

PIONEER BASKETBALL CLUB

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2014

Rangiora All—Star Competition

Over the past few weeks we trained our young club players to prepare for a great tournament held in North Canterbury. With our 2 A Grade teams, 2 development teams and a girls grade team we arrived to the venue with “guns’ blazing” and all of our teams played with a lot of passion. We came out with some good results over the three days with our two A grade teams coming 2nd and 3rd respectively. The two development teams came 3rd and 4th while our girls came 6th. A big well done to the kids and a huge thank you to all of the parents and caregivers taking them all the way out in Rangiora! Tourney team: Liam Golding, Thomas Webley, Sophia Harrison, Arnil Pasaylo and Jasli Benevice.



Above: Our Pioneer Pacer 'A' Team with our coach Todd Webley. Tourney Team: Liam Golding, Thomas Webley.

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Free Sunday Skills Academy (Sunday May 25th 9-11am)



We are offering FREE Sunday skills sessions once per month for children aged 7-14 focusing on fun and fundamentals finishing with a game. Gold coin donation towards gym hire. The first session is May 25th. Hope to see you there! Pioneer Stadium 9-11am.

Primary Competition



Our primary competition is off to a bang with almost 100 teams involved in our competition. We have introduced a new 5&6 girls grade and with a couple of weeks down through the term our young refs are turning themselves into quality referees. We have been able to court 2 Pioneer teams and they are learning more and more about the game as the weeks go by.

In-Schools Coaching



We have managed to land a great deal with the CCC and Crossover trust to offer some coaching in schools at various primary schools around the Spreydon area. Hoon Hay, Spreydon, West Spreydon, Rowley and Addington are all being coached by Tyla and Mike (Crossover Trust) and they both aim to have an inter-schools tournament at the end of the term for all to enjoy. A big thank you to the Christchurch City Council for the funding to get us out to these schools.

Senior Competition



Our senior teams have now started the season- We have managed to court 1 Women's Prem, 1 U20 Women, 1 MW Women, 1 Prem Men, 1 U23 Men U20 Men, 2 U15 teams and 2 Div 1 Men's teams. All of these teams have been playing some very good basketball all teams having quality coaching in Phil Burns (Women's Head Coach) and Dave Langrell (Men's Head Coach). We welcome all of our new Pacers to the club and will update you all on how our Pacers squads are going.

April Holiday Clinic



Our April Holiday Clinic was very popular managing to get 50 players along- We focused on shooting and passing. A big thanks to our coaches Dave and Jay for giving up their time to coach our young stars. Our next clinic is in the July school holidays.



We now have a hoops academy! This program is run on Tuesdays by James Lissaman (CBA) and Tyla and involves young players ranged from 6-13. We have a new junior coach Alice Clarkson who plays for our Women's U20 and Prem squads. If you would like to be a coach involved with this program please contact Tyla.

Referee Update



As our competition is up and running we have a new influx of young referees keen and rearing to learn (and earn some pocket money on the side). The first few weeks have been successful in teaching them the tricks of the trade and understand the game a lot more. If you/your child would be interested in being involved in our young referees program please contact us from the details below.

Message from the President



As many of you are aware, we have experienced huge growth in our club this season and we welcome our very first Men's Premiership team, along with boys and girls Under 15 teams. We are also excited and honoured to have coaches Dave Langrell and Phil Burns heading our men's and women's programmes.

Most of you will have received a notice earlier in the season which included information on club uniforms, referees, code of conduct and fees. Our senior programme is heavily subsidised by volunteers and by other club programmes, and we will be looking at doing a fundraising activity during the season.

One of our member families has offered us an opportunity to raise funds by online pasta sales and this looks to be an easy and painless way to raise the much needed funds. If all playing members come on board with this we may not have to do any other fundraising events during the season. This is a great product, reasonably priced, and everyone needs to eat! I'll be in touch shortly regarding this event.. In the meantime, just wanted to say how proud I am of all of our club teams, and the effort you are all putting in to training and playing hard.

We want to commit a paragraph to all of our great volunteers that we have had over the past couple of months. To all of our coaches and managers of our senior and junior clubs- Your work doesn't go unnoticed.

A notable thank you to the Golding family for their work in the All-Stars and helping with our primary comp managing the table at our competition. Another thank you goes out to the Booth Family for their work in coaching, managing and Tania Booth who is now involved with the Pioneer board.

Photos of our senior teams below, edited by Paula Wilkinson (President):



Pioneer are looking for a naming rights sponsor, if you know of anyone/company that may be willing to sponsor us please contact us from details below.



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