



NETBALL MAINLAND ZONE NEWSLETTER

10 February 2014

Welcome back everyone and compliments of the New Year to you. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that Santa was good to you.

It is hard to believe that we are already in February....don't know where January wentand we are now only a few weeks away from the first game of the ANZ Championship season...which sees our very own EasiYo Tactix play Magic at CBS Arena, 4.20 p.m. on Saturday 01 March 2014. We know the team will "Come out Fighting" and look forward to a winning season ☺

TACTIX SEASON MEMBERSHIP AND TICKETS

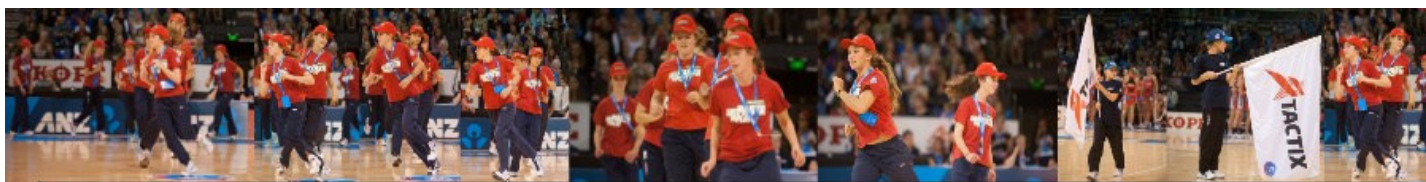
This season we have had a make-over on the memberships and are focusing on why you need to become a Tactix Member. We want you to be part of the Tactix family, Team and Members – together forever!

Memberships can be purchased through our website www.tactix.org.nz and come with an exclusive member only scarf.

Note: Membership package available for Christchurch home games only in 2014.

THE TACTIX NEED BALL GIRLS FOR 2014 ANZ CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

See information below (and on the Tactix and Netball Mainland Facebook pages) – and pass it on!



Are you in Year 11 or higher at High School?

Do you have a GREAT netball team or reliable group of 10-12 friends?

Have you ever wanted to watch a game of Netball from the side-lines at CBS Arena?

Do you want to get on the court with the EasiYo Tactix, and be on SKY TV?

Can you imagine chasing a ball thrown by Anna Thompson or Maria Tutaia?

WE'RE LOOKING FOR ANZ CHAMPIONSHIP BALL GIRLS FOR THE 2014 SEASON

AND WE WANT YOU TO BE SIDE-LINE

DOING THE JOB FOR US!

And it's easy for you to be in the running for this once in a lifetime experience just follow these FOUR easy steps:

1. Talk to your (Netball) school teacher or coach and ask them if they're happy to help organise your team to be involved
2. Get this teacher/coach to 'Like' Netball Mainland's Facebook page AND The Tactix Facebook page (so that's TWO pages)
3. Send us an email (to: office@netballmainland.co.nz) NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY, telling us in NO MORE than 200 words why YOUR team should be the EasiYo Tactix Ball Girls. Make sure you include your teacher/coaches name and contact details at the end of your 200 words.
4. Wait to hear back from us to see if you're the winning team!



- You will be provided with a cap and t-shirt and an accreditation pass for the venue - you get to keep all this gear
- You will need to be at the venue an hour before the first whistle and you can leave straight after the last whistle
- We need 8 girls minimum AT EACH of our 5 home games (you might have 12 team mates that you can rotate through)
- You will need a 'supervisor' with you at each game - this person will receive free car parking and an accreditation pass for the venue

TACTIX GAME – 11 MAY 2014

As many of you will be aware the Trafalgar Centre in Nelson, scheduled venue for the EasiYo Tactix game against the Pulse on 11th May, was closed indefinitely just prior to Christmas by the Nelson City Council, due to an engineering report indicating that the building was 'quake prone' and did not meet new building code. Needless to say this threw quite a 'spanner in the works'!

We are working with the Nelson City Council to potentially still play this game in Nelson at the Saxton Field Stadium. The Nelson Council are looking to utilise this 'community use' facility as an events centre. However, this is dependent on the outcome of a fire compliance report that is due any day now and meeting SKY broadcast /ANZ Championship hosting standards.

