



Geraldton Basketball Association

newsletter

NOVEMBER 2012

Welcome!

Basketball is back in full force after the season kicked off in October. We will try to keep everyone up-to-date with a regular newsletter. If anyone has any additions or queries please don't hesitate to let Denise know. Happy reading!

Results:

Results and ladders will be updated nightly through the Sportingpulse website. Links are available on the GABA website.



Raffles:

There will be a number of raffles in the GABA Canteen to raise money for the players representing Geraldton at BWA competitions. There is a giant Coke can CD player to be won and a bike.



Rule changes:

Division 1 players can now play Division 1 as well as Vets. For a full brief of Constitution and by-laws head to the GABA website.



A word from GABA Board President: Peter Brown



Over the last month, the board and staff have been busy reviewing a number of things and implementing a number of new ideas around the stadium.

Our aim is to improve the overall facilities, improve the standard of competition and develop our players, umpires, coaches so we all get to enjoy more, the game of basketball. We have many ideas, some of which are short term fixes and some are long term fixes, but we are all determined to see them happen and our members reap the benefits of these changes. As many of these things happen behind the scenes, I believe it is worthwhile mentioning some of the work that has occurred already.

Review of GABA policies including privacy, codes of conduct, customer service charter, Disability Action Plan, disciplinary tribunals by-laws, Health, member protection appointment of Buccaneers Coach appointment of Regional Development Officer. Maintenance includes repair of scoreboards on courts 2 & 3, painting around all the courts, cleaning of walls, removal of old signage, improvements in toilet hygiene, lighting and cleanliness, landscaping of Eastern End outside Stadium, new roller door, replacement of damaged exit doors, repairs to skylights, new communication ideas for our members, new water coolers installed as well as new seats and score benches for Courts 2 & 3. Other changes include some minor rules changes for juniors, new GABA staff uniforms, renovating of the administration and games controller office and a new lost property box.

The board is determined to improve Geraldton basketball. We welcome your feedback and ideas and look forward to the opportunities that lay ahead for all of us.

Thanks

Peter Brown



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Mark Herron appointed as RDO

Mark Heron joins GABA with a bank of experience.



“In country towns it can be a battle between sports but I want to get kids interested in the sport and convince them to continue with their basketball.”

Mark Heron has joined the Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association as the new Regional Development Officer and is hoping to bring his love of basketball into his new role.

The former SBL Goldfields Giants player has a long spanning history with basketball but has left his previous role as a teacher to get back into the sport after a three-year break.

“I have played basketball since I was six years old so it has been a huge part of my life for so long,” he said.

“After playing SBL for 11 years it was good to have a break but I am keen to get back into it.”

Mark will join the Sun City Plumbing Geraldton Buccaneers as assistant coach but he said if all goes to plan he will lace up his shoes for another SBL season.

“I have been three years out of the game so I’m not sure how the body and the skills will hold up,” Mark joked.

“If all works out well I will be getting back into it and getting into the local competition in the coming weeks as well.”

Mark said he is looking forward to working with local kids in the GABA programs.

“I am really keen to get involved with the 15, 16 and 17 year olds,” he said.

“In country towns it can be a battle between sports but I want to get kids interested in the sport and convince them to continue with their basketball.”

“I think if kids know that they can have a pathway like the Buccaneers and see that they can make a lifestyle choice out of basketball then that’s a really good thing.”

Mark has taken over from former RDO Scott Rubery and said Scott had laid the foundations for what is and will continue to be a very strong base of programs for youth within GABA.

“I would just love to continue with what Scott has done,” he said.

“I want to do a lot of work with the academy and work on doing individual sessions as well.”

Basketball news

THANK YOU! A big thank-you goes out to all the outgoing board members.

We have welcomed a new board but our previous board have done an outstanding job in holding GABA in good stead and we want to thank them.

