



YMCA BASKETBALL CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Costs of Forfeits and Fines

The club would like all players and coaches to be aware that every time our club forfeits a game due to lack of players it costs us up to \$150 of every occasion. Last financial year the club paid over \$1200 in fines which makes a huge hole in our finances. If you are not able to play make sure you let your coach know in plenty of time so he can organise to get a player up from a lower age group. Not only does that player get some valuable experience it saves the club money.

Feature Team

Our feature team this newsletter is the Under 10 Girls team who played the first month of the competition with only 4 players and no subs.

Fortunately another player has joined which makes life a bit

easier. Well done to all the girls and welcome to the Y. The players in picture are Issie Auld, Maddie Lamont, Tarsha Nowell, Ellie Piec & Molly Driscoll. Any more players born in 2001 or 2002 are more than welcome



Presentation Days

Thanks to all the players, parents and coaches who came along to our junior presentation day on Sunday 30th August. Apart from the torrential downpour we had, it was a good day all round and congratulations to all the winners of the awards. Special thanks to Phil & Chris Brown on the BBQ and of course Kasia for all her work in organising medallions and trophies.



The senior presentation day this year was held at the Bush Inn and again it was a great night with an opportunity to catch up with a number of past and present players, including a number of members of the Y3P who do such a fantastic job supporting the club. The Y3P is a group of past and present members of the club who make an annual contribution towards the junior development programs we run. In fact the junior presentation day and all the trophies, medallions and BBQ is paid for by their generous support. If anybody wishes to get involved and join make sure you give Chris Benning a call on 5222 5353 (work) but make sure you have an hour to spare.

'Y' Players in the NBL and WNBL

Now we not only have Nathan Herbert playing in the NBL with the Adelaide 36ers, we also have Maddy Taylor plying her trade in the WNBL. Maddy who is just back from knee surgery was offered a development role with the Bendigo Spirit, and then released to play with the AIS which gave her the opportunity for more court time and development. Maddy has taken every opportunity and in a recent game top scored for the AIS in a game against Bendigo which was sure to impress coach Bernie Harrower. Well done Maddy and we look forward to following your progress.

Adam Lamont - Coaching Director

The Basketball Club is very pleased to announce that it has appointed Adam Lamont as Coaching Director to work closely with the club and current coaches in improving the overall basketball program we are running. Adam who currently is involved as a coach in the club is a former NBL player and captain of the Geelong Supercats, who also spent some time in an as General Manager of Basketball Geelong. We trust that you will give Adam every support and he moves into this new and challenging role.



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YMCA Welcome to New Players

With the start up of the new 2009/2010 season we would like to welcome to the 'Y' all the new players and parents joining us for the first time. We hope that not only do you have a lot of fun playing for the club but you learn and develop your game at the same time. If you have any questions at all make sure you contact one of the committee members or the age level coordinators.

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.

Club Championships

This year YMCA Geelong was represented by 4 teams – U12 boys, U14 girls and U16 boys and girls.

The 2 day tournament commenced in Bendigo on Saturday 10th October where we played quality club teams from all over country Victoria. It is a great experience to play different teams and celebrate the end of season 2009. YMCA U16 boys had a very successful tournament winning all games through to the semi final – well done coach Kate Sanders and her team

YMCA Fees

If you haven't already done so we would really appreciate if you could make sure you pay your YMCA Basketball fees for 09/10 as soon as possible. The club made a decision some time ago not to burden families with never ending fundraising requests so the collection of fees is what keeps us running. We don't want any players to miss out on playing so if you have having financial difficulties please contact our treasurer Helen Herbert to make an alternative arrangement.

Player Profile – Nick Quail

This newsletter we profile Nick Quail who this year won the Junior Basketballer of the Year Award in 2009. Nick has played with the 'Y' for 6 years and for 5 of those has represented Geelong Basketball in the junior representative program. Nick has also been selected in Vic Country teams at Under 12, 14 and 16 age groups and this year was selected as an emergency in the Under 16 state team. Nick who has a very bright basketball future in front of him is pictured with his Junior Basketballer of the Year Award. Nick was lucky enough to see his favourite player Kobe Bryant playing for the Lakers when he was on holidays in the States last year.



Championship Season Results

Congratulations to all teams playing finals last season and to all that were successful enough to reach Grand Final week. 4 new Premiership flags to be hung on the wall came from the following teams:

- U14GB Beavers - coach Brett Amezdroz
- U14BA YMCA - coach Steve Giles
- U16BB YMCA - coach Dan Stewart
- U20GA YMCA - coach Bill van Parreren

Congratulations

Final congratulations to Riley Herbert for being selected in the Vic Country Under 18 team to play in Albury in January and also to Ashish Motiani for his selection for Port Macquarie in the Under 15. Well done and good luck boys.

*Have a great Xmas & a safe and
happy New Year*

