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Caulfield Malvern Basketball Club

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Dear Club Members

WOW! This is the one word I will use to describe the 2014 Summer Season and the grand finals that took place on 29 March.

How's this for some impressive statistics:

- 47 teams were entered in the Summer Season
- 11 girls teams and 36 boys teams, 5 Under 8 teams
- 23 teams out of 42 teams (U8's excluded) made it to the semi-finals
- 14 teams went through to the grand final
- 8 teams won their grand final
- 3 teams lost their grand final by 3 points
- Piranhas played a grand final in each Under 16 grade, from Section 1 to Section 5
- Piranhas tops the competition in Under 14.1 and Under 16.1!

WOW! This has been Piranhas most successful season for as long as I have been involved with the Club and I am extremely proud of our players, our coaches and our team managers for their dedication and support of this wonderful sport.

We are now in the process of preparing for the 2014 Winter Season. We have entered 48 teams this season – 13 girls teams and 35 boys teams. We generally see a reduction in playing numbers over the Winter season particularly amongst boys who play football so it is pleasing to see that we have maintained our team numbers. Waverley Basketball Association has placed a moratorium on team numbers so we entered one of our girls teams in the Under 16 Hawthorn Basketball Association Saturday competition. Waverley has advised that it is actively pursuing new venues to cater for the growth in basketball experienced at the domestic level so we hope that by the Summer Season this issue will be addressed. This is the reason that the Under 16 competition has moved to Sunday afternoon.

Have you been to our website lately? Jump on now www.piranhasbasketball.com.au. We are receiving lots of complements from new members telling us how wonderful it is and how easy it is to find information. We also need you to jump onto the site to register for the new season. You will see that our subscription fee has gone up to \$120 per season. The reason for this is to cover part of the cost of our fun day which we will be holding later in the year and which was a resounding success last year. Please pay your membership subscription promptly so that we minimise the number of follow ups from our Club Administrator, Guy Russo. Guy, like everyone involved in management, is a volunteer so I urge all members to do their bit to help by registering and paying on time.

The first game of the Season is on 3 May and fixtures are generally posted to the Waverley website on 30 April. Emails regarding teams and training will be sent out in the next 2 weeks. Happy holidays!

Rita Harris President

Under 10 Section 4
Ardrie Park Piranhas (29) vs
Ashy Sharks (22)
Coach: Rita Harris

After finishing 3rd on the ladder, we came up against Chadstone Frogs in the semi-final. We went into this game as the under dogs. Rita's plan was to defend well with a couple of key match ups. Well the boys came out flying and defended very well, we were 15pts up at half time. We continued on to win the match and make it to an unexpected grand final.

In the Grand Final we played the Ashy Sharks who had been undefeated all season. Again we came out hard and defended very well, it was agal for goal in the first 10 minutes. The Piranha boys were up by 4 points at half time. The second half was a close affair with both teams hungry for the ball. The Frogs managed to get back in front by 4 points with 8 mins to go. In the final 5 minutes the boys were able to get back in front of the Sharks. We went on to maintain the lead and win by 7 points. For most of the boys it's their very first basketball Grand Final win with many excited parents.

Brendan Smith





Under 16.1 Phoenix Park Piranhas Phoenix Park Piranhas (40) v Maccabi Warriors (34) Coach: Stephen Sharp

The Phoenix Park Piranhas 16-1 team defeated Maccabi Warriors 40-34 in an exceptionally high standard grand final...the match was a perfect example of maintaining the right balance between offensive and defensive pressure and demonstrated the sheer depth of talent this team has formed over the past few seasons.

Offensively, Sam Dorevitch maintained his domination over all opposition this season with another sublime shooting display. He had magnificent support from a rampant Anthony Bennett whose aggression to the basket has consistently caused havoc, and also from Hugh Baxter who having been beaten in individual contests against this opposition in our previous match against them completely turned it around showing great maturity to present himself when it really mattered.