A big thank-you to Dave Rowe for 14 years on the board and 12 Years as President. Ruth Rogers – over 20 years’ service, Grant Middleton 7 years and Joel Newey – 4 years of service.

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Evans takes the wheel for the fifth year

After an in-depth selection process, Ray Evans has been appointed Head Coach of the Sun City Plumbing Geraldton Buccaneers for his fifth consecutive year.

The GABA Board underwent a rigorous selection process which attracted a comprehensive pool of potential contenders for the position, both locally and nationally.

Board member Darren Lee expressed the fact that the recruitment process had presented a number of strong potential candidates.

"From a board point of view we were really excited by the quality and number of applications and interest," he said

"The process saw us interview a number of strong candidates but we came to the conclusion that Ray is the best fit to take the Buccs forward in their 2013 campaign."

Ray has been a driving force behind the Buccs as they missed out on finals this year by a mere percentage.

"In selecting Ray we felt his capacity had yielded strong on-court results in his first two years in the position," Darren said.

"The side narrowly missed finals due to factors out of Ray's control such as the availability and fitness of his players."

Ray said the appointment would see him get a good kick-start with the team heading into the 2013 season.

"I have played for the Buccs so I know how much of an important and big role this is and I feel very honoured to have been appointed coach again," he said.

"I am very excited and I definitely want to build on the second half on last year to make a real run for finals."

Ray said a premiership win was on the horizon.

"We want to be competitive but ultimately win the premiership," he said.

"I want to start the season as best as we can with fresh bodies and then we can focus on getting a good consistent start and getting to finals." Selections and pre-season will begin in the coming months.



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A word from Team Manager

Hi valued sponsors,

I thought I would give you a bit of an update on what the coaching staff and Buccs boys have been up to during the off season.

As some of you might not know Ray Evans has been appointed coach for 2013. We had a few people that applied for the position and Ray was by far the best applicant so congratulations Ray on your appointment. Ray has approached the new GABA Development Officer to be his assistant, he starts work at the GABA tomorrow and I'm sure there will be further developments in that area soon. The Development Officer is Mark Herron who previously played with the Giants. I am sure he will be valued asset for the club. Fingers crossed, he may even suit up and play a few games.

Ray and the boys have been very busy approaching several players from overseas and looking within Australia as well. Which is looking very promising all round, I am sure once Ray has managed to secure the players he wants he will alert everyone via the media.

The boys themselves have been working very hard at the gym and playing local comp to keep up their fitness. They have been out and about in the community attending various events to promote the club. The Sunshine Festival week was a great success, the bus and the boys were featured in the festival parade and following weekend they went and spent time with the kids at the half court on the foreshore.

As we know, Chaulkie, the coach from Mandurah walked from Mandurah to Geraldton to raise funds for cancer, the Buccs boys (and the bus) were at the finish line to applaud his efforts. And what a huge effort it was, well done Chaulkie.

The most recent event was McHappy Day at McDonalds, the boys visited both stores but spent most of the time at the Home Maker Centre.

The boys will be out and about over the coming months at various community events to make sure they keep up appearances and our commitment to the community to show they appreciate their support.

Andrew and I will be visiting or emailing you all in the near future to see if you still want to be part of the Buccs family in 2013. Look forward to signing you all up again. If anybody has any suggestions or thoughts on how we can improve and get better please dont hesitate to let me know. Your feedback is very important.

If you want to continue with your corporate box in 2013 feel free to ring me on 0419 954 447 or email to the_berts@westnet.com.au. I will be more than happy to secure your valued position at the best show in town.

Cheers and Beers

Bert, Team Manager 2013 (I think - if they will still have me)



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What's happening around the stadium?

