



Geraldton Basketball Association

newsletter

DECEMBER 2012



Merry Christmas

Welcome to edition #2 of the GABA newsletter. We will aim to make the newsletter a monthly publication and it will be displayed around the stadium. Please feel free to take one and enjoy the read!

Season Greetings: The staff at GABA wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas.

Office Closures: GABA office will close on December 21 and reopen on January 14, 2013.

Seniors will play their last game on December 19 and begin on January 7, 2013. Juniors will conclude on December 16 and recommence on February 1, 2013.

Raffles:

Money is being raised for the players representing Geraldton at BWA competitions. Tickets are being sold through the canteen.



Results:

Fixtures, results and ladders can be found on www.sportingpulse.com.au



Backboard banter with Brownny



Dear Members,

I feel it has been another busy period around the stadium and we are slowly making some good progress in a number of maintenance areas. There is a little way to go yet but hopefully when finished, you will be able to enjoy your basketball in more comfortable and cleaner surroundings.

We have been fortunate to have some very generous members who have donated some time and goods to help us improve things. Big thanks to Butch Parker from Parker Windows for his donation for our new entrance

screening. Thank you to GBSC who undertook major renovations to the outer and inner offices. Thanks also to Market Creations for donating some much needed furniture and a very nice boardroom table for the function room.

New things around the stadium include:

- A lost and found box, near the entrance which always seems to be full
- New orange wheelie bins
- New skylights to let in natural light
- New notice boards
- New external doors
- Repairs to shutters
- Completion of the administration office renovation.

We have also installed a new alarm system which now gives us good coverage of the whole stadium. We have recently had a couple of break-ins which is pretty disappointing so hopefully the new alarm system helps stop these.

On behalf of the board, I would like to welcome Mark Heron into his new role as Regional Development Officer. Mark has slotted in very well and is already planning many things that I am sure he will tell you about.

Welcome to the GABA Mark!

Thanks,

Peter Brown



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Hoop happenings

Get registered now! School Holiday Basketball Camp

Hosted by GABA's Regional Development Officer Mark Heron. The sessions will be competition based with a focus on skill development. Lunch will be provided, bring your own water bottle. If you would like to enrol, please contact GABA or collect a registration form from the stadium.

For further information contact GABA on 9964 5255 or e-mail rdo@geraldtonbasketballassociation.com.au

Date: 19th - 21st of December

Time: 9am - 3pm

Cost: \$150 per child

Deposit into: Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association's bank account, BSB 633-108 Acc # 140313149. Please provide your surname as the reference.

Wildcat profile

Cameron Tovey



No: 11

Forward/Guard

Date of Birth: 26 June 1985

Height: 203cm

Birth Place: Penang, Malaysia

Weight: 91kg

NBL Clubs

Perth Wildcats 2005/06, Sydney Kings 2006/07-2007/08, Townsville 2008/09-2009/10, Perth Wildcats 2010/11- present

Local Association: Willetton, WA

Career Summary

While born in Malaysia, Cameron grew up in Perth and has always called Western Australia home and after stops in Sydney and Townsville, has returned to his original NBL club and emerged as one of the most versatile players in the competition making his home in the three spot.



Trades' Madelen Ahearn and Olympians' Talecha Clayton



Caroline Birch from Hawks brings the ball down court



Girls U15 Stateside vs Chapman Valley after the game

Junior Basketball State Championships



The U13 girls take in advice at half time.
Picture: www.aussiesinaction.com.au - All BWA action shots can be purchased here!

A number of Geraldton youngsters will represent Geraldton at the State BWA Championships. We had the girls and boys U13 teams play in Perth on December 1 and 2. GABA was the only non-metropolitan association to nominate for the Championship Division, which shows the ambition of the GABA to always compete at the highest level possible.

Both teams fought hard over the weekend, playing against the best under 13 basketball teams in the state. Congratulations and thanks must go to the coaches, Mikala Cooper (under 13 girls), who only just missed out on finals by points percentage, and Aaron Ducas (under 13 boys), for their dedication in preparing the teams and expertise coaching over the weekend. A huge thanks must also go to the managers, Annette Cooper (under 13 girls) and Andrea Ducas (under 13 boys) for all their hard work.

Under 13 Girls

Lost to Cockburn 16 – 17
Lost to Perry Lakes 11 – 38
Won against Stirling 20 – 12
Won against Rockingham 19 – 17

Team List

Gemma Dix, Ellie Bartlet, Emma Burke, Abby Wilson, Alisha Kennedy, Erin Els, Izzy Schultz, Quinn Mcvee and Tayla Broadhurst.

