

NEWSLETTER

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Summer 2009/2010 Basketball Season



Chalkies would like to welcome all its current and new members to the Summer 2009/2010 season. As is done every year, we particularly like to welcome our new under 10 girls and boys. We also wish to welcome all newcomers to the club at every age. It is our hope to see you all in the club for many years to come.

Most of you have all witnessed the 'Mad Monday' that we attempt to pass off as our team grading session. Whilst the event can seem quite chaotic (largely due to having all

the club players in the one place at one time) it is in fact an organised event. We managed to successfully place 200 players into 26 teams in the space of 2 hours. Our thanks go to the age group co-ordinators (last seen trying to locate either their sanity or a padded cell) for ensuring the smooth running of the sessions. Trying to resolve

the multiplicity of competing and conflicting requests and demands that is involved with player and team placement requires the patience of Job, the wisdom of Solomon and the luck of the Irish. (Personal experience tells me it's the last quality that the co-ordinators need the most).

As well as arranging teams, the co-ordinators provide the first point of communication between the club committee and the parents. Below is a list of the age group co-ordinators and their contact details should you need to communicate with the club (or just to express your undying gratitude for their contribution)

U10 Boys	Belinda Castle	5623 4541
U12 Boys	Belinda Castle	5623 4541
U14 Boys	Klaus Rottler	5622 2558
U16 Boys	David Axford	5623 3117
U19 Boys	Denise Lurati	5659 5283

U10 Girls	Chris Hobbs	
U12 Girls	Cobie Gilliam	0408 134638

U14 Girls	Cobie Gilliam	0408 134638
U16 Girls	Heather Serong	5623 4085
	Rose Attwood	5622 3038
U19 Girls	Rose Attwood	5622 3038
	Vicky Ballantyne	5622 3971

Coaches

Every season, a number of volunteers (that should read those not quick enough to step backwards), offer to pass on their expertise in the area of basketball to a group of young and impressionable players. They come in all shapes, sizes and personality types but the one thing they all have in common is a passion for the game and a greater passion for the development of young players.

Please remember to thank and support (perhaps even venerate ok, ok ... mere adulation will suffice) those who have offered up their time to teach our children the skills of chasing, bouncing, throwing and catching a round leather ball. Please be on the lookout for the following people who taken on this role



Boys

Brad Crole
Brendan Pyle
Lisa Pyle
Tania Carmichael
Greg Tuck
Russ Murfet
Kerryn Carpenter
Klaus Rottler
Kellie Hoskins
David Axford
Nick Alexiadis



Girls

Chris Hobbs
Daniel Murnane
Cobie Gilliam
Peter Cannon
Heather Serong
Rose Attwood
Bill Crotty
Dwayne Schwartz
David Axford
Dale Hendrick

In order to encourage U19s to pass on what they have learnt, Chalkies offers to waive all fees for those U19 players prepared to take on a coaching role.

Team Manager and Scorers

We would like to remind/advice parents that they can contribute in a way that involves only the time that their son and/or daughter is playing. You can do so by either scoring from the bench or acting as a team manager. Scoring involves either working the clock and electronic scoreboard or filling out the score sheet. Filling out the score sheet can be a daunting task so we ask the more experienced parents to show the newer parents how this is done and it is very pleasing to see this already happening in many of the games played to date. Remember, if you are on the scoring bench ... you've got the best view of the game!

Team manager roles make life for the coach much easier and allows the coach to focus on the players. Most of the work (if you can call it that) occurs at the beginning and the end of the season, with only a couple a tasks to perform on game day. The team manager role involves the following:

- Recording singlet numbers & advising secretary at start of season
- Organising a scoring roster
- Making sure the scoring sheet is filled with players names and numbers before the game starts
- Looking after the "Blue Bag" with game ball, information folder & spare singlets
- Making sure you recover the game ball at the end of each game.
- Ensuring all singlets are collected at end of season & returned with the game ball to the Age Group Coordinator

Each team manager should be given a 'pack' which includes a game ball, a bag, the team singlets and a folder containing the team details and codes of conduct.

Please make it known to the coach that you would like to take on the team manager role ... you will make their day!

Team Placements



As is the case at the beginning of every season, the teams are assessed by the association via a series of grading games. It usually occurs over 3 weeks and is used by the association to ensure that the teams are appropriately placed. This is not a conspiracy to displace or separate friends, it is simply to allow the boys to be playing at a level where they will be competitive.

Chalkies fully supports the association's objective to ensure a fair and even competition and will comply with requests by the association to make team adjustments. Whilst every effort is made to accommodate placement requests, priority must be given to ensuring that teams are even within competitions and that players are placed in age and skill appropriate teams.

We would like to remind parents that, during this period, the co-ordinators may approach them to discuss a change to a team composition that will affect their sons/daughters to ensure compliance with the Chalkies Team Placement policy.

2009 Annual General Meeting



Chalkies held its 2009 AGM on October 6th 2009, the result of which was the establishment of a new committee for 2009. The new committee members are as follows:

Position	Nominated
President	Belinda Castle
Vice President	Brendan Pyle
Secretary	Cobie Gilliam
Public Officer	Belinda Castle
Treasurer	Vicki Ogden
Uniform Coordinator-Girls	Heather Serong
Uniform Coordinator-Boys	Tania Carmichael
Association Rep	Craig Castle
Association Rep	David Axford
General Committee	Klaus Rottler
General Committee	Robyn Huggett
General Committee	Greg Jefferies

We wish to thank all those parents who attended and made themselves available for a committee position. The additional involvement is both recognized and appreciated.