- Old signage and equipment removed from walls
- Maintenance done on stadium doors
- Huge amount of dust been removed from walls and roof
- Repairs being done to walls to close gaps
- Repairs done to wall on court 1
- Toilets been repaired, cleaned, hygiene improved and lighting switching changed
- New seats provided between courts 2 & 3
- New score benches for Courts 2 & 3
- The scoreboards on courts 2 & 3 have been repaired
- Lighting issues fixed
- Eastern outside area resurfaced
- New roller door installed (should be this week)

In the next month we can expect:

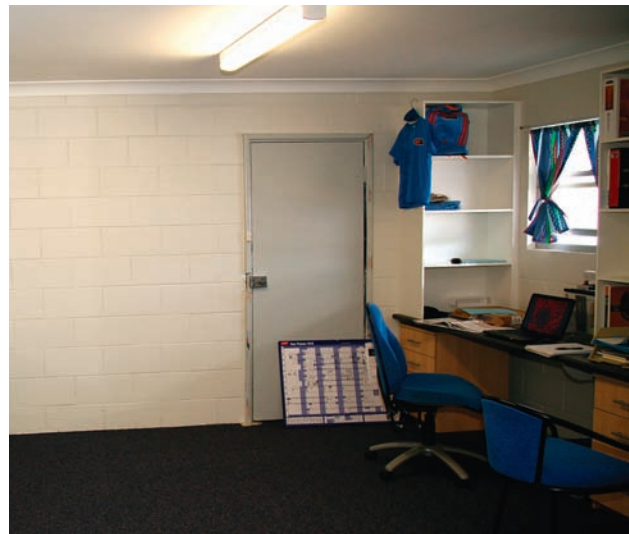
- Shutters being fixed
- New Signage installed
- Many areas painted



Welcome: The brand new entrance



Take a break: New seating and score benches are now in between courts 2 & 3



Face lift: The new administration office has had renovations

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



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What makes GABA revolve?

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.



Delma Shuttleworth

Delma has been with GABA since 1987 in a number of roles. She started out scoring for Pumas before going into role as Administrator, scorer for the Buccs and her most recent role on the door at Activewest

Stadium greeting players and spectators. Delma says she has many fond memories throughout here time with GABA. She recalls the moment Bronwyn Hunt (now Clarkson) kicked Kevin Jones out of the stadium. He went onto open the shutters on Court One and continue his coaching through the opened window. She also recalled the time Ian Heberle sold too many tickets for the Wildcats came in 1990 which resulted in people literally hanging from the rafters in the stadium. Delma said she loves what she does and said she doesn't know how to give it up. "I've managed to give up smoking but I don't know how to give up GABA," she said.



Barb Willock

Barb has been successfully running the GABA canteen for five years however has been part of GABA for over 30 years. Barb has been an avid member of Stateside Basketball Club and in her time with GABA she has

coached, played and umpired. Barb works two nights a week in the canteen as well as working in the canteen all weekend. She said she absolutely loves what she does. "I love socialising with all the kids and getting to know the juniors," she said. "I just love it!"

5 minutes **With** DENISE WRENSTED



Title with GABA:
GABA Administrator

Time with GABA:
9 years

If you could invite three people to dinner, who would it be and why?:

Michael de Nostradamus - to ask what his book really means. Leonardo da Vinci - an interesting man ahead of his time and Micky - my Dad who I miss.

Work Highlights of the week:
Watching the U9's play basketball.

One thing you hate:
Texts

If I was a millionaire for a day I would:
Hire a plane and take all my friends and family to Antarctica for the day to lunch with the penguins.

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Entry fees - Juniors 2012/13

FRIDAY

PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS \$3
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

Vice President/Senior Contact:
Andrew Horstman (0429 645 485)

Treasurer: Anita Stone

Junior Delegate:
Andrea Ducas (0409 645 480)

Pumas Basketball club consists of 21 junior teams and 10 senior teams.

We were quite successful in the 2011/2012 junior season with thirteen out of a possible 16 teams involved in the finals campaign, resulting in eight grand final wins, which is a credit to the hard work and dedication of all of our quality coaches and amazing players.