Under 13 Boys

Lost to Wanneroo 20 – 47
Lost to Kalamunda 23 – 33
Lost to Lakeside 14 – 34
Lost to Rockingham 23 – 37

Team List

Alex Ducas, Max Murphy, Oliver Cross, Coby Lee, Will Galvin, Theo Bennett, Garikai Gutsa and Logan McGregor.

We also have girls and boys in U12, U14, U15 and U17 teams travelling down this weekend and next weekend for the competition. We wish them the best of luck and we will have the results and pictures in the next edition.

Boys Under 12

Back row L-R

Sam Stone,
Kye Chamberlain,
Coach Brett Giles,
Samuel Carroll,
Oakley Criddle

Front row L-R

Kurt Crudeli,
Bohan Teakle,
Elliott Bennett
(Away Eli Grant)



Girls Under 15

Back row L-R

Chari Djjagween,
Darby Colley,
Hannah Clarke,
Jorja Beven

Front row L-R

Sian McDonald,
Maddison Broadhurst,
Rachel Trusso,
Emily Monaghan



Referees corner: Leigh Ninnis

How long have you been refereeing for?

Eight (8) years

What do you like about refereeing at GABA?

I love refing at the GABA because I enjoy the sport and I always like to see people enjoying the game and the challenges that come with it. I want to take the lead for others coming through the ranks and because there's not many of us around. I like to assist wherever I can and I'm always learning something.

How many games do you generally referee in a week?

I generally ref one (1) game a week but in some instances ref up to three to four times a week, filling in for others.

What is your best memory when refereeing?

My best memory would have to be the first person to be awarded the Roy Prosser Medal for the top WA Referee at the Australian Junior Country Basketball Cup in Albury/Wodonga N.S.W in 2010. Also refereeing in the State Basketball League.

What is the rule that you find most people do not fully understand in basketball?

The rule they don't fully understand would probably have to be the semi-circle underneath the ring and also the block/charge call.

Are there any sayings that you live by?

"Winners never quit, quitters never win" and "Respect the umpire because without an umpire there would be no game."



Leigh Ninnis

Rule of the month (taken from FIBA Official Basketball Rules)

Three seconds

26.1.1 A player shall not remain in the opponents' restricted area for more than three (3) consecutive seconds while his team is in control of a live ball in the frontcourt and the game clock is running.

26.1.2 Allowances must be made for a player who:

- Makes an attempt to leave the restricted area.
- Is in the restricted area when he or his team-mate is in the act of shooting and the ball is leaving or has just left the player's hand(s) on the shot for a field goal.
- Dribbles in the restricted area to shoot for a field goal after having been there for less than three (3) seconds.

26.1.3 To establish himself outside the restricted area, the player must place both feet on the floor outside the restricted area.

What that means to us:

- 1) Only call 3 seconds if the team has the ball in the front court.
- 2) If a shot goes up, the three seconds is reset.
- 3) Be lenient if the player is trying to get out of the keyway, someone is shooting or the player is making a move.
- 4) Encourage players to get out of the key by talking to them first.

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Buccaneers season begins

The Buccaneers season is underway with plenty going on within the team. Not only has pre-season started but the first of the two Buccs' imports has been signed.

The Buccs pre-season is officially underway with the team undergoing their first fitness training session. The Buccs are calling on all interested senior and junior players to join the squad. The team underwent a 3km time trial on Sunday, December 2, with Ben Svensson, Mark Heron and Aaron Ralph taking out the first three spots. The team is also undergoing a series of court and beach sessions in preparation for the beginning of the season.



New Import: The Buccs have signed one of their two imports, 24-year-old American Spencer Perrin. Spencer is set to join the side early next year. Standing at 198cm, the Eastern Kentucky graduate will be a vital asset to the team.



