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End of Season Update

The Board would like to thank all the clubs for their support and commitment over the 2011 netball season. We all know that it has been a difficult and challenging year for you all. The Board and Committees have worked very hard to ensure that netball was delivered on time (the weather gods seemed to smile on us too!) and we are pleased that we were able to achieve this.

We would encourage clubs to start working now on ideas to encourage players back to netball for those who lost some players and teams, coaches and supporters – it would be great to see some of these people back on-court or within your clubs. Maybe the summer competition is a good place for some of them to start !!

Court resealing project update –we have obtained grant funding and substantial number of donations from other Centres in NZ and Singapore Netball and are working hard to ensure progress is made with stage 1 of the project before the start of the 2012 netball season. We will lose 3 courts in 2012 (35 courts) to achieve the required NNZ run off and over 2-3 years will reduce from 31 courts in total. This will mean changes in the way we deliver the game to our clubs and members, however netball will remain being played in Hagley Park on winter Saturdays for some years to come.

Club Forum – a successful forum was held on September 12th with points of interest discussed including

- Trialing a Shield competition between Premier 1 and New World grades for the Competition Round (Round 2). This will proceed and may filter down the grades in future years.
- Promotion / relegation games for Premier and Senior grades between rounds 2 and 3 – these games to be played on July 1 with no rescheduling able to be accommodated. This will proceed as proposed.
- Club amalgamation – check the website for information www.netballchristchurch.org.nz/club_info.html
- 2012 Dates will be available on the website as soon as confirmed.
- Club Amalgamation/Merger information is on the website http://netballchristchurch.org.nz/club_info.html for those clubs who are thinking, considering this as an option for sustainability in the future – CNC has expertise and knowledge to help you move through this process, if it is something you are considering.

It was great to have large crowds at prizegivings this past season and to all those that witnessed such a fantastic Premier final at Pioneer Stadium, congratulations to all the winners. Trophy winners who have not as yet returned trophies are reminded this must be done prior to the end of October.

Premier 1 grade will be played indoors on a Tuesday night at Pioneer Stadium (2 games) and Villa Maria College gym (1 game) for the 2012 netball season.

Twilight competition starts 2 November and alongside this will be the new MoreFM FiveNet competition – come along and have a go at this or at least watch this format being played.

Junior Academy for players 8-15 will be run 3 terms of the year starting 6 November indoors at Mairehau High and Villa Maria College. Check out information available on the website www.netballchristchurch.org.nz/player_development.html.

Submission to Draft Central City Plan – Christchurch Netball combined with Canterbury Netball, Mercury Energy Tactix, Netball New Zealand and other outlying centres to submit a full and indepth submission to the CCC plan – the flavor of the submission was that the group (and other identified sports) supported a leisure/recreation hub being created within the four avenues of the new city, but that they would like the CCC to reinvestigate the possibility of locating competitive/organized sports to what is currently the Addington Raceway/ CBS Arena area. We will watch with interest how this progresses in what is a great opportunity to see some positive support from the CCC with regard to sport in the city and wider region.

Our best wishes and good luck goes to **Rangi Ruru and St Margarets** senior A teams who are representing Christchurch and SI schools at the Netball New Zealand Secondary Schools Championships this year being held in Hawkes Bay, first week of October. We know you will do yourselves, your school and our Centre proud.

With the new Board and Committees structure barely one season old, there will be a considerable amount of review work, Strategic and Business planning processes taking place between now and year end. As a result the 2012 Policies and usual information will not be available until just prior to Xmas.

Thanks to those who have given us such positive feedback and to those who have offered suggestions and encouragement – this is very much appreciated by all.

Last, but not least, sincere thanks to our large army of volunteers – tea/coffee makers, office ladies, graders, representative team management personnel, umpires and umpire coaches, pink card checkers, committee personnel and those people who just ‘wish to help’ – you are highly thought of and very much appreciated – our strength is in the number of people who willingly volunteer for netball in Christchurch.

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