Our preference is to retain the game in Nelson if at all possible but there is a fair amount of water to flow under the bridgewill keep you posted.

HIGH PERFORMANCE UP DATE

2014 EasiYo Tactix

ANZ Championship (ANZC) preparations resumed in January with the players refreshed after their Christmas break ready for the challenges ahead. Trainings have been going well with a focus on building combinations and getting to know our four new Tactix players better. Jade Clarke joined the team at the end of January after her England team commitments and has settled in quickly. A Tactix Team day at the end of the month was a great success and gave the players some off court challenges and social time together.

The team is in good heart as we head into our pre-season preparation with a game against Steel in Timaru on 08 February and games against seven other ANZC teams in Melbourne the following weekend. We are looking forward to meeting Magic at home in our first ANZC game on 01 March ... see you there!



Tactix team showing off their cake decorating skills at the Team day

Train On Squad

January saw the majority of the squad members arriving back in Christchurch after the festive season and getting into their programme. With 'newcomers' Garth Duder (Strength and Conditioner), Rowan Parsons (Physio) and Mandy Anderson (Team Manager) on deck the squad are in great hands. Coach Nic Kelly has a comprehensive programme in place for the coming months that will both challenge and develop the players. The Train On's will get an opportunity to play against their counterparts from the South as part of the Timaru pre-season event.

NEWS FLASH!

The EasiYo Tactix defeated the Canterbury men's team 67 – 41 before taking out the game against the Southern Steel by 73 - 69 in Timaru this weekend. The Tactix used this opportunity to give all players court time over the weekend, and Coach Leigh Gibbs was very happy with the hit-out leading into their first round of the ANZ Championships V Kia Magic at home on March 1st.

Our Train-On Squad beat their counterparts by 2 goals in their encounter before heading into a challenging day of team building on Sunday. All-in-all, it was quite a weekend!

Emerging Talent Camp

A very successful camp was held at St Margaret's College on January 25 - 26. A full programme on and off the court kept the 33 players busy for two full days. This was the first overnight camp for the Emerging Talent Squad and covered a wide range of activities and sessions including; nutrition, mental skills, cooking, netball, recovery strategies, rules quiz and team skits. It was new ET Coordinator Lucy Newton's first project and she did a great job ensuring everything ran smoothly. New Zealand Secondary School Head Coach Marianne Delaney and her assistant Julie Seymour and the NM Selectors; Adrienne Hayes, Fiona Bush, Rachel Parkin and Marilyn Milne watched the proceedings.

NNZ CoachForce's Jennie Hooper ran a coach development programme alongside the camp which was attended by coaches from throughout the zone.

The umpire component of the camp was cancelled due to the small numbers of U19 and under squad members able to attend. However, two of the squad's up and coming umpires Aleisha Whitehead and Petro Swartz benefitted greatly from the coaching they received from squad coach Anna Sheen, NZUDG Anne Marie Leach and Sheena Tyrrell, and National squad umpire Marise Stuart when they officiated the game play.

Please note **Sunday 30 March** has been finalised as the date for **Workshop 4**. Lucy will be sending out information concerning this in the next couple of weeks.



ET squad members preparing their Saturday evening dinner during the "ET Master Chef Challenge"

Belinda Colling Visit

Former Silver Fern and World Champion GA Belinda Colling paid a flying visit to Christchurch last month to hold coaching clinics with the Tactix, Train On's and ET shooters. Belinda passed on her wealth of experience and knowledge in a very interactive way and thoroughly engaged the players.



Belinda (in the middle) after the ET shooting clinic

NNZ National Development Camp

8 players, 3 umpires and 2 coaches from Netball Mainland (NM) joined Julie Seymour (NZSS Assistant Coach) at the NNZ Development Camp held at St Peter's Cambridge from 13-17 December. The programme was very full and provided a great opportunity to meet other likeminded 'netties' from all over the country.

NM is very proud of Jess Prosser (St Margaret's College), Jess Shaw (Marion College) and Charlotte Elley (STAC) named as NZ Secondary School trialists after the camp and Portia Barcello (Marlborough Girls) added to the trialists in early February. The NZSS trials take place in Auckland 11-13 April.