Defensively, Ed Sinclair gave a textbook display of shutdown defence (it is a wonderful mockery of the match statistics when the guy who has 0 points and 2 fouls next to his name on the scoresheet is the equal best player on the court) by rendering the opposition's best playmaker ineffective, and Ryan Sharp had a wonderful 8 minutes in the second half by slowing down the scoring rate of the opposition's best shooter.

A special mention goes to Chris Harris who combined his impeccable ball-handling and play-making skills with his now supreme on-court leadership...Chris's ability to read the moment and adjust the tempo by either calling for the defence to assert press/ trap pressure or to speed up or slow down the offence depending on the circumstances allows his coach to receive far more credit than deserved. Honorary mentions to AK who ended up playing a cameo because of foul trouble, and Nick Herschell who showed wonderful patience with a coach who had become so fixated on getting the on-court match-ups right that he forgot about the rotations for a long while...both boys have had a wonderful season and it is uplifting for everyone when players show such a great positive energy and team spirit even at moments when they are not getting major game time.

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A final mention to Jackson Batchelor who was injured and couldn't play in the grand final, but whose vision to create scoring opportunities throughout the season (including the emphatic semi final victory) truly have to be seen to be believed.

Top class basketball from a group of young men desperate to put in for each other...a coach's delight.

Stephen Sharp



Under 16 Section 5 Ormond Piranhas (20) v Ashy Titans (23) Coach: Andrew Sharp

Ormond Piranhas played the Ashy Titans, the latter on top of the ladder all season. Grand final game today. The Piranhas were missing a teammate Harry. They were runners up 20 to 23. They played valiantly in a very close game. Very proud of all of the boys.

Thank you Andrew for coaching them.

Sibel Ildiri



Under 18 Section 1 Central Park Piranhas (loss) v Maccabi Warriors (win) Coach: Steve Walton

Central Park Piranhas played the Maccabi Warriors.

Maccabi scored the first few goals in quick succession and that set the tempo for the whole game. Whilst our boys played valiantly and never gave up, the first margin just kept ahead of us all the way.

Unfortunately it was one of those games where our shots just weren't on song. The game was played in geat team spirit and thanks to Steve for coaching again. We also farewell one of our long standing players, Liam Flanagan, who has decided to concentrate heavily on his school year ahead.

Georgina Walton



U14 Section 3 Ardrie Park Piranhas (38) v Malvern Tigers Red (32)

Coach: Mark To & Zac Kourambas

After finishing top of the ladder with only 1 loss during the season, the Ardrie Park Piranhas went in to the grand final as favourites against the number 3 team. On paper we looked the goods, however, every match of the season had been tightly fought with narrow margins. We had beaten the Malvern Tigers twice during the season but both times by less than 5 points.

This grand final proved to be no different. It was a very tight game, fast moving, with the lead changing many times through out the course of the game. At half time, the opposition was in front but only by a narrow margin. In the second half, our boys managed to dig deep, and ended up winning by only 6 points. A tremendous effort was put in by the whole team, with Ben Dorevitch and Ben Richter exhibiting fantastic ball handling skills, great key work seen from Kya Austin and Justin Baumgarten, never say die defensive work from Nick Bufalo and Felix Portmann, and of course, the ever accurate shots from our 3 point specialist, Callum Baird.

Many thanks for the support and encouragement from the parental group and especially to our coaches, Mark To and Zac Kourambas. A special mention must be made about Mark To, who has retired at the end of this season from coaching after 5 years of blood, tears and sweat. He will be sorely missed and his time and effort have been much appreciated by the boys and their families. Best of luck for the future, Mark.

J & A Baumgarten



Under 10 Section 6 Dairy Park Pirnahas (36) v Malvern Tigers (Gibson) (8) Coach: Simon Byrne

Hats off to the Dairy Park Piranhas boys for a strong summer season capped off by a strong victory in the grand final 36-8.

Starting the season the boys were a little slow out of the blocks playing as a team of individuals. They settled in and started to train hard each week and what was impressive was they transitioned into a true team utilizing each and every member in their pursuit of the grand final.

From a coaches point if view I was proud to be witnessing all of the boys skills really growing week on week.

The final whilst always in our favor from the first jump ball was played hard to the last buzzer. The boys pushed past their fatigue and pushed aside any complacency and played to the end. Well done boys on your first grand final victory I am sure of many.

