

DRIBBLING BALLS

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EDITORIAL :

Sam and Tammy never say I can do an editorial so I've decided, while I'm at the helm of this wonderful publication I'm going to do one regardless!!

This is a special edition 'cause we've got an open letter to Dribbling Balls from the much missed Tania Luders. There is also the captivating Booze Cruise report and a huge plug for the Annual Dinner (which is the most important of all social events - so if you haven't been to anything else, make sure you do go to the dinner !!).

If you ever have anything you want published in Dribbling Balls; some goss, a match report or almost anything else, feel free to come see Tammy, Sam or me (Tash). And now for the newsletter, Dribbling Balls, a little truth, not much integrity and a lot of gossip, let the games begin.....

Love, Tash

BOOZE CRUISE

Once in a while, there comes along a truly awesome event, the MUBC Booze Cruise was one such event. The evening started with a group of well-dressed, well-behaved people laughing and chatting on a boat on the River Yarra. Many slabs later, the evening finished with a bunch of drunken basketballers dancing and singing (if that's the right word for it) and generally making complete fools of themselves on a boat on the River Yarra. A great night out (the general consensus being that it should be an annual event, just not so close to exams next time). A pity that the CD player didn't go any louder - luckily for the captain and crew though, people

were prepared to help out by singing at the top of their lungs. It's amazing what people will do when they're drunk and safe in the knowledge that the general public can't see them (just ask Tiges!!)..... Time outs were taken for "bridge skulls" (Brendan's skull nearly being taken out by one particularly low bridge) and the long trek across the dance floor to the bar.

With all this fun and frivolity, you wouldn't think there'd be much time left for snavs now, would you? Well...!! As Simon commented, it would be quicker to list the people who didn't, than the people that did. Needless to say, even though it was Friday the 13th, most people managed to get lucky.....

In order to keep the newsletter down to a manageable size, we've decided just to stick to the "facts" for once (yeah right!!).

FACT 1 : Mush and Finn (the Rookie snav)

FACT 2 : Miranda and Matt Roach (and she doesn't even drive a van !)

FACT 3 : Anna and Patrick

FACT 4 : Simon vomits (for the first time)

FACT 5 : Tash and Patrick

FACT 6 : Stu Verrier is the only person to remain sober

FACT 7 : Back at the Hotel, Jason gets very close to the aforementioned Tash (*hey, it was just a cuddle - ed*)

FACT 8 : Sam and Gecko

FACT 9 : Simon reached a milestone (vomit #8)

FACT 10 : Herman and Tammy slept together (as did Finn and Simon).

Throw in Amanda Barrett and her boyfriend Anthony, not to mention Claire and Stu, and as you can see, a very "friendly" night was had by all. Thanks to Sam and the social sub-committee for organising this sordid yet sensational night !

And did we mention
SIMON CHUCKED !!!!

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

The Annual

Presentation Dinner is the biggest event on the MUBC calendar and is happening on Friday 24th November, this year at the San Remo Ballroom in Carlton. We hope to see every player there (both Challenge and regular season alike) to support our MVPs and award winners, social award winners and congratulate grand final winners etc. (Not to mention have a great night out, good food, great music, plenty to drink, etc. etc.). Tickets are available RIGHT NOW, so start getting your act together, find a committee member and buy your ticket for the MUBC night of nights.

TOURNAMENTS

There was to be another goss filled, exciting tournament report in this space, but the tournament organisers keep cancelling these events after we say we're coming !!!! But the next tournament is Swan Hill over New Year's and its always huge, so we'll finally get to play !!!



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As we've said before in "Dribbling Balls", tournaments are always a blast, you get to play basketball, socialise and drink lots, what else is there in life???

We love to have rookies come along so, if you're interested in experiencing one of these auspicious events talk to the ever-friendly "Tiger" Hansen if you're a girl, and if you're not talk to James Hutton or Howie. Or talk to someone who seems important around the club and they'll point you in the right direction.

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES

Some of the more mature members of the club competed in the recent Australian Master Games held in Melbourne.

Congratulations to Gill, Anna and Nola who played with some of Nola's friends in one of the Championship winning teams.

