



YMCA BASKETBALL CLUB NEWSLETTER

March 2009

YMCA

2009 Championship Season Entries

Shortly we will be entering teams for the upcoming 2009 Championship season. If you are not intending to play in the next season please notify your coach or age level coordinator ASAP so we can organise our team numbers accordingly. Similarly if you haven't paid your YMCA registration which was due last September please ensure you contact the club to make arrangements to do so, to avoid the disappointment of players missing out for next season.

South Dragons head into Finals

There will be special interest in the NBL finals this year as one of our own YMCA players, Nathan Herbert takes to the court to help win the title for the South Dragons. The Dragons coached by Olympic coach Brian Goorjian have already had a very successful season this year finishing on top of the NBL ladder after finishing on the bottom the previous year. This is the first time this has happened in almost 30 years of NBL action.



Nathan in his second year with the Dragons is averaging 8 points per game in almost 20 minutes of game time, and has been a significantly contributor off the bench. All finals games are being telecast on FOX sports, and we wish Nathan and the team all the best in their finals campaign against the Melbourne Tigers.

Sponsorships

Again a special thanks to our generous sponsors who give great support for the club with wanting any recognition. Kempe International and Roderick Insurance Brokers have been long time supporters of our club.

Coaches Wanted

Another appeal to any of our current or former players or members that can help out with coaching some of our junior teams. The club is willing to pay for coaching courses, and will also provide guidance and assistance along the way. If you are interested please contact one of our hard working committee members.

Check out our Website

If you haven't already, check out the YMCA basketball club website and keep up to date with all the news and also learn a little bit about the history of the club which has been going for over 50 years, and produced some of Geelong's finest basketball players including former Olympians Trish Fallon and Russ Riches. The web address is www.ymca.geelong.basketball.net.au

\$\$ Walkovers Cost Money \$\$

Recently we the club has incurred a number of fines due to forfeits and walkovers where insufficient players turned up on the night and games were cancelled. Every time this happens it costs the Club money, it can ill afford to pay. Please make sure if you are unable to play on a particular night that you make sure you give your coach as much notice as possible so replacement players can be found and the club is not fined for an unnecessary walkover



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Players Wanted

Next season we are trying very hard to start up and keep both Under 10 Boys and Under 23 Men's programs. If you know of any players

in those age groups that might be interested in playing please contact Janice Batson on 52290714 (Under 10) or Kasia Quail 0437 957943 (Under 23)



YMCA "Hoodies" for Sale

It may be a bit warm at the moment but the cold weather is just around the corner. What better way to keep warm in the coming winter months than with a YMCA "Hoodie". Cost is \$50 and they are available by ringing CC Originals at 6/136 Ormond Rd. Phone No. 52223436. All tops are made to order.



Thanks to our models Zoe, Eliza, Hannah April & Cassidy from the Under 16 A Team

Birth Notice

A new YMCA member was born recently with current committee member Jared Arklay and his wife Sam welcoming the safe arrival of Max Hudson Arklay who was born on 25/02/2009. Look forward to the little fellow running around in the black & red in the future.

Country Cup Representatives

Congratulations to the 3 YMCA players who were selected to participate in the CV Tournament in January 2009. The Country Cup was held in Albury and Ashish Motiani captained the Under 13 team which was successful in bringing home the gold medal with the Goldminers. Nick Quail played in the Under 15 Goldminers team which came 3rd in the age group and Riley Herbert went to Port Macquarie for the Pacific Slam and his team came 2nd in the Under 17 age group. Congratulations to all three boys on their selection

Player Profiles

Each newsletter we would like to do a player profile of one of our club members, so if there is somebody you would like to read about in future newsletter give us some details and we will see what we can do.

Finals Series

Best of luck to all teams competing in the upcoming finals series of the Summer 2008/2009 season. If you have the opportunity to get out and support some of our other teams I am sure they would appreciate the extra barracking.