Simon Byrne



Under 10 Section 7 Tooronga Park Piranhas (9) v Homenetmen (12) Coach: Andrew Kallen

The Tooronga Park Piranhas had an outstanding season with fabulous stats and only 2 losses. Our Grand Final was always going to be a hard fought battle as, only two weeks prior, our team had defeated the opponent Homenetmen by only 2 points in the dying seconds of the home and away season!

Both teams came out fighting, with our boys took an early lead. Tooronga Park hit foul trouble in the later part of half time and our key guard was taken off. Half time scores were even!

One man down and the boys were going goal for goal. Again in foul trouble the opponents scored 1 off the foul. With time running out and the boys down another guard Homenetmen scored 2 points and the season was over. The boys had a fabulous season and were victorious even in defeat!

Krissy Perrott



Under 16 Section 2 Ardrie Park Piranhas (30) v Solway Sharks (21) Coach: Tony Philips

This season we welcomed Jack Higgins and Isaac Morrisby to the team. Stepping up a year group to challenge our lads we were positioned in Div 2.

As expected we did not always have it our way during the season and had to find new ways to win, after a slow start to the season we secured second spot after really gelling as a unit after Christmas.

Heading into the final series I was quietly confident that we could account for ourselves well. After a comfortable victory in the semi I was expecting to be facing the Fawkner Park Piranhas in the grand final who had finished on top. After a shock loss we were facing the Solway crew. As it turned out we had saved our best for last. Ryan Matthews completely blanketed his opponent and was very creative offensively. Ethan Phillips played his best game for the season and had the better of the Solway's dangerous centre, Jack Higgins was fast all game and continually intercepted. David Djukic was attacking the ring well and Josh Murray was running rings around our opposition point guards. The baby of the team Nick Wainwright was putting on a shooting display and after two disciplined and hard running halves of basketball we had won another title, sadly Isaac in his first season missed the game due to APS cricket commitments.

A credit to the boys jumping out of their comfort zone it was a great result. Thanks to Dee Djukic for being a great team manager and to her husband Novac who filled for me in the odd occasion with Nifty Matthews assisting also thank you Nev. Congratulations to all other winners.

Tony Phillips



Under 16 Section 3 Serrell Park Piranhas (41) v AGBU Spirit (19) Coach: Mike Saba

After coming from 17 nil down in the previous weeks semi-final to win by 4 points, Serrell Park Piranhas were confident their team orientated playing style plus the return of tall man Fergus Smith would give them a great chance in the Grand Final.

This proved to be the case with the boys starting just as they had finished the week before, with solid offensive and defensive play, getting out to a healthy lead in the first half. The pressure was not eased from there, with the boys all playing great basketball and crushing the opposition (AGBU) to a 41-19 win.

It was a great end to the season after spending most of the time at the top or second on the ladder. All players were exceptional in the finals, many playing multiple positions providing too many scoring threats for opposition teams. Team members were Will and Charlie Ingham, Angus Styles, Austin Saba, Ollie Hart, Lawrence Phillips and Fergus Smith.

Mike Saba - Coach



Under 14 Section 1

East Malvern Piranhas (36) v Timberwolves Braves (32)

Coach: Mike Saba

After a great season with only 1 loss, the East Malvern Piranhas were hot favourite's to win the Section 1 title. However it was never going to be easy with arch rivals Timberwolves and their 6 ft 4 centre out to cause an upset.

In a classic Grand Final, the lead changed several times with both teams having to find something extra to score. With Piranhas attempting to play the game at their up tempo pace, Timberwolves were unable to match the last five minute "lift" by the Piranhas. With mid court scrapes and steals and a deep ability side, Piranhas were able to find multiple scoring options in the dying minutes to edge ahead and win by 4 points, 36-32.

A fantastic team effort in the Grand Final and all season. Team members were Thomas Boyd, Harry Cooper, David Djukic, Ryan Matthews, Conor Ryan, Austin Saba and Nick Wainwright.

