

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Good luck to everyone as your netball seasons get into full swing this month. It has been such a trying couple of years, but all looks good for what we hope will be an uninterrupted season. But if we do get a few bumps along the way, I know you are ready to adapt as needed.

The ANZ Premiership has not been immune to Covid with a number of matches having to be rescheduled. This has created a massive month of May with games being played Saturday, Sunday, Monday and some Wednesdays as well.

There are plenty of opportunities to get to both Pulman Arena and Trusts Arena over the next few weeks. It would be appreciated if you can promote these games across your networks for us! Nothing like playing in front of a big crowd!

It is great to see Males in Netball being the topic of the next Centre Connect Series. This is a fantastic growth opportunity for our sport, so it will be good to hear what everyone is up to in this space, as well as hearing from our guest speakers.

The Mystics Men vs Stars Men Invitational match that was played on the 2nd of April was a great showcase of what men can bring to the sport. We are pleased to see that a second match between the two sides will be played on the 22nd May at Pulman Arena. This time with crowds able to attend. It will be televised on Sky and act as the curtain raiser to the Robinhood Stars vs MG Mystics match that day.

It was a pleasure for various Zone staff to attend the Centre AGM's over the past few months. Thank you for the warm welcome received and we look forward to continuing to work with you all as we seek to grow and strengthen netball.

Phil Vyver
CEO



ZONE NEWS FROM OUR BOARD

Board induction

Following our Zone AGM we welcomed new board member Anna Richards to our team, just as you are welcoming new team members following your own AGMs. Anna has a wealth of experience and skills which will add significant value to our team and our robust discussions and decision making processes. A key step to ensure Anna and any new board member gets up to speed quickly is a good induction process.

Our board charter describes induction as a combination of reading, discussions and experience on the job, as follows:

- Upon appointment or election prior to the first board meeting provide: Board Charter, Constitution, governance or board approved policies, Netball NZ and Zone strategy, last three meeting papers, latest financial reports, organisation chart, key contacts and annual board plan.
- Workshop discussion with, at least, chair and CEO covering: board charter and policies including code of conduct and interests register, overview of netball in NZ, strategy, key partners, financial situation.
- Team new member with a buddy for support during meetings and a sounding board between meetings.

There are lots of great resources available, including Sport NZ's Nine Steps to Effective Governance, which can be accessed

<https://sportnz.org.nz/sector-guidance/nine-steps-to-effective-governance/>

Attend centre board and committee meetings – please invite us

As promoted in the previous newsletter we (members of the Zone Board) would like to participate in a board or committee meeting at every centre this year. This is part of our effort to enhance communication and collaboration, specifically with a governance focus, so complementary to the community advisory group and Centre Connect workshops and regular working together.

We are happy to attend in person later in the year or online if that is how the meetings are being run for now. Please contact Phil Vyver – phil.vyver@netballnorthern.co.nz to schedule this participation.

Enjoy netball being underway again at your centres and being able to support the MG Mystics and Robinhood Stars in person!

Take care everyone, noho ora mai,
Mary
Board Chair

CENTRE CONNECT

Centre Connect Monday 9th May and Tuesday 10th May



Males in netball – it's a hot topic for many Centres so jump online and let's get this chatter going! Hear from Taranaki Netball Centre who have included boys in netball grades for many a year plus added boys/mixed grades to their Annual Under16 tournament. We also have Irene Van Dyk, Netball NZ Participation Manager to update us on where the Males in Netball working group is at and their findings over the past months. And as always, we have Centres from within our Zone that can offer their experiences as we connect and share our experiences and insights.

Join us on either Monday evening or Tuesday morning – Zoom links are below:

Monday 9th May 7pm – 8.30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85068488233?pwd=NDFpMWt5dmRHbm95bHdDaldCQzJwZz09>

Meeting ID: 850 6848 8233

Passcode: 340289

Tuesday 10th May 10am-11.30am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83544145093?pwd=SUhOQmtUN1N5ZDIISFltbWhybTVBdz09>

Meeting ID: 835 4414 5093

Passcode: 290128

NETBALLSMART

The NetballSmart team have been busy both in the community and behind the scenes. We have been working with both centres and schools getting players prepped to be at their best going into the season. To end the month Katie & Ala have travelled North to work with umpires, coaches and students. This was an awesome trip and great to get into the Upper North community for the first time in 2022.



Ronda giving Katie and Ala some netball coaching tips 😊

Behind the scenes our team has developed the 'Introduction to Netball Smart' module on Sports Tutor which is free and available to anyone interested. This will give you a taste of the 6 principles of NetballSmart and give you some good tips and tricks to use during your season. See the link below:

<https://sporttutor.nz/pages/description.jsf?menuId=1966801&client=netballnz#/users/@self/catalogues/1966034/courses/3170134/description>

As the season kicks off we look forward to getting out in the community and seeing you all on gameday showing your NetballSmart skills.

COACHING

Coach Developer Workshop – Northland



Our Northland super stars, Rhonda and Sharleen, ran a fun and valuable day of learning for new Coach Developers from the Northland region.

