



YMCA

YMCA BASKETBALL CLUB NEWSLETTER

May 2009

YMCA Legends

Team comprising a number of YMCA legends from the past won a gold medal in the over 50's age group at the recent Australian Masters Games held in Geelong. Geoff Saunders, Greg Herbert, Bill Stewart and Peter Robertson went through the tournament undefeated and beating a strong outfit from Sydney in the grand final to win the gold medal. One of our current coaches Brett Amezdroz also won gold in the over 45's at the Masters Games as well. Well done boys and sorry for giving your ages away.

Speaking of legends there are rumours going around that after retiring from Division 1, Adam Lamont is preparing for the Great Ocean Road marathon. Must be easier ways to fill in your time but we all wish you luck.

Free Admission to Supercats Game

THE YMCA basketball club has organised a night for all junior players to go along to see the Geelong Supercats play against the Albury/Wodonga Bandits on Saturday 30th May. Entry will be free for all our junior players and it will be a great opportunity to



see a couple of our own YMCA players Nathan Herbert and Kris Van Parreren playing for the Supercats. Players wishing to get a free ticket should let their coach know as soon as possible as it is sure to be a great night.



YMCA Club Stickers

What better way to show your support for our basketball club than to put a YMCA Basketball Club sticker on your car. A sticker is enclosed with the newsletter and if you would like some additional ones please contact one of the committee members who will be only too happy to help.

Sponsorships



Again a special thanks to our generous sponsors who give great support for the club without wanting any

recognition. Kempe International and Roderick Insurance Brokers have been long time supporters of our club.



Welcome

A big welcome to all the new players who have joined the club for the start of the Championship season. Hope you are enjoying your basketball at the Y and that you are having fun and developing your game. A special welcome to coach Damian Armour who has bought a new team into the Under 12B competition. A typical family affair with Damian's wife Anita managing the team and daughter Mikhala playing.

Playing Singlets

If you need to re-order singlets or playing tops, please contact Ann Van Parreren (girls) on 52299433 or Kasia Quail (boys) on 52272148 to organise them. Sample uniforms are available to try on so you ensure you get the right size. Ann and Kasia will be available most training nights but give them a call first just to check.



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Check out our Website

Special thanks to Alan Sanders who keeps our website up to date and interesting.
www.ymca.geelong.basketball.net.au

Player Profile

Each newsletter we want to profile one of our players or coaches. This time around it is Alana Hocking who is a member of our Under 16 Girls team. Alana started playing basketball at the YMCA in the "Aussie Slammers" program before joining the YMCA at Under 12 level. Alana has played with Geelong at representative level and has been involved in a number of camps and basketball academies at Vic Country level. Alana's goal is to keep working on her basketball skills and development to see how far she can go with her game. Good luck Alana



Rep Players

Congratulations to all our rep players who are representing Geelong at the moment. In the girls programs we have Sarah Rainbow, Emma Wilkinson, Beth Dodds, and Alana Hocking. In the boys rep program the YMCA players

include, Ashley Livingston, Ashish Motiani, Aaron Giles, Nicholas Quail, Liam Silva-Doherty, Ben McGillvray and Kurtis Giles. Good luck to you all throughout the season.

Under 20 Girls team

Special mention for our Under 20 Girls who won the championship in the summer season.



Team members are Lucy & Sally Packham, Eliza Buckley, Zoe Tompkins, Jan van Parreren, Jennifer Cleary, Tegan Barber &

Ebony Coppock. The team coached by Bill van Parreren & had Cassidy Nelson assisting from the Under 16s. Well done to Bill & the Girls

Supercats Memberships

If you are interested in seeing some of the best basketball players playing each week why not think about a membership for the Geelong Supercats. Slam Dunk memberships covering 5 games of your choice are available from the office on 52771711. A copy of the membership brochure is attached, and a portion of all memberships sold goes back to the YMCA basketball club.

YMCA Committee

Whilst they don't do it to be thanked, it would be wrong not to acknowledge our hard working committee who do a fantastic job doing all the things needed to keep the club operating. Current committee includes Ann Van Parreren, Phil Brown, Janice Batson, Helen Herbert, Robyn Dodds, Kasia Quail, Jared Arklay, Craig Herbert and Jenny Sanders. We are always looking for new members particularly from parents of players in the lower age groups. If you are interested, talk to one of the existing committee members.