



BASKETBALL NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2003/04

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Sat 13th Dec - Round 10 Last round before Summer break
January 12-16- SWISH basketball camp, details below
Sat 31st Jan- Round 11 First round after summer break
Sat 7th Feb- Round 12 and REGISTRATION DAY FOR WINTER SEASON 10am -4pm
Rounds 13-15 follow as on distributed fixtures
Sat 6th March- No games, Labour Day weekend
Sat 13th March- Round 16, last round before finals (except for U-8)
Sat 13th March 4pm- Sunday 14th March 4pm: IVANHOE KNIGHTS BASKETBALL-A-THON
(Continuous basketball for 24 hours followed by club barbecue or similar for all) at IVE
Sat 20th March- Semi-finals
Sat 27th March- Prelim finals
Sat 3rd April- Grand Finals
Sun 4th April- Presentation Night: barbecue 5pm, presentations 6pm, team lists posted up 7pm

SWISH BASKETBALL CAMP January 12-16th, Banyule Nets Stadium

A great way to improve your basketball skills over the holidays: this camp will be held at the Banyule Nets Stadium, 2 Somers Avenue, Macleod, from 9.30 am to 3pm, cost \$110 per child. Ph. 9455 8888.

REGISTRATION DAY FOR WINTER SEASON, SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

Please note this important date now. Every season we have some players who are disappointed because they are unable to get into a team due to late registration. With around 500 players it is essential that we have prompt accurate knowledge of player numbers so that Registrars can enter the correct number of teams in all age-groups. It is impossible to get this right unless players and families co-operate by registering on time. Current Year 12s please note: you may still be in holiday mode in Feb but we need to know your intentions for the Winter season!!..Age - groups for the winter season are U-9,11,13,15,17,19 and the cut-off date is December 31st. Please also note the article on commitment below.

BASKETBALL-A-THON- MARCH 13-14 2004, ALL HANDS ON DECK!!

Some of you may remember the last basketball-a-thon, which was greatly enjoyed by many. The idea is that all current teams will be included, teams will play (probably) 3 short games, younger teams will play at respectable times, older teams in the wee hours, we will basically have continuous basketball happening for 24 hours at the SPACE Centre. (This is in addition to your normal EDJBA games on 13th March). The event is a celebration of basketball, with the aim of having fun and building a sense of Club spirit, getting into 2004 with a bang, and maybe raising some funds along the way!!

This date has worked well in the past, but it does coincide with peak Committee workloads for both pending finals & organisation of teams for the new season; so while the Committee will do their bit, we will need many assistants from the general parent/player body to make this a success. Referees, we will need all of you!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Here I would just like to thank all members of the Committee for the great way in which they have worked together as a team over the past year. My thanks also to all of you who assist our club in so many ways: coaches, team managers, venue managers, referees, grade secretaries, selectors, and EDJBA representatives. My detailed report to the AGM in October can be found on the website.

CLUB STALWARTS RETIRE FROM POSITIONS AFTER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE

At our recent AGM and Presentation night we thanked two stalwarts of the club who were leaving positions they had held for many years. **Geoff Baring** had served the club as Treasurer for over eight years, a remarkable sustained achievement, given the constant demands of this role. Geoff also served as a representative on the EDJBA. Despite the increasing demands and travel commitments of his real job, Geoff managed to juggle the tasks and retain his unfailing good humour, and has been a fount of wisdom & experience for the Committee.

Robyn Roberts had been the Training Co-ordinator for the club for 12 years, a role which entailed liaising with parents, coaches, team managers and schools. Despite her many other interests and commitments, Robyn has fulfilled this role most capably over all these years. Robyn was keen to emphasise that she is just "moving aside" and will still be around the club for some time.

On behalf of everyone in the club, we thanked both Geoff and Robyn for all that they have done for the Ivanhoe Knights over so many years.

We extend a warm welcome to David Fogarty and Susan Murphy, who have taken on the positions of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, and to Julie Banek, who is our new Training Co-ordinator.

