

BOARD

Following the AGM held on Wednesday 18th October, 2007 we are delighted to welcome David Beales and Barry Fuss to the Board, and congratulate Laurie West, Di Miles and Jenny Tregoning on their re-election.

A BIG thank you to our vacating Treasurer, Sue Sheldrick for her tireless work over the past 2 years.

Your Matrics Netball Club Committee members are:

Lawrie West	President
Amanda Parkes	Vice President
Di Miles	Secretary
Peter Thomas	General Member
Lubinka Gillett	General Member
Jenny Tregoning	General Member
David Beales	General Member
Barry Fuss	General Member

It only feels like yesterday that the Board was welcoming everyone to a new year, and here it is already December... where has 2007 gone? The Board wishes our players, members and sponsors a Merry Christmas and happy New Year, and look forward to a successful 2008.



STATE LEAGUE UPDATE

KANGAROO ISLAND ESCAPE

By Jenny Tregoning

On the October long weekend a composite team of players from the State League squad visited Kingscote, Kangaroo Island, courtesy of The Bay of Shoals Winery, sponsors of Suzi Nemeth.

After an extremely rough crossing we arrived at The Bay of Shoals to find a cocktail function in full swing, with plenty of food and wonderful wine to warm us up. The island was celebrating its Artists Festival with various activities planned over the weekend.

The following morning, after a scrumptious breakfast, the girls prepared themselves for a netball match against the Kangaroo Island



Team of the Year. Unfortunately, a coaching clinic planned for prior to the match had to be cancelled.

The match itself was of a high standard despite new combinations

for Matrics and especially the local girls not having played together before. A solid lead at half time allowed the Matrics girls to show their talents in other areas of the court. A 20 goal win to Matrics completed an entertaining match.

With formalities over, the afternoon was spent watching the AFL Grand Final on a big screen at the pub, where some players ended up drowning their sorrows!

A gourmet BBQ ended the day for some, whilst the younger brigade headed back to the pub for further entertainment.

The next day, a late morning ferry took us back to the mainland, albeit this time a much smoother ride!

Some of us hope to revisit the island next year for a rescheduled coaching clinic.

Many thanks to The Bay of Shoals Winery for providing food, accommodation and wonderful hospitality for the weekend.

Anyone visiting the island will find The Bay of Shoals just 5 minutes drive out of Kingscote in a beautiful peaceful setting overlooking the sea.

CONGRATULATIONS

- To Jacqui Roberts on her engagement to Matt Illman
- To Demelza Fellowes on her engagement to Craig McCloud
- To Alex Hodge on her marriage to Darren Clarke
- To Natalie Medhurst on her Australian team debut and her contribution to Australia's win to claim the 2007 World Championships



2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 1 City Night Juniors re-commence
- 3 Netball SA AGM @ 1.00pm
- 3 **Matrics Winter 2008 Trial #1**
- 5 City Night Seniors re-commence
- 10 **Matrics Winter 2008 Trial #2**
- 17 **Matrics Winter 2008 Trial #3**
- 17 Level 2 Umpires Course (Day 1)
- 17 Level 1 Umpires Course
- 24 Level 2 Umpires Course (Day 2)
- 25 LaunCH (Day 1)

MARCH

- 3 LaunCH (Day 2)
- 14 City Night Juniors Grand Final
- 16 Subway Cup Rules in Action
- 17 LaunCH (Day 3)
- 18 City Night Seniors Grand Final
- 28 Subway Cup commences
- 30 AMND Rules in Action

WINTER TRIALS 2008

Sunday 3rd, 10th & 17th February, 2008

9am - 11.30am

Church Courts, Cnr Anzac Highway & Goodwood Road, Wayville



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Lawrie West, President

2007 was a new year full of ideas to ensure we remained a successful Club. We welcomed new members to the Board in Lubinka Gillett and Peter Thomas to further enhance our willing group, all of who have got on with the sometimes testy issues that confront all sporting clubs.

Major sponsor Bluewater Refreshing Mortgage and Finance Broking has again committed to the Matrics Netball Club, and really do want to be long term partners in keeping this Club at the top of netball in South Australia. Not only have Peter and Judy, through their business, given us financial support, their personal efforts have backed up the commitment they have made to Matrics.

