

Hi from the Front Desk

The **Basketball New Zealand Annual General Meeting** will be held in Wellington on Saturday, June 9, 2012.

Immediately following the AGM will be the Annual Awards Presentation. For more information please check next page.

Congratulations to the **New Zealand Breakers** who have claimed the regular season for the second straight time.

The Breakers have made the Australian National League Finals, defeating the Townsville Crocodiles 2-1 in a hard fought three game series.

The Breakers will face nemesis the Perth Wildcats who won their three game series against the Gold Coast Blaze.

Congratulations to Breakers Head Coach **Andrej Lemanis** who nabbed Coach of the Year, after leading the side to twenty one wins and only seven losses during the regular season.

We wish the Breakers the best of luck for the their upcoming final series.

The **Bartercard National Basketball League** is underway and it is going to be one of the most competitive season's in the history of the league.

All nine teams have at least got two wins after only Five Rounds of the competition.

The team at BBNZ would like to wish **Warwick Wood** the best as he leaves the team at Basketball New Zealand to pursue other opportunities.

"I have enjoyed my time here and have gained significant experience and knowledge in many areas of sport coordination. I have also developed many positive relationships which have contributed to my enjoyment over the last couple of years." Warwick was the National Senior Teams Coordinator

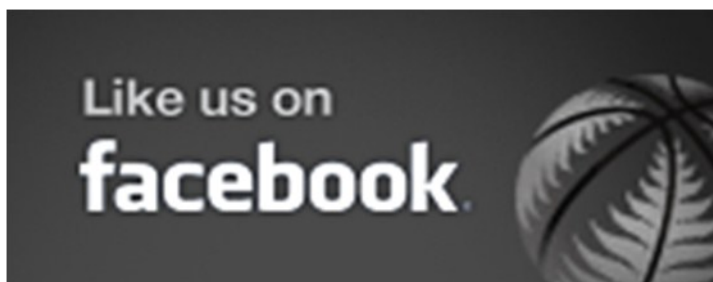
We also welcome to the team our Interim CEO, Murray Strong. You will need in the next few pages an update from Murray including staff movements.

Wishing you all the best,

The team at Basketball New Zealand

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From Murrays Desk

It's been a hectic but exciting few weeks in my role as Interim CEO. The key projects I'm working on at BBNZ are assisting the Board in managing the process for the appointment of someone to the permanent CEO role, working with **Sport New Zealand** to finalise the details of two investments they are making in Basketball totalling almost \$1.5m, preparing for the AGM (please see other details in this newsletter) and working with a great team of people to get our international teams overseas, informing and assisting in the All of Basketball Pathway Plan that **Chris Simpson** is working on our behalf and building on our relationships at an international level with FIBA Oceania and FIBA.

The **All of Basketball Pathway Plan** is an enormous piece of work and will be used to inform the strategy that was signed off at last year's AGM. Community basketball, coach, administrator and player pathways, leagues and competitions and key commercial opportunities all form part of Chris project. We are keeping Sport NZ well informed of progress, and although time frames are tight, we will have a full briefing on the Pathway Plan at the AGM.

There have been 41 applicants present their credentials for the permanent CEO role. The level of interest and more importantly the calibre of the candidates who are interested in working for the game has been extremely encouraging. Short listing candidates for interviews (to be held 26 April) is well underway and we hope to be able to confirm and announce the successful candidate shortly after that.

Sport New Zealand are showing confidence in basketball as a sport by increasing their investment in our game over the next three years. The opportunity to be a part of this exciting phase for the game is fantastic and the ability for basketball to plan for its future over an extended timeframe and put in place some strong programmes at a community level coupled with an increased focus on coach development will further allow the game to grow and develop.

Obviously, being an Olympic year, there is a lot of work being done in getting our men's and women's teams to the upcoming qualifying tournaments. The coaching staff are doing a great job in preparing the teams and **Peter Kadar** who has replaced Warrick as the Senior Teams Co-Ordinator is incredibly busy also preparing for what we all hope will be an Olympic campaign after the qualifiers.

Maree Taylor and **Shawn Iwikau** are well into the swing of getting tournaments organised for the season and there's plenty of information in the newsletter for associations and rep coaches/managers. Your on-going support of and involvement in these tournaments is highly valued by BBNZ – thank you.