COMMITMENT TO YOUR BASKETBALL TEAM

Players who register for the season are expected to attend training regularly, be willing to learn from their coach, show a positive and co-operative attitude at training and games, and turn up reliably for games. Whilst we understand that players may miss occasional games for special events, or be sidelined by illness or injury, we cannot accommodate players who do not have basketball as a high priority. It is impossible for coaches to teach drills etc. if only 4 or 5 players are present at training. Coaches are giving up their valuable time to coach, players should respect this and show the same level of commitment. Players who are unable to commit to regular attendance are being unfair to team-mates and coaches, and causing extra hassles for team managers and Committee members.

Please give this serious consideration before next Registration day - we do not want "part-time" or disinterested players. Finally, please let your coach know in advance if you are unable to attend training or a game for any reason. Parents of younger players, we seek your support in re-enforcing the concept of commitment, an important principle of team sport.

OTHER COMMITTEE CHANGES and SITUATIONS VACANT

Ken Guthrie will remain in the role of Boys Team Managers Liaison to the end of this season. Heather Oakley will then take on this role, including recruiting team managers for the winter season. Heather's role of Girls Team Manager Liaison will then be taken on by Darrylin Gibbons, who will recruit girls team managers for winter season. We thank Darrylin for taking on this role, and look forward to welcoming her onto the Committee.

On the boys side of the club, we have a number of areas where we need new volunteers to come forward:

Wendy Ashby is standing down from the role of **Boys Coaches Liaison** at the end of this season. This role entails identifying and allocating coaches for all the boys teams each season, supporting junior coaches, dealing with any coaching issues that arise during the season, and helping to arrange for Level One coaching courses to be held locally.

The role of **Boys Selection Co-ordinator** remains vacant. We are keen to split the role into two, one for the older age-groups (U-15,17,19) and one for the younger teams (U-9,11,13) to make it more manageable. The role entails co-ordinating and overseeing the selection of teams, recruiting & organising selectors, organising try-out sessions as required, and arranging selection meeting/s. Basketball knowledge & experience is important, but as with all roles we will willingly provide assistance, overlap and support to incumbents. This role has been covered by current Committee over the past two seasons, but with 40-odd boys teams this is far from ideal, and the job could be done much more thoroughly and effectively with more people to share the load.

We also need more **selectors** for the boys, particularly for the U-9,11,13 age-groups.

Anyone interested in knowing more about any of these roles please contact iebc@ivanhoeknights.org.

CHANGES TO TRAINING VENUES FROM FEB 2004:

For teams which currently train at Banksia Secondary College, training will be re-located from 2nd February, due to refurbishment of the stadium at Banksia. Most of our teams will be re-located to either Olympic Village Primary School (OLY 1), or Olympic Leisure Centre (OLY 2), at 15 Alamein Road, West Heidelberg (Melway 19 E 12), and retain their current timeslots for training.

The exceptions are a few teams who train on Wednesdays, who may need to be allocated another venue or another timeslot. Our Training Co-ordinator, Julie Banek, is liaising with the relevant coaches, and will confirm the new training arrangements with all affected teams as soon as possible. Training arrangements at other venues remain unchanged.

Games usually played at BANK have been fixtured to be played at OLY 1 or OLY 2 during Term 1.

For teams who train on Thursday or Friday, the SPACE Centre will be available from Thursday 29th January, when school resumes. For all other teams, training resumes from Mon 2nd Feb. This means that most teams will play Round 11 (January 31st) without a prior training session.

WEBSITE- www.ivanhoeknights.org

Our thanks to Janine Gilbert and Iain Colquhoun for their ongoing work with our website, which has a wealth of information about the club, current dates, photo galleries, information about grading, by-laws, procedures, and links to many other sites, including EDJBA, which publishes results. Unfortunately we are not currently permitted by the EDJBA to publish fixtures on our website, and we have not yet received any ladders for the summer season.