



# YMCA BASKETBALL CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## Our Newest Team Make their Mark in their First Season

The newest YMCA Team, The Under 10 Boys B-Grade are three quarters of the way through their season and really developing into a terrific young side. They have only lost two games, which is awesome stuff for a team of players that really haven't played before. The boys trained for five or six weeks and were busting out of their skin to play by the time the first game arrived. The enthusiasm of the boys is just wonderful and they all work for each other and as a team.

Coach Shane Driscoll Said "Such enthusiasm is infectious for me as the coach I really look forward to training each week and to game day"



**Back Row L to R:** Tanner Owen, Stefan Ristic, Alexander Dunn, Max Jones, Nicholas Jurisic, Shane Driscoll (Coach)

**Front Row L to R:** Shonosuke Nemoto, Blake Reid, Connor Smith, Bailey Goodgame

## YMCA Fundraising – Sunday BBQ

Sunday BBQ will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at the Computer Swap Market, on the corner of Gheringhap & Corio Street (inside market).

A Club Committee member will approach Coaches, Players and Parents to help each month. A roster will be posted on our club Notice Board and Website along with full details of what is required. All you have to do is turn up to help and everything else will be prepared and ready on the day.

## Player Profile – Matt Jennings

Matt Jennings Born May 99  
Basketball heroes: Michael Jordan, Kobi Bryant, Brandon Jennings & Simon Evans.

Matt Jennings started playing Basketball with the Slammers Program at the YMCA as a six year old and has been playing for the YMCA Basketball Club for 3 years in U10's and U12's.

During 2008 and 2009 Matt played in his school Basketball team and reached finals in all four seasons, won all four grand



finals and was awarded MVP in his final season. Last October he was selected to play for the Geelong representative U12-2 team and has enjoyed participating in the Specialist Shooting Camp and playing in the recent Ballarat Junior Tournament where his team went undefeated, winning the Final by just 2 points. Matt was awarded 'MVP'

"Playing basketball is so much fun, you get to make new friends and learn heaps about the game"

## Junior Presentation Day

Just some advance warning of the upcoming Junior presentation day to be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August at 5.00pm at the YMCA in Newtown. A BBQ for all the family followed by presentations to junior players and teams. More information to follow.

## Teams for Next Season

Shortly the club will be submitting teams for the upcoming summer season for 2010/2011. If you are not intending to play please let your coach or coordinator know as soon as possible so the teams can be organised.

Where more than one team is entered into one age groups try outs will be held. At this stage where applicable try outs will be held on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August.



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## Junior & Senior Basketballer Awards

Each year the club presents 2 prestigious awards being the junior and senior basketballers of the year. These awards recognise outstanding achievements and contributions to the YMCA Basketball Club over the last 12 months both on and off the court.

If you would like to nominate somebody for one of these positions please contact Craig Herbert on [craig.herbert@godfreyhirst.com](mailto:craig.herbert@godfreyhirst.com) setting out the reasons for the nomination. The Junior BOTY will be presented at the Junior Presentation Day.

## Our Boys in the U12 Geelong Reps

Four of our YMCA U12 A Boys, competed over the Queen's Birthday weekend in the Ballarat Junior Tournament as part of the Geelong, U12 Boys representative team. After successfully reaching the Grand Final undefeated and exhausted they managed to find enough energy and determination to win in a very close contested game against Sunbury 2.

Final score was Geelong 37 def Sunbury 35.

Congratulations to our YMCA Boys: Angus Forsyth, Matt Jennings, Harry Marshall and Cameron Wilkinson. Matthew Jennings was awarded MVP.



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Ashish Motiani who recently competed in the Under 16 Australian championships in Queensland. Whilst not winning a medal the team won 4 of their games over the week long tournament.

## Y3P Foundation

Again we would like to recognise the fantastic support we get from our Y3P foundation which has supported the club over many years and this year will see the contributions hit almost \$15K over the last 10 years. This fantastic support has enabled the club to keep fees at the same level for over 8 years despite the cost of participation growing each year. Thanks to Chris Benning who this year steps down as the co-ordinator of the Y3P for all his efforts over the years.

## Brett Brown (Aust Boomers) Clinic

Brett Brown, Head Coach of the Boomers will present a clinic on 'Team Offensive Concepts'. The clinic will be in a two-part clinic. The first part will be an open training session with the Australian Boomers, the second part will be a team offensive clinic for coaches. The Clinic will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2010 from 5.30pm – 8.30pm.

The Boomers Training Session will run from 5.30pm – 7.30pm, while the Team Offensive Coaches Clinic will run from 7.30pm – 8.30pm. The Clinic will take place at Caulfield Grammar School, 217 Glen Eira Road, East St Kilda (Melway Ref: 67 G1).

The cost of this clinic is just \$10. The Y Basketball Club will pay for any of our coaches and team managers who would like to attend.

## Coaches and Committee Members Wanted

In the past we have unfortunately had to limit the number of teams we have entered into the Geelong Basketball Competitions due to lack of Coaches in some of our junior age groups. It is terrible that some kids miss out on playing due to lack of suitable coaches. If you would like to help please call our Coaching Director Adam Lamont on 52 226202 for more information. Assistance in attending courses and help from our mentoring program is available.

Do you have an hour or so to spend once a month on a Sunday night? We are always looking for enthusiastic committee members to help share the load. If you can help out please call Craig Herbert on 0411 167426