There has been a changing of the guard so to speak with quite a few new coaches to the club this season, and so I just want to thank them in advance and wish them and their respective teams all the very best for the upcoming season.

If there is anyone who can help us out with umpiring specifically or in any other capacity within the club then please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you.

Olympians

President: George Nobilo

Vice President: Hayley Cooper

Secretary: Barb Dransfield

Treasurer: Beth Major

Junior Delegate: Sandra King

We would like to mention welcoming Daniel Thomas as Men's 1 Coach/Player and the return of Luke Wrensted to Men's 1. At present, Men's 2 are being coached and managed by George Nobilo. We would like to welcome to our club the very experienced Kevin Jones as Women's 1 coach and Nigel Swarbrick as Women's 2 coach. We also have the following teams: Seniors, Mens 3, Mens Vets, Womens 3, Womens 4

Juniors - Sandra King would like to welcome all new and old players and thank Coaches and referees for the upcoming season for their time and effort in supporting our 12 junior teams.

Hawks

Hawks Basketball Club welcomes Ernie Williamson as the Div 1 Mens Coach, Ben Pepper as the Div 1 Women's coach and Nygal Winkley as Mens Div 2 Coach for the 2012/2013 season.

Div 1 Men have commenced the season with the addition of Coby Williamson in the middle. It is definitely paying dividends and Adam Taylor has taken up the point and is settling in. Looking forward to Ben Pepper suiting up in the coming weeks.

Div 1 Women have showed big signs of improvement. All teams have good numbers and we have in place our panel umpires and solid umpires for our lower divisions

Hawks have had an increase in junior teams this year. The rebuild put in place a couple of years ago is coming together and we are thrilled to have 3 A Division teams. All teams have a coach and manager and we look forward to greater things at the back end of the season.

Railways

President: Joel Newey

Treasurer: Rick Arthur

Secretary: Tania Newey

Junior Delegate: Christine Zaicou-Kunesch

Committee: Kelly Dudley, Helmer Wilhard, Brett Giles

Chris Kunesch is Railways junior delegate and Kelly Dudley the communication officer. We can be contacted via our face book page 'Railways Basketball Club'. We are on the lookout for level 1 umpires for Friday night so please let us know if available, thanks.

Chris Zaicou

Trades

We have kicked off the season with 21 teams and it looks to be a very exciting one! The atmosphere in the stadium is electric with all the improvements that have been taking place in the lead up. It certainly looks a lot fresher with some new paint, clear panels in the walls and new sensor lights in the toilets. The new board has really embraced their role in keeping our association strong & independent.

Good luck to all teams for the season.
GO TIGERS!!!

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 Tomlison, Emma Middleton, Mat Wundenburg, Aaron Ralph.

Seniors have a total of 10 teams: Mens A – Coach: Matt Wundenburg, Womens A – Coach: Aaron Ducas Assistant: Teresa Tomlison, Mens 2 Coach: Aaron Ralph & Women 2 Coach: Grant Middleton. 2 teams for Mens 3, 3 teams Women 4 and Women Vets.

Juniors total 19 teams (170 players) this season: GIRLS: 2 under 9, A&B under 11, A&B under 13, A&2B's under 15, B under 17. BOYS: 1 under 9, A&B under 11, A&B under 13, A & B under 15, A&B under 17.

Our "Junior Panel" for umpires will be up and running again this season and open to anyone willing to learn. This is co-ordinated by Darryle Mazzuchelli. Parents will be rostered for umpiring duties when required.

Two venues are used for training with half our teams at the GABA stadium and the remainder using the Geraldton Secondary College outside courts.

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Stateside

We would like to welcome everyone back to a new season especially the coaches and Referees.

Hopefully the opening of the season goes well, usually a bit messy but by the 3rd week should be all good.

We would like to welcome back Shelley Anderson and Fred Liddle who have had a few seasons off coaching but are raring to go as are all the kids.

Wayne West,
Junior co-ordinator