

Ivanhoe Knights

IVANHOE EAST BASKETBALL CLUB

Newsletter Summer 2004/2005

Summer season 2004/05- The season is now well underway, with grading games finished. This season we have 61 teams in all, 37 boys teams and 24 girls teams. Thanks to all of our coaches for their time and commitment, and to our team managers for their important role in ensuring that the season runs smoothly. This season is unusually short, only 13 Rounds rather than the usual 15 or 16, (except for U-8 teams who do not play finals). Please note the following dates.

Summer season dates

Round 9- 11th December

No training during school holidays i.e. between December 11th and January 27th

Round 10- 29th January. Most teams will play this Round without prior training sessions.

Rounds 11 to 13- **February *5th, 12th, 19th. Feb 5th-Registration day**

Finals-26th Feb, 5th March, 19th March. **No games on 12th March-labour day weekend**

Training arrangements

As noted above, most teams will play Round 10 without a prior training session. The only exception will be teams that normally train at the SPACE Centre on Thursday or Friday, who can train as usual. Wednesday 26th January is a public holiday, and schools don't resume until Thursday January 27th.

Any coaches or team managers who wish to try to arrange a training session prior to Round 10 should contact Julie Banek, the Training Co-ordinator. But please note that the only likely option will be spare time-slots on Friday night at the SPACE Centre. As the floor of the SPACE Centre is being re-surfaced around January 24/25, the venue will be unavailable earlier that week.

Some of you will have seen that 'home' games are scheduled at BANK 1 & BANK 2 from Round 10. The repairs/refurbishment of the courts at Banksia Secondary College are almost completed, and although Banyule Council are optimistic, we have been advised that final confirmation of their availability for the new year will not be made until late January.

Teams that now train at OLY 1 & 2 should continue to do so until advised of a change of venue. When the Banksia courts are ready, these teams will revert to training there.

***REGISTRATION DAY FOR WINTER SEASON-SATURDAY FEB 5th 10am-4pm**

Please note this important date in your new diaries. Players must register on this day to be assured of a place in a team for the Winter season. Although this may seem early in the year to commit for winter, this date only allows us 6 weeks to fully organise teams for the new season, ready for posting on Presentation night. This whole process would be greatly simplified if ALL players registered on time.

Players who register late may either miss out on placement, and be waitlisted, or may be placed lower than would otherwise be the case. Older players may still be in holiday mode when we take registrations: if you're away, please ask your parents or a friend to register for you. Younger players: it is far too late to wait until the start of the hockey/soccer/footy season and then decide to give that up in favour of basketball - we need to know who will be playing on Registration day!

Coaches

Recently 23 of our coaches or potential coaches participated in a “Level 0” coaches course run for us at the SPACE Centre by Michele Timms. The course was designed for beginner coaches, who came away with a wealth of information on how to devise and run training sessions, pass on skills, deal with problems, and more.

Please note that it is important for parents to give the coach total support. Ideas, suggestions and problems should be discussed in a friendly and constructive atmosphere, preferably away from playing and coaching times, either with the coach or, if appropriate, with the coaches liaison person.

Many of our coaches are young people giving their valuable time to help your children and to learn themselves; support, not criticism makes them feel it is worthwhile. It is one of the great strengths of our Club that we provide opportunities for young players to take on various roles and responsibilities- as coaches, referees, or venue managers.

Pick-up games on Sunday evenings for our younger players

Over the last few weeks, Nigel Purchase has been running sessions of ‘pick-up games’ at the SPACE Centre on Sunday evenings, for our U-8 and U-10 players. The players have thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity to play basketball in a more casual, relaxed environment, while still improving their skills. Thank-you to Nigel for this initiative, and for his time each Sunday. Sessions will resume next year - check the website for details.

The Committee would be keen to see this activity expand to cover other age-groups: if there are other parents out there who could assist with running similar sessions, and who are not currently coaching, please contact Anne Donaldson.

Uniforms/duplicate singlets

Our new uniform secretary is Wendy Ashby, who has taken over this role from Cathy Turner. Due to the limited options for singlet numbers, and the large number of players in each age cohort, it is not unusual for singlet numbers to be duplicated in teams, as each new season gets underway. This scenario is usually handled by the team manager, who will arrange for one of the players concerned to borrow another singlet from the uniform secretary for the season, at no cost. Typically the player who has been with the Club for a shorter time will change numbers, but in any event we expect players and parents to fully co-operate in these situations. Duplications need to be sorted out promptly, as referees are entitled/obliged to impose uniform penalties on teams for the wearing of ‘00’ from the first grading game.

Please note that, although players are issued with a singlet number when they join the Club, no player “owns” that number. Parents/players can also help us by ensuring that they check and record accurately the players singlet number, when registering for the new season – if this is left blank we are often not aware of duplication issues until much later. Wendy has also asked that wherever possible, players who need new/bigger uniforms order these on or soon after Registration day. This makes the process of ordering, delivery, payment and collection of uniforms more efficient for all, and minimises costs to us.

We currently have NO spare singlets in stock: could anyone who has a ‘duplicate’ singlet from previous seasons, or old singlet that they have outgrown & are willing to donate, please hand them in, to the venue manager at the SPACE Centre, to Anne Donaldson, or to Wendy Ashby, as soon as possible. Wendy will pay half-price for second-hand uniforms in good condition.