Mike Saba - Coach



U18 Section 1 Semi Final Armadale Piranhas v Maccabi Warriors Coach: Aidan Kayshap

The Armadale Piranhas worked hard and found themselves being bottom age and in section 1.

A group of mates playing on a Sunday evening. The boys did some recruiting after our tall (Arok) could no longer play and knowing rowing season was coming up, we needed a long list and thanks to Alex and JB who committed to both the U16's and U18's.

We had a mixed season with some hard fought wins, some loses and mostly a fantastic season with lots of laughs, 3 point moments by Zac & Will, scoring contests, injuries and more injuries, a bloody Blake moment, Max's top scoring effort, an unlikely point guard in Mitch and amazing shooting from Jim in the finals.

We limped into the semi finals gallantly led by Coach Aidan and beaten by Maccabi. Great season boys.

Jo Hockley





AN INTERVIEW WITH MICHAEL WALTON

CMBC: Do you play basketball?

I have been playing for Piranhas since Under I2. I now play U18, with the same team.

CMBC: What got you started in coaching?

MW: I was 14, when my Mum had just started playing for a Piranhas Senior Women's team for fun and fitness. As Mum was a bit clueless on basketball with little basketball skills, she asked if i could coach the team. This experience (?) bought me much laughter and whilst it only lasted one season, it wasn't long after that when Rita approached me to see if I would be interested in coachina a U12 bovs team.

This team have been fantastic, and I have enjoyed every minute of coaching a very talented team of players who love to play the game. I have now been coaching this team for 6 seasons and hopefully many more to come.

CMBC: Why did you choose Piranhas as a junior basketball club?

MW: Although I had some exposure to basketball through the school Hooptime program, it wasn't until I filled in for a Piranhas team that I realised this was 'my game'.

I filled in for the rest of the season. This team consisted of school mates and I officially joined the following season. As I loved the game, it wasn't long before I tried out for the representative league, and now play for U20 Camberwell Dragons.

CMBC: What is your greatest thrill of being a coach?

MW: Seeing the team try hard, play well and succeed, especially the thrill for us all when we were runners



PLAY OF THE DAY 10 Spot Shooting Drill

Summary

Here is a basketball drill that will allow you to improve your shooting while also improving some of the other subtleties that separate good players from bad players. This basketball drill features high shot repetition, intensive pivot work, effective ball handling, agility and conditioning.

Pick 10 spots on the floor that you feel you will shoot from in your games. There should be 5 spots on one side of the basket and the same 5 on the other side. It is very important that you work on both sides of the basket. Start under the basket with the ball. Toss a "spin out" to the first spot. A "spin out" is a toss of the ball on which you put significant backspin on. The backspin will force the ball to bounce up in the air instead of rolling away.

After tossing a spin out, chase the ball and catch it on the first bounce. Use a right foot pivot to square to the basket. Once squared, shoot the ball.

After shooting the ball, sprint after the rebound. If the shot missed, put it in the basket on the rebound.

After rebounding, spin out to the 2nd spot, pivot and shoot. After rebounding, spin out to the 3rd spot. Continue until you have shot from all 10 spots.

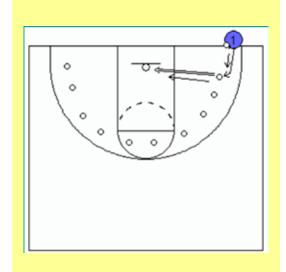
Once you finish the 10th spot, start again, going back the other way, using a left foot pivot.

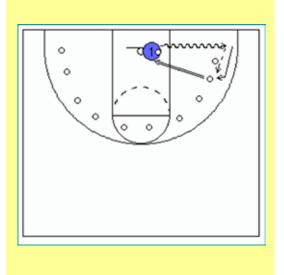
After shooting from the 10th spot, go to the foul line and take 5 foul shots.

After your foul shots, begin again, using a different pivot. Take 5 foul shots in between each rotation.

After using all your pivots, continue the drill using 1 dribble moves. Make the same move from all 10 spots, going both ways, using both pivot feet.

