year to focus on other bits and pieces (a wedding being one of them and a month holiday to Europe!). Being involved in the committee has been a fantastic experience – I have learnt lots, sharpened my organisational skills, and made lots of great friends. I was certainly teary-eyed on Saturday, knowing it was my

last prize giving, but no doubt, you'll spot me on the sidelines next year, cheering the club on.

### **Committee members wanted**

Given the Board and Committee members stepping down, we really need some new smoggies to step up and take on the vacant roles.

The club can't run without a full Board or Committee, and rely on the generosity of individuals who volunteer their time. There are a number of roles on the Committee vacant, including: Club Captain, Assistant Club Captain and Secretary.

The amount of work you take on while on the Board or Committee is up to you and what you're keen to get involved with. You can get involved with short-term tasks such as organising trials, or take on roles throughout the season such as coaching or team manager coordinator. At risk of sounding like a broken record, this looks great on your CV and SMOG is a fantastic and very organised club to be involved with.

Please email us on [smognetball@gmail.com](mailto:smognetball@gmail.com) if you are keen or want more information.

### **Key dates to note**

- ✚ Monday 5 Oct: Start of Twilight league - Women's & Men's leagues
- ✚ Tuesday 6 Oct: Start of Twilight league - Mixed (Normal and Modified Rules) league

Well this is the end of the newsletter, so time for me to sign off and say goodbye. I will no doubt see you all around town, but want to thank you all for a fantastic season. I hope you all have a fantastic summer and wish you all the best for the year ahead.

*Karen*  
**(your Club  
Captain 2008 –  
2009)**



# SMOG Prizegiving 2009

