



Ferntree Gully Falcons Basketball Club Inc.

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NEWSLETTER JUNE 2012



Presidents Report

It is always a good feeling to be able to kick off a report with good news – and this month I have a couple of items of good news with which to start.

Firstly, I was pleased and humbled to be called upon at this year's Knox Basketball AGM to accept the award for **Knox Basketball Club of the Year** jointly with Wasps Basketball Club. This award is attributable to the great spirit and talents of our players, devotion of our coaches and support of all the parents and guardians of the club.

Congratulations to all the teams that made the Summer season finals, it is an awesome effort to make the top 4 and was fantastic to see such a high number of these teams battle all the way through to the Grand Final. Well done to everyone. For those who missed out on the finals we wish you better luck this season.

On the topic of this season, unfortunately the transition to Knox Basketball's new Game Management System, Sporting Pulse, was marred by a few glitches that were outside the control of either Falcons or Knox Basketball and this has created a few irregularities. The transition has meant that the regular process of pre-season grading was unable to occur and we understand that this has meant that a few teams (not just from Falcons) were placed in grades that have seen some wide margins occur. Rest assured that the Grade Secretaries at Knox, together with our Boys and Girls Coordinators, are monitoring the results and re-grading will occur to make a fair and competitive season as we are all used to. These issues also meant that we did not have fixtures available until late each week and the Falcons committee appreciates the patience shown by all members of the club. In noting all these issues, it would be errant of me not to thank the volunteer members of the Knox Junior Domestic Committee who, despite the issues that have arisen, have put in some significant hours of their own time and managed to ensure we could get our kids out on the court each week to play the sport they enjoy.

Good luck to all teams for Winter 2012.

Go Falcons!
Keith Baker
President



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SUMMER 2012 FINALISTS

GRAND FINALISTS

U10 A 1 Girls
U10 A 1 Boys
U18 A 1 Girls



RUNNERS UP

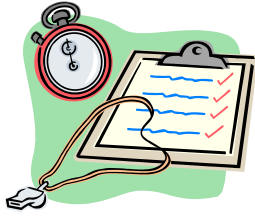
U12 AR 1 Girls
U12 C 3 Girls
U12 D 4 Girls
U14 AR 1 Girls
U14 C 3 Boys
U14CR 4 Boys
U16 AR 1 Boys
U16 B 2 Girls
U16 C 3 Girls
U18 BR 1 Boys
U18 BR 2 Girls
U20 A 1 Boys
U20 AR 2 Boys
U23 AR 1 Girls



FINALISTS

U10 CR 3 Boys
U10 DR 4 Boys
U12 AR 2 Girls
U14 AR 1 Boys
U14 BR 2 Boys
U16 CR 4 Girls
U16 CR 3 Boys
U23 B 1 Boys

Thank you to all the people that volunteered their time to score during the finals period. A special thank you to the non committee members that offered to score.



POSITIONS VACANT

GRADING SECRETARY



As many of you would realise this club, and Knox Basketball, relies heavily on volunteer input to ensure that the 4,600 junior players in the Knox Association are able to take to the court each week. One of the critical roles in the association is that of Grade Secretary.

As a club, the Falcons are required to supply at least two Grade Secretaries to Knox Junior Domestic Competition. This season, after completing the role for many seasons, Geoff Oxlade has decided to retire from the role leaving the club with only one nominated Grade Secretary.

The committee of the Ferntree Gully Basketball Club would like to thank Geoff for undertaking this role on behalf of all the members of the club.

With Geoff stepping down we need to source at least one more volunteer to undertake this vital role.