Set a goal of 300 shots, which would be 15 rotations going in both directions. That will also give you 75 shots. Pivots to practice (using both feet as a pivot foot) – Front pivot, inside pivot, drop-step to inside pivot. Dribble moves to practice – Jab and go, crossover, rocker.









PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS



NEW REFEREE PROGRAM

GROUP INTERVIEW

All applicants must attend a group interview from 6 - 8pm on Sunday 29 June 2013. This group interview helps us identify if you have what it takes to pick up a whistle in a confrontational environment and have the skills to make decisive judgements.

COURSE DATES

•Theory Session 1: 6 - 8pm Sunday 13 July 2014 Sunday 20 July 2014 Sunday 27 July Sunday 3 August

On court practice:

All participants are assigned on two shifts per week.

All applicants must be at least fourteen years of age prior to the commencement of the first theory session.

Applications for the next course will open on Sunday 25 May 2014.

http://wavrefs.weebly.com/become-a-referee.html

Around the Club

Melbourne Grammar School runs a 12 day trek to Vietnam for Year 10 boys over the April school holidays

Two of our long standing Piranhas players, George Waring and Will Ingham have been selected to join this year's program.

Prior to the trip each child needs to raise in excess of \$1000, to directly aid three chosen charities:

The first charity is The Fred Hollows Foundation, a hospital and care centre established by Fred Hollows in central Vietnam to assist in restoring sight to people who have developed cataracts.

The second selected charity is the Agent Orange Orphanage in Central Vietnam. Funds and a variety of stationery, clothes and toys are donated to the orphanage to children suffering from the after effects of use of Agent Orange during the Vietnam War.

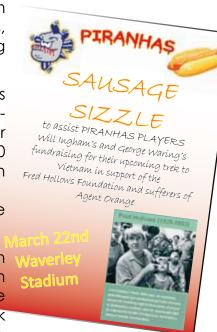
The third charity is a house building project on the Mekong Delta in South Vietnam. Funds raised will be used for purchasing building materials, with two days dedicated to assist in building.

To assist George and Will's goal of raising in excess of \$1000 each, both boys took the initiative to run a sausage sizzle and raffle at Waverley Basketball on Saturday March 22nd.

The sausage sizzle capitalised on a large amount of foot traffic from semi-finals players, officials, and supporters, including many grandparents.

The day was a success as the boys raised approximately \$1400.00 for their causes, of which \$200 was donated to CMBC in recognition of Piranhas assistance in the suasage sizzle.

CMBC would like to wish the boys the very best in their endeavours with the upcoming Vietnam trek and look forward to hearing about their trip on their return.





Important Club Dates



YOUR COMMITTEE

22 April:

W14 Tue girls comp starts

03 May:

W14 Sat comp starts

04 May:

W14 Sun comp starts

28 June - 13 July :

school holiday break

02 September:

W14 Tue girls semi finals

06 September:

W14 Sat semi finals

07 September:

W14 Sun semi finals

09 September:

W14 Tue girls grand finals

13 September:

W14 Sat semi finals

14 September :

W14 Sun grand finals

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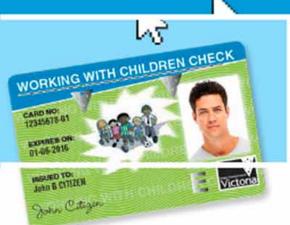
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PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Basketball Victoria's Camp Program is designed to assist players in improving their basketball skills and knowledge in a fun and enjoyable environment.



