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Hello and welcome to the first quarterly newsletter to keep you informed with what is the latest happenings in the Men's and mixed versions of the great game we all love Netball.

So let's start with a quick wrap up of the 2012 year. Mixed nationals were held over Easter weekend at the AMI Auckland Netball centre. 15 teams contested the tournament over three grades (Mixed A, Mixed B and under 23's). For 2013 for the more experienced players (over 35's) we are hoping to have enough numbers to introduce a master's grade.

In a very close A grade final Waitakere won over Canterbury 45 to 40 to take the title. It was a game that was played with a lot of heart from both teams and saw a lot of skill on display.

The B grade final saw Waitakere appearing in the final against Ohomairangi but unfortunately could not repeat the same result as their A team eventually going down to Ohomairangi by 2 goals final score 45 to 43.

The under 23's grade was the first year for this grade and saw some emerging talent on display. In a repeat of the B grade final both Ohomairangi and Waitakere met again with Ohomairangi winning by one goal final score 37 to 36.

The mixed national competition has been growing year after year and we look forward to seeing it bigger and better in 2013, as it is once again held at the AMI Auckland Netball centre. If you would like to find out how you go about entering a team please contact the secretary of the New Zealand Men's and Mixed Netball Association his contact details are at the top of the page.

Men's Nationals was held in Porirua in September 2012 at Te Rauparaha Arena. It saw 17 teams taking to the courts to fight for the titles in three grades (A grade, B grade and under 23's).

In the A grade Canterbury had a large target on their back as they were in the hunt for their 17th straight title and all the teams out there were attempting to stop this from happening. For Canterbury they once again showed a little bit of history repeating itself to win the a grade final against North Harbour 51 to 41 for the 17th straight year. A few teams really took it to them this year but were unable to maintain the pressure and cause an upset.

In the B grade final we saw Canterbury taking on Ohomairangi (who had such a presence at the mixed national's finals); could Ohomairangi carry on from their mixed national's success? The answer was yes with the final score seeing Ohomairangi winning 46 to 44.

The under 23's final saw Canterbury again making an appearance in this final, three teams and three finals not a bad effort but could their under's get another title for the Canterbury region? Counties Manukau were standing in their way of this happening, with Counties proving the victor at the final whistle 49 to 35.

The men's national competition has been growing year after year and we look forward to seeing it bigger and better in 2013, as it is once again held at the Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua. If you would like to find out how you go about entering a team please contact the secretary of the New Zealand Men's and Mixed Netball Association his contact details are at the top of the page.

2012 also saw our four national teams competing against the old foes Australia in a three test series for each team in Auckland. It was the first international appearance for our new team the under 19's and they showed improvement as the series progressed.

The open mixed had very close and tightly fought games but the Aussies were able to hold out for the wins.



The under 23's also competed well but unfortunately were unable to come away with a win.

The open men's team also had some tightly fought matches but were unable to come away with a win. We intend to change these results in South Africa in 2013 when we meet them again.





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2013 promises to be a busy year with the annual national tournaments both men's and mixed fast approaching. We have an international test series in South Africa where we will meet old foes Australia also countries like South Africa, England and maybe even some new opponents from some of the Asian region. More details about this upcoming events and results will be forthcoming in future newsletters.

We are mainly a self-funded sport but would like to thank people and organisations that have contributed towards our success in 2012.

We would like to thank Netball NZ:

www.mynetball.co.nz

Foodstuffs Wellington, Toops: www.toops.co.nz

NZ Aids Foundation: www.nzaf.org.nz

Porirua City Council: www.pcc.govt.nz

Mana Community Grants Foundation:

www.mcgf.co.nz

Proactive Rehab: www.proactiverehab.co.nz

Club Karaoke: www.facebook.com/pages/Club-K

The Marina Motor lodge:

www.marinamotorlodge.co.nz

Aotea Lodge: www.aotealodge.co.nz

If you would like to help contribute towards our success in 2013 please contact the Secretary on the contact details at the top of the page.

We are looking for officials: Umpires, Managers, Coaches and physio / primary care personnel for the South Africa tour. Please remember that these are generally self-funded positions however the experience is not to be missed and would look great on your C.V for more information please contact the secretary. Expressions of Interest close 14th December.

Next Newsletter will be out 1st March keep your eyes out for it ☺. It will have details of local associations and their local club competitions.

Calendar of Events:

December 14th Official positions for the 2013 South African tour close.

February 1st Team squads for South Africa named.

March 15th Mixed Nationals Entries close

March 29th Mixed Nationals in Auckland starts

August 31st Men's Nationals Entries close

September 11th Men's Nationals in Wellington starts

September 29th South Africa, Sun City, Cape town Tour starts.