In brief, as a Grade Secretary you will be allocated either boys or girls and usually one or two age groups. The Grade Secretary is required to:

- Watch as many games as possible during the grading season (you will receive free entry to all stadiums for the season).
 - Keep notes to assist you at the re-grading meeting
 - Endeavour to watch all grading games, but ensure you see every team two or three times at least
 - Ensure you watch every “critical” game, i.e. first v second, bottom v second bottom
 - Be alert to any coaches hiding players or generally attempting to play below their standard
- Attend the re-grading meeting convened by your age coordinator
 - Be prepared to nominate the teams you feel should move up or down
 - You must endeavour to create an even competition in all grade levels where all teams are at least competitive
- Liaise with the age coordinator and fellow grade secretaries if you have any doubts on whether a team should be re-graded
- Attend the re-grading meeting for clubs
 - At this meeting you may be asked by a club representative to explain a re-grading decision.
- Determine the initial grading for teams for next season
 - Clubs submit their teams after round 16
 - Age coordinators will convene a meeting to determine the initial grading for the new season
- Predict the grand final winners
 - This is a semi-serious exercise. Immediately after the preliminary, submit one or two lines predicting the grand final winner for each of your grades. These are printed in the grand final booklet.

If you feel you would like to assist the Club and the Junior Domestic Competition please contact our Club Secretary, Linda Mina on 0402 750 407 or lindamina@optusnet.com.au



UNIFORM SHOP



If you require a new uniform or loaner top, please arrange to visit the Uniform shop during opening hours.

If you have not collected your Winter 2011 Trophies or team photos they are available for collection from the Uniform Shop during shop hours. Attached is a list of trophies currently held at the Uniform Shop.

New Shop hours: Wednesdays 5pm -6pm
Carrington Park Leisure Centre
O'Connor Road, Scoresby

Contacts: Kylie Watkins on **0488 036 949** or falconsuniforms@hotmail.com



SCORING

An integral part of playing a team sport is supporting the players and coaches by taking turns at scoring the games. Team managers will provide teams with a scoring roster. It is expected that if you can not score on your given day that you will arrange to swap with another parent.

It is important that when you are scoring that you remain **NEUTRAL**. This can be very difficult, as cheering comes naturally to most parents! However, it is required that the people scoring should refrain from any loud comments.



Thankyou



The Falcons Committee would like to thank **Fiona Blyth** for her ongoing support as the Minutes Secretary for the Carrington Committee. Fiona volunteers her time to attend the Carrington Committee on behalf of the Ferntree Gully Falcons Basketball Club.



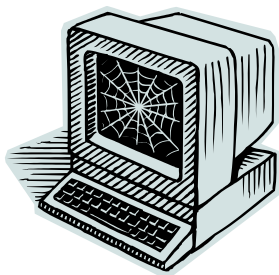
From the Coaches Coordinator

Welcome to all our new and returning Coaches and Assistant Coaches who are on-board for the 2012 Winter Season. While it hasn't been an ideal start to the season, it has been great to see and hear so many of our coaches rolling their sleeves up and getting on with the job while everything settles down.

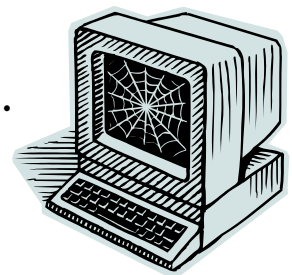
I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that our Coaches are all volunteers at the club and are all human. If you have a concern with something either at training or at the games please take the time to speak politely with the coach about the issue. If you remain concerned or are unable to reach a resolution to your issue, please contact me directly to arrange a time to discuss the issue in more detail.

Coaches – we have now received the Knox Basketball 2012 Coaches Survival Kits on CD with a disc for each coach. These discs have a wide variety of drills, session plans and other important information that will help everyone enhance their training sessions and game plans. Thanks to Simon Mitchell and the folk at Knox Basketball Inc. for all the work they have put into this great resource. We will be organising a Coaches meeting in the near future to distribute and discuss these discs.

Go Falcons.
Keith
Coaches Coordinator



Wanted: Webpage Administrator.
Do you enjoy Webpage Design??



The Committee is looking for an enthusiastic person to update the Falcons Webpage. We are looking for someone to make our Homepage exciting and interesting.

If this is you, please contact either Keith Baker at ftgpres@hotmail.com or Tracey Faull at tracey@compleat.net.au to discuss your experience.