BASKETBALL VICTORIA CAMP PROGRAM 2014

Age Group Gender		Camp	Date		Times	Venue	Who can attend
U12-V18	M&F	Pie-Season Comp	Tue 14th -Thu 14th	Jan	10.00cm-4.00pm	Dandenong & Wenibee	Al V.B. Payers UI2-U18 Welcome
U16	М	NITP Selection Camp	Mon 7th - Tue 8th	April	10.00am - 4.00pm	State Basketball Centre	VJBL U16 Players - XX - AA & DoC Nominees
U16	F	NITP Selection Camp	Wed 9th - Thu 10th	April	10.00am - 4.00pm	State Basketball Centre	VJBL U16 Players - XX - AA & DoC Nominees
U10-U14	M&F	Specialist Shooting Camp	Ri 11th	April	10.00cm - 3.00pm	Danderong	Al V.B. Payers UI2-U16 Welcome
U1.4	F	Regional Talent ID Camp	Mon 14th - Tue 15th	April	10.00am - 4.00pm	Dandenong, Mill Park & Keilor	VJBL U14 Players - XX - AA & DoC Nominees
U1.4	М	Regional Talent ID Camp	Wed 16th - Thu 17th	April	10.00am - 4.00pm	Dandenong, Mill Park & Keilor	VJBL U14 Players - XX - AA & DoC Nominees
U12-U16	M&F	Specialist Bigs/Pasts Comp	Mon 30th	June	10.00cm - 3.00pm	Mil Park	Al V.B. Payers UI2-U16 Welcome
U17	M & F	NITP Selection Camp	Mon 30th	June	10.00am - 4.00pm	State Basketball Centre	VJBL U17 Players - VC - VJL1 & DoC Nominees
บาร	M&F	NTP Selection Comp	Tue 1st - Wed 2nd	July	10.00cm-4.00pm	Siale Baskelball Centre	V.III. UI 6 Players - VC - V.I.2 & DoC Naminees (barn 2000)
U14	М	NITP Selection Camp	Thu 3rd	July	10.00am - 4.00pm	State Basketball Centre	Players selected from Regional Talent ID Camps
U14	F	NITP Selection Camp	Fri 4th	July	10.00am - 4.00pm	State Basketball Centre	Players selected from Regional Talent ID Camps
U10-U14	M&F	Specialist Strength & Conditioning	Fri.48h	July	10.00cm-4.00pm	Denderang/Cobug	Al V.BL Payers U12-U16 Welcome
U12	F	Regional Talent ID Camp	Mon 7th - Tue 8th	July	10.00am - 4.00pm	Dandenong, Mill Park & Werribee	VJBL U12 Players - VC - VJL1 & DoC Nominees
U12	М	Regional Talent ID Camp	Wed 9th - Thu 10th	July	10.00am - 4.00pm	Dandenong, Mill Park & Werribee	VJBL U12 Players - VC - VJL1 & DoC Nominees
U12-V16	M&F	Specialist Guards Camp	Ri 11th	July	10:00cm-3:00pm	Dandenong	Al V.BL Payers U12-U16 Welcome
U12-U16	M & F	Specialist Shooting Camp	Mon 22nd	Sept	10.00am - 3.00pm	Werribee	All VJBL Players U12 - U16 Welcome
UI5&U16	F	BCC 8,500 liyouts	Mon 22nd	Sept	9.30km - 12.30pm	State Bostelball Centre	2014/15 UT4 NTP offices & DoC Nominees
UI5 & U16	M	BCC 8.3CC liyouts	Mon 22nd	Sept	1.00pm - 4.00pm	State Bosketball Centre	2014/15 U14 NTP offices & DoC Naminees
U13	M & F	SCC Selection Camp	Tue 23rd - Wed 24th	Sept	9:00am - 4:00pm	State Basketball Centre	VJBL U14 Players - VC - VJL2 & DoC Nominees (born 2002)
UI2&U14	M&F	Player Development Comp	Thu 25th - Ri 24th	Sept	10.00cm-4.00pm	Dandening & Mil Pork	All VJBL Players U12 & U14 Welcome
U16 & U18	M & F	Player Development Camp	Mon 29th - Tue 30th	Sept	10.00am - 4.00pm	Dandenong	All VJBL Players U16 & U18 Welcome
U12	F	Central Tatent ID Comp	Tue 30th - Thu 2nd	Oct	9.30km - 12.30pm	State Basicelball Centre	Players selected from Regional Talent ID Compa
U12	M	Central Talent ID Comp	Tue 30th - Thu 2nd	Oct	1.00pm - 4.00pm	State Basketball Centre	Players selected from Regional Talent ID Comps
U12-U16	M & F	Specialist Guards Camp	Fri 3rd	Oct	10:00am - 3:00pm	Dandenong	All VJBL Players U12 - U16 Welcome

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