Saileen Raj has been working tirelessly getting funding and grant applications in front of the many organisations that support BBNZ, helping me out with forecasts and minding the money, and working with the Board Audit and risk Committee finalising our annual audit and ensuring we're being prudent and sensible with our finances.

With Warricks departure, Peter has taken over his role and **Melinda Hodgson** is going to begin working on the Junior Teams portfolio as well as being a great help to me and the Board. We'll be advertising for a replacement for Melinda shortly. Please check out the new vacant positions section on the website for that and other roles.

We also welcome **Melony Wealleans** to the team as our **Referees Coordinator**. Melony will start in her new role on 16 April.

In the meantime I wish you all the best as we head into another exciting season and with the Breakers going so well, Olympic qualifiers and growth in team registrations in some parts of the country it look like it could be basketballs best ever year.

Kind regards

Murray Strong
Interim CEO



Basketball New Zealand 2011 Annual General Meeting

Basketball New Zealand is pleased to advise you of its **2011 Annual General Meeting**, being held in **Wellington** on **Saturday, June 9, 2012**.

This will be held in a one day format at the:
Mercure Wellington Willis Street Hotel
355 Willis Street, Te Aro
Wellington 6011

The Mercure Wellington has also made available a special rate for the event:

- Room only \$110 per night
- Single Occupancy + Breakfast \$125
- Double Occupancy + Breakfast \$140

Please contact me via email or on 04 498 5955 if you wish to obtain accommodation before or after the conference.

ANNUAL AWARDS / BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

Annual Awards Presentation

The Annual Awards Presentation will be during lunch immediately following the AGM.

- Sir Lance Cross (exceptional service to basketball over time)
- Zena B Gay (notable contribution to women's basketball)
- 50-Year Service
- Coach of the Year
- Official of the Year
- Volunteer of the Year

Election of Office Bearers

The following board members conclude their board rotation term and will be eligible for re-election:

- Board Member: Robyn Clements
- Board Member: Greg Williamson
- Board Member: Chris Simpson (resigned)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FORMS

This year BBNZ is implementing an innovative digital form system to reduce distribution time and eliminate our reliance on paper, while focusing on getting better response rates than paper forms. Whilst you will see that the forms are all in one place, they can still be filled out separately and at your pace. If you have any troubles around this, please contact me and I will try to assist in any way.

To complete the following forms please [click here](#) :

- Motion to Change Constitution Form
- Delegate Form
- Attendance Form
- Annual Awards Nomination Forms

***ALL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO BASKETBALL NEW ZEALAND BY 5PM FRIDAY MAY 11, 2012.**

Please don't hesitate to contact Melinda Hodgson should you have any questions on Melinda@basketball.org.nz or



BBNZ Tournament Information

DATE	U19 PREMIERSHIPS	CITY	HOST ASSOCIATION	ONLINE ENTRY, ROSTER, PAYMENT DUE (5 WEEKS)
April 27-29	U19 Premierships Zone 1	Whangarei	Te Tai Tokerau Basketball Association	Wednesday, March 21
April 27-29	U19 Premierships Zone 2	Cambridge	Waikato Basketball Council	Wednesday, March 21
April 27-29	U19 Premierships Zone 3	New Plymouth	New Plymouth Basketball Association	Wednesday, March 21
April 27-29	U19 Premierships Zone 4	Christchurch	Canterbury Basketball Association	Wednesday, March 21

DATE	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	CITY	HOST ASSOCIATION	ONLINE ENTRY, ROSTER, PAYMENT DUE (5 WEEKS)
May 16-19	U21 National Championships	Porirua	Porirua Basketball Association	Wednesday, April 11

Team Entries

Enter teams through the Sporting Pulse web link <http://reg.sportingpulse.com/>. If you have any trouble entering your teams, please refer to the BBNZ web link <http://www.basketball.org.nz/competitions/tournaments/resources/> to obtain an Administration Manual for on-line entry.