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CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE LOW RUNNING COSTS TO OUR FAMILIES WE ARE LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL SPONSORSHIP FOR THE CLUB.

Sponsorships are offered at varying graded levels and time frames to suit. Advertising is guaranteed in our monthly newsletter. If you know an individual or business / company that may be interested please contact **Keith Baker** ftgpres@hotmail.com -to discuss further.



FERNTREE GULLY BASKETBALL CLUB INC.

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Dear Members

The beginning of this season saw an unparalleled amount of issues surface, primarily due to player requests. The behaviour of some parents was completely unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

The Committee wish to clarify that player requests are just that – a request. When forming teams the Committee and in particular the Boys and Girls Coordinators take each request on its merits but only after establishing balance of skill types and abilities within each team, to ensure that we field competitive teams where player groups are provided the challenges needed to grow in their basketball development. Player requests are not a given instruction and should not be assumed as such. In order to ensure any requests in the future are captured, considered and genuine in nature the Player Request Form shall only be available by request from an Executive Committee Member of the club.

It has always been the intent of the player requests to be used for particular circumstances of which the club should be aware, not as a general request to play with existing friends. Naturally forming teams based on friendships is not readily possible due to differing skill levels or team balance, in fact to do so has the realistic potential of weakening teams and disadvantaging other players within the club. In looking at the past seasons requests, we received so many that forming teams would not have been possible.

Player requests are carefully looked at and considered, as we do each and every season and we always endeavour to place players in teams according to our Player Selection Policy. It must be noted that our Player Selection Policy is an ongoing Work-in-Progress and is regularly refined following learning's identified at the end of each season.

It is unacceptable that Coaches or members of the Committee be pressured, threatened or spoken to in an unacceptable manner. Please note that from today onward acts of this nature will be fully investigated by the Club Executive with real potential for disciplinary action (including expulsion from the club) where a member is found guilty of such. The Club is taking a Zero Tolerance approach to this type of inappropriate behaviour.

If parents have a valid complaint to make once teams are released, the correct course of action is by correspondence to the President AND Secretary either by mail or email. Due to the issues incurred this season the Boys and Girls Co-ordinators will no longer take calls from parents.

Regards

The Committee - Ferntree Gully Falcons Basketball Club

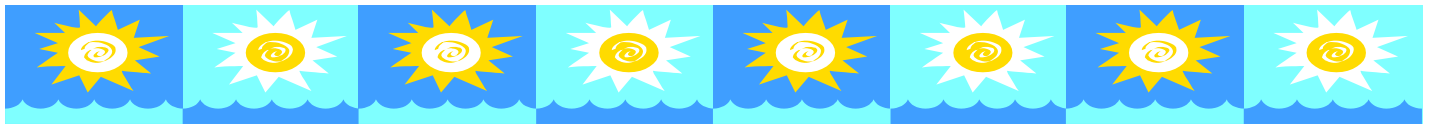
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LEFT OVER TROPHIES FROM WINTER 2011

Eitan Olasiman
Thomas Morrison
Ryan Davis
Connor McCartney
Liam Miller
Blake Bloore
Fraser Doran
Liam Scholer
Meggie LeCudennec
Liam Viliua
Kate Bolger
Gerard Bolger
Max Brasher
Jake Clancy
Juliette Lewis
Charlie Lodge
Jacob Gelvin
Michelle Blundell
Dale Morrison
Zachariah
Konnerth
Bryce Prissmann
William Morrison
Dylan Waterson
Haylie Farrell
Joshua Bundy
Courtney Burley
Rhiannon King
Kaitlyn McCartney
Mikaela Calder
Rachel Heywood
Sharni Hill
Jessye Scott
Melissa Howes
Jemma Sullivan
Talia Michelin



Available for collection from the Uniform Shop – Wednesday 5-6pm



Ferntree Gully Falcons



2012 Presentation Night.

Wednesday, 15th August, 2012

Pie Night

at

Carrington Leisure Centre
O'Connor Road
Scoresby

6pm to -8pm

Participation trophies for all players
U8-U14