A Coach Developer is someone who coaches the player coaches, or umpire coaches, so a coach for the coaches! Coach Developers, when fully trained, can deliver workshops from the NNZ Coach Framework and Umpire Modules, but this is only part of their role. Coach Developers can provide on the spot live coaching support at your Centre. This is one of the reasons we aim to have Coach Developers localised at every Centre. They get to know your people, can help give direct support and connect your coaches/umpires within your community.

A huge thank you to the eager learners that attended, and we look forward to supporting you as you embark on your Coach Developer journey. Particularly fun was the paper plane exercise – certainly brought out the competitive spirit!



UMPIRES

Umpire Achievements



World Netball has announced the officials selected for the Oceania Regional Netball World Cup 2023 Qualifiers taking place in Suva, Fiji from the 16th to the 23rd July 2022.

A big congratulations to Northern's Cory Nicholls selected as an umpire and Fay Meiklejohn as an UAP, both from Netball North Harbour. We hope all your preparations go well leading up to the event and you have a great tournament.

A special mention to Myron Elkington, Sasha McLeod and Tania Fink, also NZ umpires.



NZ Umpire Coaches – Coaching in a Performance Environment

A group of our NZ Umpire Coaches have been busy working on their own development. We ran an online workshop to work on creating a performance / development mindset for NZ Umpire Coaches leading towards building depth in performance coaching long term. There were some great discussions and breakout sessions with all umpire coaches coming away with actions to undertake.

NNZ – NZ Theory Umpire Exam 1

The NNZ NZ Theory Exam is the next step for umpires who hold a Zone Practical Umpire Award and are looking to attain the first step in their NZC Practical Umpire Award.

Registrations for the NZ Theory Exam 1, to be held on **Monday 13th June 2022** between **6-8.30pm**, are now open and will close on **Monday 23rd May 2022**. No late registrations will be permitted.

Payment details will be sent to applicants to pay online after registrations have closed. If their Netball Centre is paying for them, this can be done in one payment directly to Netball New Zealand, details will be in the payment email.

Follow the link to Sport Tutor on the Netball New Zealand website <https://www.netballnz.co.nz/get-involved/umpiring>. On the website there will be a "How to Guide" which will walk you through the registration process.

Umpire Interviews

Umpiring is an exciting, rewarding, and challenging role. It allows people to give back to the game as well as meet and connect with others. Umpires are athletes just like players and many train to develop themselves on and off the court. Community umpires are essential to the enjoyment and delivery of netball at your local centre.

We would love you to get to know some of the umpires from our Zone that take to side-lines over the season and hear how they got started, what they enjoy about umpiring and what they find most challenging.

Here is the second interview which will appear on Facebook and our website -

<https://www.netballnorthern.co.nz/zones/northern/community-netball/umpiring/northern-umpires.html>

Name: Kiani Smith

Netball Centre: Netball North Harbour

Umpire Qualification: NZ B Badge

When did you start umpiring and how did you get started?

I started umpiring back when I was still in high school. At the centre I played at, outside of Christchurch, all players playing in Senior level (Year 9 and above) were required to have sit and pass their centre badge as teams were allocated to lower level senior grade games. I really got serious about it after having a year off playing due to injury and decided to sit my zone badge (which took me three goes), and it's been a rollercoaster of ups and downs since then.

Why do you enjoy umpiring?

I enjoy the mental aspect of it, the challenge of officiating what is in front of you and challenging the brain. It really engages everything in there and makes you think broader.

What has been your biggest challenge?

Injuries for sure. I've had a few serious injuries in the past few years that took me out of the game, so coming back from each of them has been the biggest hurdle I've had to face.

What has been your best experience?

Getting to umpire the NZSS Final in 2017 in Rotorua. First final I've been involved in and it was a super close game between Howick College and St Kentigerns. Second best experience is being involved in the ANZ bubbles post covid in 2020 and getting to experience the speed and skill that ANZ players have.

What would be your best advice for new umpires?

Don't be afraid to give it a go and try new things out there. Be confident in yourself and if you are unsure, don't be afraid to ask. Those above you have been in your shoes before and know exactly what it feels like.

Mystics Men vs Stars Men - Umpires

On the 2nd of April 2022 HISTORY was made. The Northern Mystics Invitational Men and the Northern Stars Invitational Men showcased talent, skill and brilliance on a televised stage for the first time. Let's not forget about the umpires as well!

Congratulations to our Watchlist umpires Matt Davis, Shaz Papesch and Scott Bailey who officiated the match.



NETBALL LEADERS – YOUTH LEADERSHIP COURSE



The first Netball Leaders workshop was run at MONC as a two day workshop in April. The aim of the Netball Leaders programme is to grow leadership potential in young netballers through a series of leadership learning workshops. We had a small group of exciting, committed and passionate leaders. The two day workshops saw the team take part in a series of practical and theory based activities to enhance and grow their leadership and continue to support their netball centre. Watch this space as this group of leaders continue to shine within their netball centre and their wider community!

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