Compulsory Fields

Reminder that there are extra compulsory fields required in Sporting Pulse:

- Ethnicity
- Legal First Name
- Legal Surname
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Nationality

Tournament Entry Fees

Tournament team entry fees will remain the same for 2012:

- Premiership Tournament \$500+GST per team
- National Championship \$900+GST per team

To obtain a tournament team entry quote, please download from the BBNZ web link <http://www.basketball.org.nz/competitions/tournaments/resources/>. The quote will be updated the first of each month and available on the website.

Rules and Regulations

Please use the BBNZ web link <http://www.basketball.org.nz/competitions/tournaments/tournament-rules-procedures/> to obtain the tournament rules and regulations.

Refund Policy

BBNZ will be taking a harder line with Associations who have not provided all the required details and payment by the specified dates; NO PAY, NO PLAY!!! To obtain the tournament refund policy, please download from the BBNZ web link the Privacy and Return Policy <http://www.basketball.org.nz/about/publications/>.

Association Player Transfers

A reminder, any new players transferring from one association to another must apply for an 'Association Player Transfer'. Please use the BBNZ web link <http://www.basketball.org.nz/competitions/tournaments/tournament-rules-procedures/> to obtain the form.

Association Player Exemptions

A reminder, if your Association has U17 or U19 players participating in your U21 team, please complete an 'Association Player Exemption form'. Please use the BBNZ web link <http://www.basketball.org.nz/competitions/tournaments/tournament-rules-procedures/> to obtain the form.

U13 National Championship Relocated

Due to on-going delays to the construction of Stadium Southland, Southland Basketball Association has advised that the stadium will not be ready for the U13 National Championship Tournament in October. This tournament has been relocated and will be hosted by Tauranga City Basketball Association October 8-12. [Click here for the updated Tournament Calendar](#).



BBNZ Information

Referee Registration

BBNZ will continue to welcome and encourage officials to work with us in the development of basketball through their performance at BBNZ tournaments and events.

You may nominate yourself for as many tournaments as you like with travel and accommodation the responsibility of the official/team/association concerned.

You must be officiating at premierships, and/or other BBNZ events during the current year to be considered for an invitation to officiate at the National Championships.

Officials for the National Championships will be appointed by BBNZ and invited to attend - travel and accommodation is provided by BBNZ.

To register, please use this link to access the BBNZ Referee Online Registration and Payment System <<https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v5/regofrm.cgi?alD=7747&formID=18812>>.

For any queries, please contact BBNZ Referees on 04 4985950 or referees@basketball.org.nz.

Molten



Molten is the official sponsor and supplier of basketballs and equipment for Basketball New Zealand.

Exclusive to affiliated Associations and their Schools and Clubs only, download the order form from the BBNZ web link <http://www.basketball.org.nz/local-associations/resources/>.

Merchandise

Check out the BBNZ merchandise available for purchase online <http://www.basketball.org.nz/fans/merchandise/>:

- Coaching Clip Boards
- Replica Singlets
- Tall Black T-Shirts
- Referee Gear
- FIBA Referee and Rule Handbooks

Bartercard National Basketball League



The Bartercard NBL is underway and the HBS Bank Hawks currently are top of the table with five wins and no losses.

The Telecom Business Hub Jets are not far behind the Hawks with three win and one loss.

This season is going to be a competitive one with all nine team notching a win and five teams with identical records of two wins and three losses.

You can find out all news, stats and information by following the link below.

<http://www.basketball.org.nz/competitions/nbl/>

To keep track of the **League Leaders** then follow the link below.

http://www.sportingpulse.com/comp_info.cgi?c=11-8336-0-202747-0&a=STATS

2012 NBL Players of the Week

Round One

Akeem Wright (OceanaGold Nuggets)

40 points (14/21 FG) eight rebounds in the 107-91 win over the LZ Harbour Heat.

Round Two

Jason Crowe (Wellington Saints)

22 points (5/12 3pt), 11 assists, nine rebounds and six steals in the 110-94 win over the OceanaGold Nuggets.

Round Three

Nick Horvath (Telecom Business Hub Jets)

26 points (10/17 FG), 17 rebounds in the 76-75 win over the Wellington Saints.