NM Umpire Development Squad Coach Appointments

NM is pleased to announce that Trudy Eaden and Sue James have been appointed as co-coaches for Netball Mainland's Umpire Development Squad. Umpires have been invited to apply for the squad and will undertake an interview to finalise their selection. Trudy and Sue are planning two workshops and NM communicate the dates once these have been confirmed.



Trudy Eaden



Sue James

National Selector Appointment

After a break from the role of over six years Adrienne Hayes re-joins the National Selection Panel and brings with her vast experience and knowledge. NM congratulates Adrienne and wishes her well as she will be involved in the selection of the Silver Ferns in the coming years.

2014 Super Club

Clubs are reminded that entries need to be in to Netball Mainland by Friday 07 March. Lucy Newton will be coordinating the competition.

Have you seen this car?



If the answer is 'no' and you would like to see it in your car park this season (or before), please contact Sue Harris. Sue is keen and available to visit your Centre and assist you with planning (long or short term), development of programmes, linking with your local Regional Sports Trust and generally having any conversations that will support and assist you, and your delivery of netball your area.

Umpiring

NNZ Umpire Theory Exam Dates for 2014

Dates have been set for 2014's NNZ Umpire Theory Exams. Netball New Zealand may be trialling a new online registration system for these exams in 2014. We will notify you of progress in this area as soon as possible, and a reminder will be sent to Centres prior to closing dates for applications. If you have any queries, please contact Sue Harris at: sue.harris@netballmainland.co.nz.

Exam dates for 2014 are as per the table below.

NNZ Theory Exam Name	ALL documents and payment due to NNZ ON OR BEFORE this date	Date Exam to be held in your Centre on	Cost per participant
Zone Exam 1	21 st April	19 th May	\$55
Zone Exam 2	7 th July	4 th August	\$55
NZ Exam 1	12 th May	9 th June	\$55
NZ Exam 2	11 th August	8 th Sept	\$55

NNZ Coach and Assessor Workshops and Updates

The following dates have been confirmed for those wishing to be Umpire Coach/Assessors in 2014. Netball Mainland will endeavour to contact all people involved previously, to remind them of these dates and the necessary requirements to remain 'current' in these roles.

March 2 nd	Introductory Course	9am – 5pm	Christchurch Netball Centre
March 8 th	Level One	9am – 5pm	Christchurch Netball Centre
	Introductory Course	9am – 5pm	Saxton Stadium, Nelson
March 9 th	Level One	9am – 5pm	Saxton Stadium, Nelson
March 29 th	Update	10.30am – 12.30pm	Christchurch Netball Centre

NB: An Update workshop will be held in Nelson – date and time TBA. Please keep an eye on Netball Mainland’s website for further information.

NNZ Umpire Fitness Testing

All Umpires wishing to be appointed to NNZ Events are required to provide current Yo-Yo test results to NNZ via Sue Harris as soon after testing as possible.

Fitness testing dates for 2014 are: 15th March, 15th June and 15th Sept.

INF Rules now available online

The International Netball Federation’s Rules are now available online. We have posted a copy of the link to these on Netball Mainland’s website: <http://www.mynetball.co.nz/zones/mainland/community-netball/game-officials/inf-rules-of-netball.html>

Junior Development

Junior netballers from North Canterbury and Christchurch were treated to five days of fun, skill development and games during Netball Mainland’s Holiday Programmes. Registrations were slow to be received initially, but as people returned from holidays and word spread; we were able to run a really successful programme within these two Centres. Players were exposed to new activities and skills to help them out this season, and were able to meet their favourite Tactix players. A special thank you to Mwai, Jess, Anna and Julianna for sharing their skills with our future Tactix players 😊

If your Centre would like assistance to run a school holiday programme during 2014, please feel free to contact Amy Eckersley at: amy.eckersley@netballmainland.co.nz



We are excitedly awaiting the launch of the NNZ Junior Netball Programmes at NNZ’s Council 22 Feb 2014. This will see all aspects of the Junior Netball Programmes released. Amy will be in touch after this launch to discuss what needs your Centre has and how we can ensure a successful introduction of these new programmes.