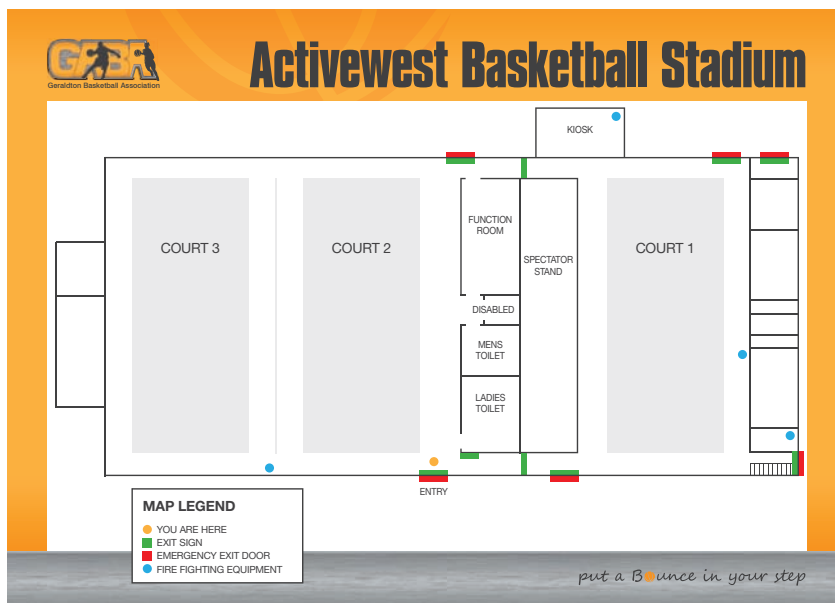
On the sidelines

The stadium is continuing to improve with new additions and upgrades every week!

New addition: Bright orange bins can now be found throughout the stadium.

Lost something?: The new lost and found box always seems to be full.

Keep informed: New notice boards are now displayed around the stadium.



Emergency

Evacuation Procedure

BE AWARE OF YOUR NEAREST EXIT POINT

If an emergency arises, please follow the following instructions

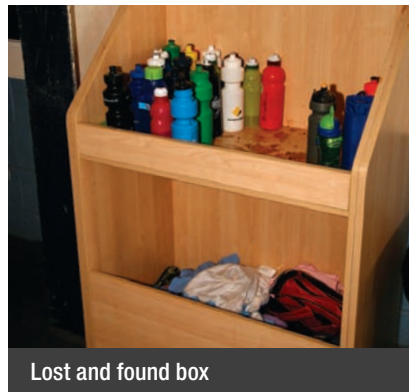
1. Do not panic
2. Leave the building via your nearest exit
3. Assemble on front or back carpark and ensure family and friends are accounted for
4. Stay calm and wait for officials to give the all clear

Officials are Management of the centre or those in charge of the event.

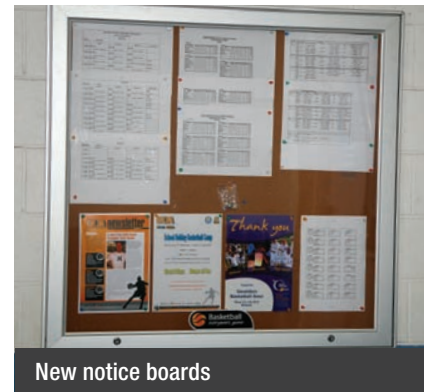
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New orange bins



Lost and found box



New notice boards

Soon enough you will see all GABA staff sporting these new uniforms!



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GABA volunteers

The GABA season would not run smoothly time and time again without the help, input and hard work of the many people throughout the association. Without them, GABA would not be in operation.



Ruth Rogers

Ruth has been with GABA since 1985. In her time with the association, she has played, umpired, coached and been on the GABA Board as a Director. Ruth still plays basketball and is Games Controller which sees her out at basketball four nights a week. Ruth says she recalls picking up the scorecard for the Chapman Valley Men's 3

games every week and marvelling at the success of an unknown M. Wundenberg.

Matt Wundenberg moved up the ranks and made it to captain of the Geraldton Buccaneers. Ruth says retirement is on the cards one day but not any time soon. "I absolutely love the social side of it," she said. "I love coming out here and seeing everyone."



Johnny Lazarou

Johnny has been part of GABA for over 20 years, in a number of roles. He has played, coached and umpired. Johnny spends usually about three nights of the week at the stadium umpiring games. He says he has many memories of his time with GABA but can't pinpoint one. Johnny says he loves the social side of the sport.