Round Four

Lindsay Tait (James Blond Auckland Pirates)

27 points (7/10 FG, 12/14 FT), 11 assists and nine rebounds in the 105-97 win over the Wellington Saints.



2012 Aims Games Tournament



Basketball Bay of Plenty are holding the **Aims Games Basketball Tournament** on Sunday the 9th to Friday the 14th of September.

This is a great opportunity for girls and boys through the ages of 10 to under 13.

The tournament is looking to be better than ever with the inclusion of two Australia teams into the tournament. One boys and one girl's team will travel from Knox School in Melbourne to compete for the title.

Also there will be a free coaching clinic provided by the **NZ Breakers** with free Breakers basketballs for all coaches who attend. Don't miss out get your team entered now!!

For more information on the tournament you can click the following the links

[AIMS Flyer](#)

[NZ Registration Form](#)

[Basketball Information](#)

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News Around the Country and Abroad



New Zealand's **Rob Loe** (Pictured left) and his Saint Louis Billikens have been knocked out of the NCAA tournament in the third round by number one seeds Michigan State.

Loe had five points (2/6 FG, 1/5 3pt), four rebounds and an assist as the No 9 Billikens pushed the top seeds until the end, eventually going down 65-61.

Loe, starting in the power forward spot, scored all five of his points in the first half as the Billikens trailed 26-21 at the half.

The Billikens won their first NCAA tournament game since 1998 by beating eighth-seeded Memphis 61-54 in the West region second round.

Former Junior Tall Black **Ritchie Edwards** had 16 points in Valparaiso's NIT first round loss to Miami. Edwards had a good season with Valparaiso averaging nearly ten points per game in his junior season, with the team finishing the season with 22 wins and 12 losses.

Kirk Penney and his Spanish team Fuenlabrada have been knocked out in the quarter finals of the EuroChallenge Cup by Russian club Triumph Lyubertsy losing game three of the series 80-65. Penney had 5 points (2/9 FG, 1/6 3pt) in the loss.

Inaugural World Tour Launches first Full Season of 3x3 basketball



GENEVA, Switzerland (3x3 Basketball) – FIBA has officially announced the first ever FIBA 3x3 World Tour to be held in some of the world's most iconic cities.

The 2012 calendar of 3x3 basketball events also includes senior and U18 World Cups for men and women.

FIBA Secretary General and IOC Member Patrick Baumann shared his enthusiasm: "The first edition of the FIBA 3x3 World Tour and the first-ever FIBA 3x3 World Cup are two key landmarks in the development of the game, which we see as a future Olympic discipline. 2012 is going to be remembered as the year when 3x3 basketball was launched."

The **FIBA 3x3 World Tour** will see men's teams from around the world qualify for five Masters tournaments, each comprising of 16 teams and held in some of the world's most cosmopolitan cities.

FIBA 3x3 World Tour Masters:

Sao Paulo, Brazil: 7-8 July
 Vladivostok, Russia: 21-22 July
 New York, USA: 18-19 August
 Istanbul, Turkey: 1-2 September
 Madrid, Spain: 8-9 September

The 16 best teams from the Masters qualify for the **FIBA 3x3 World Tour Final**, which will be held in Miami, USA, on 22-23 September.

Any team of four players is eligible to participate in the Masters tournaments by earning a place through a worldwide network of qualifying tournaments. For further information about the FIBA 3x3 World Tour, contact 3x3@fiba.com.

The inaugural **FIBA 3x3 World Cup**, for Men and Women respectively, will take place in Athens, Greece, on 23-26 August.

The second **FIBA 3x3 U18 World Cup** will take place in Seville, Spain, on 27-30 September. Boys and girls born after 1 January 1994 will be eligible to compete for their respective National Teams. The inaugural FIBA 3x3 U18 World Cup was played in Rimini, Italy in 2011.

3x3 basketball

Exciting, urban and innovative, 3x3 basketball is inspired by several forms of streetball played worldwide. Endorsed by FIBA, games see two teams of three players face off on a standard halfcourt. It was played successfully for the first time in international competition at the 2010 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) in Singapore.

For more information about 3x3 basketball, please visit fiba.com/3x3, twitter.com/3x3planet and youtube.com/3x3planet or contact 3x3@fiba.com.