Throughout February and March, Amy will be travelling around our Zone delivering demonstration sessions of the new NNZ Junior Netball Programmes for Year 1-2 and Year 3-4 age groups. These sessions will help explain to how to run this new programme; what it looks like, what the requirements are for your Centre and ideas for recruiting parent-helpers etc.

If you haven't seen the programmes but are interested in seeing them in action before making your mind up then come along - see planned dates/venues below OR if you'd like Amy to come to your Centre to run a session, please contact her at the office suggesting three preferred dates and times, giving at least three weeks' notice from the first please.

Details for upcoming demonstration sessions are as follows:

9 Feb	Hokitika Netball Centre	10.15am
	West Coast Netball Centre	1.15pm
18 Feb	Malvern Netball Centre	TBC 6pm
20 Mar	Buller Netball Centre	3.30pm
21 Mar	Nelson Netball Centre	3.30pm
23 Mar	Motueka & Centre Golden Bay Netball Centre's Combined	4.00pm

All Centres should have received a **Netball FUN Day** event resource late in 2013. If you haven't received this and you would like to know more about running this event, please contact Amy and she will send you a copy. We encourage you to use this resource and run this event to gain community support for your Junior Netball Programmes. Hosting this programme is a great opportunity to increase participation within your Centre and introduce new and existing players to the new NNZ Junior Netball Programmes. It's also a great way to start growing some new coaches within your Centre. Let us/Amy know when you are planning on running the FUN day - if Netball Mainland can assist you in any way, we certainly will.

'Centre Stage' is starting soon!

We'd like to remind you that we will be promoting YOUR Centre on our website this year. Please make the most of this opportunity and send us information, photos, interviews, quotes - anything you would like to be found on the website to show off what you do, and where you do it.

The table below outlines the FINAL dates that information must be received by Sue Harris at the office. Late receipt of information may mean your Centre misses their 'spot' in this roster.

“Centre Stage” page for NM Website

Timeline for information to be received by Netball Mainland:

Centre Name	Cut-Off date for information to be received by NM Office	Date to be posted on NM website
South Canterbury	4 th April	11 th April
Nelson	11 th April	18 th April
Christchurch	18 th April	25 th April
Marlborough	25 th April	2 nd May
West Coast	2 nd May	9 th May

Hurunui	9 th May	16 th May
Hokitika	16 th May	23 rd May
Malvern	23 rd May	30 th May
Buller	30 th May	6 th June
Golden Bay	6 th June	13 th June
Waimate	13 th June	20 th June
North Canterbury	20 th June	27 th June
Geraldine	27 th June	4 th July
Motueka	4 th July	11 th July
Temuka	18 th July	25 th July
Kaikoura	25 th July	1 st August
Selwyn	1 st August	8 th August
Mid Canterbury	8 th August	15 th August

You may also send information through to Sue Harris (sue.harris@netballmainland.co.nz) at any time regarding; advertising, club contacts, trial dates for representative teams, job advertisements or available coaching positions at Centre or Club level, school holiday activities etc. We are usually able to arrange to have information posted on our website within 24 hours of receiving it.

NNZ COUNCIL MEETING 2014

The 2014 NNZ Council Meeting will take place at the Novotel Tainui Hotel, Hamilton on **Saturday 22nd February 2014** (changed to one day only). If you have any questions please contact Chris Tennant at NNZ:

Christ@netballnz.co.nz

TENTATIVE DATE NETBALL MAINLAND ZONE CENTRE FORUM 2014

It does seem ever such a long way off but pop this tentative date in your diary for next year...Netball Mainland Zone Centre Forum **18 and 19 October 2014** in Christchurch. Again, we will look to put together an informative and interesting two day programme. Any suggestions you may have with regard to the format or content would be most welcome.

REMINDER

Many Centres have had, or are about to have, your AGM - please remember to send a copy of your Annual Report including audited financial statements for the last financial year to Netball New Zealand (Kate Agnew) and Netball Mainland Zone (Brigit Hearn) within one month of holding your Centre AGM. Many thanks.

Very best wishes from us all here at Netball Mainland ☺