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Entry fees - Juniors 2012/13

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FAMILY PASS (2 ADULTS, 2 CHILDREN) \$10

SATURDAY / SUNDAY

PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS \$2
FAMILY PASS (2 ADULTS, 2 CHILDREN) \$7

SEASON PASSES

JUNIOR SEASON PASS \$40
FAMILY SEASON PASS \$130

Entry fees - Seniors 2012/13

SENIORS \$5
SPECTATORS \$3
JUNIORS PLAYING SENIORS \$3
SEASON PASSES
SENIORS \$85
JUNIOR / SENIOR \$60

Pumas

President: Dayle Joseph

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Andrew Horstman (0429 645 485)

Treasurer: Anita Stone

Junior Delegate:
Andrea Ducas (0409 645 480)

Olympians

President: George Nobilo

Vice President: Hayley Cooper

Secretary: Barb Dransfield

Treasurer: Beth Major

Junior Delegate: Sandra King

Hawks

Mens Div 1 team have had mixed results, it would probably make it easier for Coach Ernie Williamson if the same team could suit up on a regular basis but due to work commitments it's not possible. Nygal's Mens 2 have been in the race on a number of occasions and have only managed to come up trumps with a couple of wins. Hang in there guys, listen to the coach and I am sure those close ones will turn to wins. Mens 3 are having their fair share of wins, this is the third season these guys have been together and I think they have moulded a solid team.

Womens 1 had their first victory last week. They have been closing the gap in recent weeks and Coach Pepper is confident there will be many more wins ahead. Division 2 girls are once again a force to be reckoned with, a mixture of old and new, and a few netballers has formed into a well balanced team. Division 4 girls have had mixed results and a few injuries last week will not help their cause. The Vets ladies have also had a couple of wins and some of the girls are using this season as a warm up to the Masters Games in Italy in 2013.

A special thanks to Katina Kennedy who is the administrator of the Hawks Basketball Club Facebook page. Katina updates fixtures on a weekly basis and is also very busy around the courts and has now captured all grades in action.

Congratulations to Charlotte Marquis and Abbey Maynard (GU12), Sam Carroll and Eli Grant (BU12) and Jed Edwards (BU15) for being selected to represent Geraldton at BWA. A special mention for Kal Edwards and Harry Grant who are reserves.

A special thanks to Vicki Coonan who has taken over the job as Junior Treasurer. Clubs cannot function without volunteers so you are a welcome addition along with Michelle Edwards who also works tirelessly.

Should I not get the chance to catch up with you all individually. I will take this opportunity to wish you all a very holy, happy and safe Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Cheers from The President.

Maz

Railways

President: Joel Newey

Treasurer: Rick Arthur

Secretary: Tania Newey

Junior Delegate: Christine Zaicou-Kunesch

Committee: Kelly Dudley, Helmer Wilhard, Brett Giles

We are looking forward to the first batch of new uniforms which the club will be rolling out. You can see them on the court soon. We appreciate the effort of our coaches and managers with teams and the dedication of umpires this season. Great effort from players.

Christine Zaicou-Kunesch

Trades

Here we are nearly half way through the season and ready to break for school holidays. Our juniors are looking great around the stadium in our new training tops! It gives us a strong presence and an excellent sense of team spirit.

Congratulations to all the players that have been selected for BWA State Championships and good luck when you play in Perth.

We have a handful of players that have been selected in the Nationals squad too, so good luck to them and a big thank you to their parents for making the commitment to their child's sporting future by making the trek to Perth to give them such an awesome opportunity to develop as players.

The stadium is looking fantastic with all the improvements taking place. Please look after our facility and treat it with respect.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday and see you all back next year.

Jacque Winton

Chapman Valley

President: Teehani Reynolds

Vice President: Kirsten Zammit

Treasurer: Jenny Hayley

Secretary: Tania Farrell

Junior Delegates: Kelly Burton and Narelle Monaghan

Committee Members: Teresa Tomlinson, Emma Middleton, Mat Wundenburg, Aaron Ralph.

Stateside

Stateside basketball club has now been officially incorporated which is a huge bonus and a large relief to all the committee of the seniors and juniors. The club would like to thank Ryan and the council for his help and support in getting the paperwork through.

We would also like to congratulate the GABA committee led by Peter and Darren on the work that has been done around the stadium, there has been lots of great comments coming from players and parents.

We are seeing an improvement in all our young umpires also due to the support of all the clubs doing some mentoring where and when it is need. Thanks to Adrian from the Department of Sport and Rec who gave the refs a heap of good whistles which gives all the refs more confidence.

Mark, the new RDO has been seen around the courts regularly and is really easy to approach and the kids and coaches have said he is good to talk to.

Stateside hopes that all the coaches, teams and refs going to Perth for BWA have lots of fun, success and good experiences.

**Wayne West,
Junior Co-ordinator**