Sadly, this event saw the passing of the baton by a long term club stalwart in Jenni Graham. Jenni Graham, as well as her husband Mark Graham, have both been highly active and visible members of the club for many years. Any attempt to describe the amazing contribution they have made over the last decade could not do it any justice. It is with a heavy heart that the current committee sees the Grahams move on and it is hoped that they will retain their relationship with the club, in some form, in the future.



Fees

Unfortunately, this newsletter still needs to report on some of the more 'dry' matters that help run the club. The subject of fees is one of them.

The current fee structure is as follows:

1st family member	\$80 per season
2 nd family member	\$75 per season
Subsequent family members	\$70 per season
U19 who do not train	\$60 per season

The non training fee has been further reviewed and will be amended to \$65 per player in the 2010 winter season.

We still have a number of fees outstanding for last season. If a players fees have not been paid, the player is effectively uninsured. Chalkies' fees policy does not permit players to step onto the court, for both training and games, if fees have not been paid by the third week of the season. If you have paid by EFT, you may be asked to provide receipt details, so it is advised that you keep a copy of the transaction receipt.



Some of you may have been advised that you have fees outstanding even though you have made a payment. We have identified a problem in our reconciliation process and we are working to resolving the issue. Fortunately, all those affected retained their receipt details which made it easy for us to track the payments. Chalkies would like to apologise for any inconvenience and/or embarrassment caused.

The matter of fee rebates was discussed at the last two committee meetings. It has been identified that most of the club costs (approximately 70%) are incurred at the time of player registration (ie Player Insurance, Team

Registration, Court Hire etc). It was decided to adopted a policy where the fee rebate will not exceed \$40 should a player wish to cancel their season membership.

Clearance Process

Once a player has registered with a club, and the player wishes to transfer to another club, a clearance process must be followed. This applies to all clubs in this association.

A clearance form can be downloaded from the association website (link: www.warragul.basketball.net.au). It must be completed, signed by an official of the 'clearing' club and then authorized by the association. Prior to signing the clearance form, Chalkies will ensure that no fees are outstanding and that all uniforms have been returned.

The signed clearance form is then forwarded to the association for authorisation.



Did you know ??

Michael Jordan missed out on selection when he tried out for the

varsity (high school) team . He did not give up and went on to become one of the greatest players in the NBA

In keeping with the association's goal of ensuring an even competition, it will ensure that the transfer will not result in a club being 'stacked' with Warragul Squad and/or Met/State representative players, in which case there is a possibility that the clearance will be denied. This has happened in the past.

The process is time consuming and it we recommend that clearance forms be completed and submitted into the Chalkies 'correspondence box' at the Warragul Leisure Centre a few weeks prior to commencement at the new club. This box is checked at the beginning and the end of the week to ensure a rapid response. We ask that parents respect the privacy of the official club signatories and to refrain from directly approaching them to sign a clearance form unless **specifically invited** by the official to do so.

Registration Process

It was noticed that many parents experienced difficulties in attempting to register their children for the 2009/2010 season due to the unavailability of

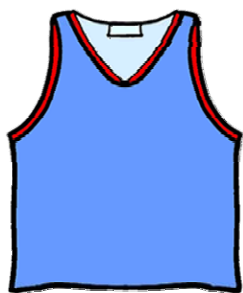


the on-line conference registration facility.

Given the difficulties, the committee has reviewed the registration process and it was decided that the process be changed. We hope that the new process will better facilitate requests with a registration form made available from a range of sources rather than just the one on line facility.

The new process will be published in our next newsletter, which will be published before the commencement of the next season.

Uniforms and Match Balls



As we mentioned in our previous newsletter, Chalkies was successful in obtaining a \$5000 grant from Woolworths which has been set aside for the purchase of uniforms and match balls. We are very grateful for Jenni Graham's keen eye and initiative.

Uniforms have now been placed on order and we expect delivery of these uniforms before Christmas and hope to be retiring some of the more older and worn uniforms. It would be marvelous to see our players in some new uniforms! As we have stressed in many of our previous newsletters, we ask all players and parents to be aware that the loss of just one uniform can render an entire set redundant which (as you can see from above) is very expensive to replace.

It is the responsibility of every club to supply a match ball for each game. Chalkies have placed an order for a number of size 6 and size 5 balls (for the U10, U12, U14 and U16 girls teams) which will be supplied as part of a team manager's/ team co-ordinator's kit. Past history shows that these are the most commonly lost items and, as this exercise also shows, are very expensive to replace. More often than not, collecting the match balls from the referees is forgotten in the post match confusion. We ask the parents to assist the team managers by helping them to keep an eye on the ball after the game has been complete



New Logo

A new logo for Chalkies has been designed and approved by the committee. Whilst the very cheerfully coloured old logo (if you are not sure what it looks like, have a look first page of this newsletter) has served us well,

the new logo has been designed to incorporate the official club colours of blue, white and red. You will notice that all of our uniforms (no matter how different in design) use these same colours and it was felt that the club maintain consistency in all its identification. You will notice that it has already been used on our recently distributed Xmas BBQ Invitation.

Chalkies Warm up Tops

Chalkies is currently sourcing a supplier that may be able to produce affordable and very elegantly designed official basketball warm up tops. The proposed design is for a long sleeve top (using the official club colours), which will nicely complement the navy blue shorts worn by the players. These tops are ideal for helping the players remain warm. At this stage we are hoping to keep the cost below \$20 per top. We hope to be ready to order by the time for our next newsletter .



Chalkies Family BBQ Break-Up

Bring your family

Monday 7th December

– from 5.30pm

Burke St Park

\$2 per person

Includes sausage/hamburgers &
flavoured milk or juice

An invitation has already been sent out
by e-Mail. To assist with catering,
please RSVP to coaches and/or club
contacts

(the invitation is also available on
<http://www.warragul.basketball.net.au>
select Association Clubs > Chalkies >
Chalkies News)



