



YMCA BASKETBALL CLUB NEWSLETTER

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What a Shot

Coach of our Under 14 B Boys team, Gordon Hillbrick made the shot of his life last month when he made a shot from half court at the Supercats game and won himself a brand new Hyundai I-30 compliments of Blood Hyundai. Gordon's name was pulled out of the barrel to shoot for the car and whilst he only had one attempt on the night to make the shot, he had been called up a few times before and had perfected his technique. It was the first time in almost 13 years that they car had been won. Well done Gordon and if anybody needs some shooting tips give him a call.



Presentation Days

Make sure you keep Sunday 30/8/09 free for our junior presentation day which will be held at the Newtown YMCA from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. The day will kick off with a free BBQ for all the family including some soft drinks and then followed by the presentation. All players from the Under 10, 12 and 14 teams will be presented with a medallion with MVP and Coaches awards presented to the older age groups. It would be great to see you all there.



Senior Presentation Day

The senior presentation day which is a fairly low key event held at the Great Western Hotel on Friday 11/09/09. All senior players, past players and officials and Y3P members are invited to come along for a few drinks and a recap of the past year as well as the 30 or 40 that went before that. Some more information will be sent out prior to the night but pencil it into your diary.

Club Championships

The junior club championships are being held in Bendigo on the 10th and 11th October. The YMCA will be entering teams in the Under 14 & Under 16 Girls as well as the Under 12 & Under 16 Boys. Good luck to all teams who go away and we hope you have a great time.

Next Season

Soon we will be organising teams for the new summer 09/10 season. If you are not intending to play can you please let your coach know as soon as possible?

Players should also be aware that when we are entering teams we attempt to participate in the highest grade possible and within the age group of the individual players. Where multiple teams are entered into an age group, try outs are normally held and players selected on their abilities as well as team balance.

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.



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Profile – Vicki Mallon

Our profile this time is on Vicki Mallon who plays with our Division 1 women's team. Vicki who works as the Operations Manager for Bellarine Basketball joined the YMCA in 2003.



Vicki who lists Kristi Harrower as her favourite basketball player has played with the Geelong Lady Cats from 2005 to present, and this year was rewarded with the co-captaincy for her tenacious attitude and on court leadership. Vicki has twice won the MVP with the Division 1 women's team and regards the winning of the Division 1 Championships with the "Y" in 2007 & 2008 as highlights

Australian Championships

Two of our Under 14 Boys will be part of the Geelong team that will represent Country Victoria in the Australian championships to be held in Dandenong over the September school holidays. Ashish Motiani and Ashley Livingston have both played with the YMCA for a number of years and we wish them every success in the tournament.

Players Wanted

We are looking for boys and girls to play in our under 10 program next season. If you have brothers or sister or know of players who are interested please let our coordinators know. To be eligible players will be born in 2001 or 2002.

Basketballer of the Year

There are two very prestigious awards presented each year to members of our club who make significant contributions during the year. If you would like to nominate a person for either the Junior Basketballer of the Year (Under 18) or the Basketballer of the Year please contact one of our committee members who will be only to pleased to provide you with a nomination form.

YMCA Fees

The YMCA basketball fees are due again for the next 12 months. We have managed to keep them at the same level for the last 5 years which is a tribute to the hard working committee and some very generous people. Annual fees for a single player is \$90 (\$80 if paid by 8th Sept) and \$150 (\$130 early bird) for families. These fees cover training venues, equipment, team entry fees and a range of other costs associated with running a club such as ours. In addition to payment by cash or cheque this year, families have the ability to pay by electronic transfer. If paying this way please make sure you quote the reference number that is displayed on your invoice.

Referees Course

Do you feel like becoming a referees and earning some extra pocket money. An introduction to refereeing will be conducted by Geelong Basketball on the Saturday 8th August from 9.00am to 11.00am. Cost is \$55 which includes a referee shirt, notes and whistle. If you are interested let Geelong Basketball know.