POSITIONS VACANT

The current Committee is listed below: we have several vacancies, please consider whether you could assist us in any of these roles. While these positions remain unfilled, the workload on the present Committee is too large and we are unable to take on any new initiatives. Anyone interested in any of these positions, or wanting to know more, please contact Anne Donaldson, Paul McAsey or the present incumbent. Members of the Committee will provide all the training and support that is needed.

Girls Team Manager Liaison

As Darrylin Galanos has taken on the role of computer records officer, we need to find a new person to be **Girls Team Manager Liaison**. This role entails recruiting and supporting the girls team managers, and distributing fixtures and other information by email. The new person will be well supported by the Boys Team Manager Liaison.

Assistant Girls Registrar

Our current Girls Registrar would like to stand down next September, so we are looking for someone to work alongside Meredith as an assistant, with a view to taking on the Registrar's position late next year. The Registrar's role includes attending registration day, keeping a record of all registered girls, checking and submitting team lists, gradings and compatibilities to the EDJBA, attending fixtures day, and advising teams of finals details.

Boys Coaches Liaison

This role entails appointing /recruiting the boys coaches each season, supporting the coaches during the season, and handling any problems. Ideally this person would also arrange coaching courses (e.g. Level 1) where appropriate, and assist in compiling resources for our coaches.

Boys Selectors Co-ordinator

This role involves the co-ordination of selectors for the various age-groups, recruiting of more selectors where needed, sending out fixtures and lists of registered players to selectors in each age-group, arranging selection meetings to finalise the teams for each season, and getting feedback from current coaches. Ideally the role would also include organising try-outs for some age-groups to assist with selections. This is a big task, it really needs to be split into two: A co-ordinator for U-8,10,12 (9,11,13) and another for U-14,16,18,20 (15,17,19).

IEBC COMMITTEE 2004/05		
President		Anne Donaldson
Vice-President		Paul McAsey
Secretary		Kevin Jeans
Treasurer		David Fogarty
Assistant Treasurer		Susan Murphy
Boys Registrar		Ian Anderson
Girls Registrar		Meredith Donaldson
Boys Coaches Liaison	Vacant	acting - Anne Donaldson
Boys Selectors Co-ordinator	Vacant	acting - Anne Donaldson
Girls Coaches Liaison /Selectors co-ordinator		Mark Donaldson
Boys Team Manager Liaison		Heather Oakley
Girls Team Manager Liaison	Vacant	acting - Darrylin Galanos
Venue Supervisor		Bill Rewell
Uniforms Secretary		Wendy Ashby
Training Co-ordinator/Assistant Boys Registrar		Julie Banek
Computer Records Officer		Darrylin Galanos

FAREWELL AND THANK-YOU TO THREE CLUB STALWARTS

At the AGM and a recent Committee dinner, we farewelled and thanked the following:

***Cathy Turner** would be known to most, as she has been the uniform secretary for around ten years, fitting out all of our current players in their uniforms. This has involved attendance at registration days and uniform distribution days, taking phone calls at odd hours from desperate parents who had lost or damaged uniforms, or discovered duplicates, being accosted in the supermarket by parents needing new uniforms, and hours of work processing orders, sorting out numbers, suggesting sizes, etc. Cathy has done all of this reliably and with unfailing good humour, and we thank her so much for her great contribution to our Club.

We are also pleased that the long association of the Turner family with the Knights will continue, as Cathy's son Dan is currently one of our venue managers and coaches.

***Michele Ruyters** has been involved with the Club for almost 20 years, in various roles. Michele coached several teams, and recently was for many years the boys selection co-ordinator. Here we had the benefit of her extensive basketball knowledge and experience, plus her rapport with the coaches, when overseeing selections. For the past three years, Michele has been our computer records officer, entering registrations, compiling team lists, and maintaining our extensive data-base. She continued in this role over the past year, despite the demands of her work, studies and children, who were no longer playing with the Club. We thank Michele very much for her time, expertise and commitment over such a long period.

***Janet d'Ambrosio** initially joined the Committee as Secretary for two years, then moved into the role of Boys Registrar for a period. During her time as Secretary, the Committee brought in the process of awarding trophies to those who played in Grand Finals. Janet took on the role of trophy co-ordinator from the start, and continued in this role, organising the ordering of trophies and name-labels, until last season, a period of over ten years. We thank Janet for her time, commitment and efficiency during her long association with the Club.

All three 'retirees' said that they had gained a great deal from their involvement with the club, they had enjoyed being a part of something which is so integral to our local community. Cathy, in particular, said that the basketball club had played an important part in their family life, a place where both parents and players had made many long-lasting friendships.

Cathy also expressed regret that many people don't realise how much there is to be gained from involvement at Committee or sub-Committee level.

Ivanhoe Knights Website-www.ivanhoeknights.org

Our website continues to be a valuable resource for the Club, thanks to the ongoing work of our Website Administrator, Janine Gilbert, and our Web Manager, Iain Colquhoun. Janine and Iain played a large part in the development of the website, and have continued to work well together and look for ways to expand and improve the site and its functions.

Unfortunately Iain has advised us that, due to other commitments, he will be resigning as **Web Manager** from the end of this year. We are therefore looking for a senior player or a parent to take on this role, which involves the day-to-day maintenance of the website, including updating information, publicising coming events, and developing other aspects of the site, in co-operation with the Website Administrator.

It is a 'FrontPage' website, so applicants should preferably have FrontPage software and know how to use it. Please direct any enquiries to webman@ivanhoeknights.org

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO ALL OF OUR PLAYERS AND FAMILIES