As a Club, we must endeavour to show the same commitment to Bluewater with promotion of their name and product whenever an opportunity arises. Remember that nothing in life is free and for this sponsorship to work for both parties, Bluewater needs the leads to write business.

A considerable amount of work goes into arranging sponsorship for individual players, teams and the Club as a whole, and I encourage all members to support all of the businesses that support your Club.

The 2007 season is now complete with the State League, under Coach Trudy Barker finishing third, behind Newton Jaguars and Contax. Certainly a result that could have been better, and hopefully the hard work will be rewarded next year in a season that sees the State League going through changes to accommodate the ANZ Trophy between Australian and New Zealand and the possibility of reverting to an 8 team competition in 2009.

The State League Reserves again played off in the Grand Final after a successful minor round and I'm sure that lessons learned in the previous year resulted in a good win over Cheerio Eagles. Congratulations go to all concerned.

All of the volunteers who contribute many hours to ensuring the players take the court, trained, fit, correctly attired and relatively happy have once again done their bit.

All senior teams were competitive at times, but just couldn't bring it all to the court consistently to ensure finals participation.

Our junior ranks netted finalists in six grades, and although our underage teams performed well, they missed out in the end.

We have recognised the need to put more time and effort into the younger age groups to rebuild our standing in the competition and the Camp held in March was an excellent initiative to develop our junior grades. Many thanks go to the organisers and helpers of this great weekend which saw about 70 young girls learn a bit more about themselves, their Club and their sport of choice.

I say thank you to the coaches, umpires, team managers, scorers, timekeepers, fitness personnel and drivers of 'Mum and Dad Taxi Service' who take the time to be there. As I mentioned previously, the number of people who volunteer their services to maintain a Club of this magnitude sometimes escapes us all. Some have a high profile and are easily recognised, whilst others work just as diligently in the background. Coaches need recognition for the hours they put in and umpires are always in the firing line and sometimes miss the support they deserve. All deserve our thanks.

I cannot finish without acknowledging the efforts of the current Board. In my position of President, and representing the Club at State League Committee level, I would certainly find it more difficult without the assistance, knowledge and support of these people.

And so my final words are to thank the serving members of this Board (including the minute secretary) for the job well done in 2007 and encourage those joining us to put in the same great effort in

the forthcoming year! All of this work goes to developing a unified Club.

This Club will only prosper with the will to help each other through difficult times. The magnificent effort contributed by many at our recent Presentation Night and the work ethic and unity shown on Club Day showed the value of working together for the common good of all. No individual (other than an umpire working on our behalf) is paid for the time, work and effort they give to Matrics, so it is worth remembering we must value every minute that helps the ball go through the ring.

Good luck for the next 12 months.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

MATRICS ALL STARS

By Sally Browning

The Matrics All Stars, a quad of 16 junior Matrics players are currently participating in a 6 month specialised netball program, coordinated by Head Coach, Sally Browning (Matrics State League Captain).



Matrics All Stars

During this time the players will have the opportunity to be educated and practice various elements vital in the progression to the elite level.

To date they have been involved in sessions on fitness and defence, with the opportunity to attend a State League/Reserves training session in December.

SUMMER SEASON

Summer season is now well underway, and it's always enjoyable to walk around on Tuesday and Friday nights and see the Matrics colours so well represented. We have 24 teams playing in summer; with 20 of these teams in our junior ranks (Inters, Juniors, Sub Juniors, Primaries and Sub Primaries). It's great to see so many young teams; it makes the future especially exciting for Matrics.

A special welcome to the first time players and their families to the Matrics Netball Club. We hope you are enjoying your first season with us, and that you continue to be part of our future.

For most teams, the summer season is a build up to the winter season. But even so, many teams have made very strong starts to the season... with some being rewarded with re-grading to higher divisions. Well done!

CITY NIGHT HOT WEATHER POLICY

Source: Netball SA

When the temperature is 37 degrees or higher as announced on 5AA at 12 o'clock all matches will be CANCELLED.

When the temperature is between 35 degrees and 37 degrees as announced on 5AA at 12 o'clock; Friday night competition matches due to start at 7pm will start at 7.30pm; matches due to start at 8pm will start at 8.30pm, and Tuesday night competition match start times will remain unchanged.

Quarters will be reduced for Juniors, Inters and Seniors to 12 minute quarters.

More drink breaks will be allowed but the clock is not to be stopped and no coaching is allowed.



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