



# SEATONIANS NETBALL CLUB

## Newsletter – September 2021

### Covid Safety Update

As you will all be aware the final set of Covid restrictions have been removed and therefore we can play netball without modifications. We will ensure we are adhering to any guidelines put in place by England netball, North East Netball and Tyne and Wear so we will keep members updated as and when this is needed. Within training sessions sanitiser will be available for participants to use if they so wish and if anybody feels uncomfortable sharing a bib, please let the coach know so they can ensure every member feels safe and confident in training sessions.

### Affiliations and Subs

If you haven't already you must make sure you pay yours or your child's England Netball membership as they can't take part in any training or competition until this is done. This is completed via Engage. Please see Heja or your session's WhatsApp group for instructions if needed. Please also take the time to ensure your contact details are up to date (especially if you have moved in the last year). If you are struggling or have any questions, contact Rachel Cassidy directly or via the [seatoniansnc@yahoo.com](mailto:seatoniansnc@yahoo.com)

We are lucky that we are able to run the club this year without increasing subs - £15 a month for senior sessions, for Years 6-9 £10 a month and for Years 5 and below £8. Please make sure you put your name or your child's name as the reference so we can track who is paying. Seniors (A-D senior teams) should have been paying subs since July and so the standing orders should be set up, if not please do this as soon as possible, paying the outstanding amount for September and then the standing order of £15 from October onwards. All other members should begin their subs from September. If you are experiencing financial difficulties please contact Rachel Cassidy or Lindsay Bradley. The bank details have been posted on training groups, if you don't have this please ask the coach of yours or your child's session.

### Massive thank you and farewell .....

Many of you will be aware that we said goodbye to Elaine Gardner and Lynzie Ridley who have run the Seatonians Junior Club for several years now. We wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to them both for their commitment to the junior players, often going above and beyond to ensure they could offer competition to all junior members.



Elaine joined the club as a player over 30 years ago and has been an integral player and more recently coach. Her calm and unflappable nature has been invaluable especially when dealing with the Covid restrictions over the past 18 months. She will be hugely missed and we wish her all the best with both her netball and work retirement.

Lynzie offered to help out with the junior club when the first of her daughters joined Seatonians and even when her youngest daughter left to join the senior session she has continued to support the juniors. She started a Back to Netball team and they are entered as part of the Seatonians club – a role she will continue with moving forward. I am sure we will still see her around at Blue Flames but wish her all the best with her other commitments and volunteering.



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## A big welcome ....

Following on from Elaine and Lynzie's retirement from the junior club, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome Suzanne Claassen who will be the coach of the juniors from September. Suzanne joined Seatonians with her daughter a few years ago and has vast coaching experience including Wansbeck Juniors, Northumberland County and has even set up her own Back to Netball Club in Northumberland which has been hugely successful. Suzanne has already made contact with parents and new starters and I know is very excited about getting started.

We also welcome Cat Witty to the E-G senior session. Hugely dedicated to the game, Cat has joined our senior regional squad, is a B Award umpire, member of the Tyne and Wear Committee and has coaching experience with Great Park netball club. Lindsay Bradley will support Cat in this session and continue to coach the A-D session, including both regional teams.

We would like to offer a huge welcome to both Suzanne and Cat to our coaching team.

## Volunteers and updates on workforce

As we are a growing club, we are always welcome of any support either players or parents can offer. If you would like to help support a coaching session, help run our social media, support our treasurer, run a team at competitions or get involved in umpiring, please let us know and we will happily chat through options. We are looking to add to our committee to share the work load of running the club, so if you feel you can offer support please just let us know.

We currently have three members working towards their C Awards in umpiring and two members working towards their Level 2 Coaching qualification. The club provides support to members and can offer financial assistance as well. Again, please speak to one of the committee members if you are interested in getting involved.

## Kit Update

A kit order has been placed are we are hoping to receive the dresses in mid September. We have ordered some extra dresses so if you would like to buy one, see Rachel Cassidy to see if we have an appropriate size. The rest of the kit might not be here until Oct due to haulage delivery issues in the industry.

**Next kit order will be placed October half term**

## Social Media and Website

Please follow us on Facebook and Instagram as information is often posted on these. The website will also be used this year to post information when needed [www.seatoniansnetballclub.co.uk](http://www.seatoniansnetballclub.co.uk) – we are hoping to update the site this year. Lots of information is also coming through WhatsApp (for senior sessions) and Heja (for junior sessions) so please keep on eye on these.



## Photographic Consent Forms

We will be creating a Google Form for photographic consent for U18s and this will be sent round once the club is back in training. In the meantime, any pictures posted will not have U18s on them. Any queries about this please speak to the Coach of your session (Lindsay Bradley A-D, Cat Witty/Lindsay Bradley E-G, Suzanne Claassen Juniors)



## Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – Quiz Night at Marden Residents Club; 6:30pm for 7pm start  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – Christmas day/night out