We haven't been able to get in touch with members of the mens team so we'll follow that up in the next edition of DB

POSITIONS VACANT

At the moment there are a few coaching positions available to people that may be interested. These are the "A" Men of the Sunday night competition, the "A" Men of the Thursday night competition and the Women's firsts - "Division one" who play on a Wednesday night, the women's first coach is also responsible for leading Monday night training sessions for Division 1 & 2 women. For further details, speak to our Coaching Co-ordinator, Tammy Walsh who has taken over since the departure of Michael Scales to parts unknown (well, we know he & Pick are somewhere in Australia). Tammy gets to make

sure that all our teams have coaches, takes care of problems between players and coaches, passes on info about coaching courses and anything else that may come up. If you are interested in coaching one of MUBC's many fine teams, please give Tammy a call. [Ph : 9364 8682 (H) or 9669 1119 (W)]

QUOTE FILE :

There was a distinct quote drought in the last edition but fortunately some of our "regulars" have helped us out, so here we are :

Anna : "I'm taller when I'm bigger" (*No, we don't understand either*)

Matt : "Thanks to Tiger, my pants are messed up"

Jason : "Tash was my little Teddy-bear"

Flashback quote - At the pubcrawl, Tash said "I need someone to snaw". She definitely took care of that at the Booze Cruise (*hahaha - ed*)

Sam : "We're playing with ourselves and I didn't even notice"

Tash : "It was just me and Tiger, all the way"

Sam : "Pick up, pick up, pick up"

Amanda : "You can tell Tash and I are sisters, our behaviour is usually quite similar" (*not that we've noticed - ed*)

SOME RECENT SUNDAY NIGHT MATCH HIGHLIGHTS

C Grade Women

Unfortunately we haven't managed a win yet, but

there have been some highlights including :

Maria's fast break complete with spin move around the defence, finishing with a pass to Rachel cutting to the hoop. 2 points ! (it was very impressive, trust me.)

Shirley's huge rebounding efforts at both ends of the court. She's not very tall for a centre, but her blocking out has been fantastic! Her inside moves in offense have also been getting better every week.

Everyone's blocking out in last week's game (22/10). Even though we didn't win - understandable considering the way we played - the blocking out in the last 10 minutes was HUGE. We got every single defensive rebound, and most of our own boards as well. Good effort girls! I'm sure we'll win a game very soon, and now that we've got some later games coming up, I'm sure we'll have heaps of supporters cheering us on, right guys?.....

AR MEN

The AR men have been playing really well lately so they do rate a mention. These guys train hard and play hard (probably 'cause there's 9 of them so they have to put in to stay on the court!!) . They had a close game on Sunday (at 10pm and we were there to support them, impressive, huh?) but unfortunately went down, here are some highlights :

Simon's tech foul after he went off his head because the ref didn't call a foul when he got thumped going for an important lay-in. That's two techs in as many weeks (not that we're counting!) - Jan you're obviously a bad influence # Jason's intensity, Rohan's athleticism and Tom's power boards

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replaying the last second of the game due to the clock being started too early off the final inbound pass - a 3 pointer in the 1 second left would have drawn the game, exciting stuff for 11pm on a Sunday night

Bad luck guys but we're sure you'll have a great season

B Grade Women

The B grade women is a new combination this summer and after some early teething problems finally cracked the win on Sunday night (22/10). The team was fired up from the beginning, intense during the warm-up and even won the opening centre. The "Herman" was run whenever possible and 4 cheap points were scored from this impressive new play (thanks, Herm). Michelle Chan proved that not even a black'n'blue hand (from Friday's scrimmage with Jason!) could keep her from hitting shots from everywhere (this from a girl who claims she doesn't deserve a spot in B grade!), Sam scored two 3-pointers and Tammy's experience was used effectively to ice the win. Well done girls !!!!

TANIA'S LETTER

While Tammy was over in Canada she managed to convince Tania to write an open letter to Dribbling Balls, so here it is.....

2/10/95

Dear DB,

For those wondering why I haven't been around lately, I'm in Canada, just north of Calgary, working on a farm with a stuck-up Pomm. It is comforting to know, however, that life at MUBC continues without

me, ad nauseum. It is good to see others taking over from Julie and myself in the all important role of creating gossip. There is, of course, no gossip on me over here! What Kiwi? No, I didn't touch him - much!! I know now why cowboys walk bow-legged - those jeans look fine to me!

I have finally found a BB team to play in, & I get to play guard - bonus !! We have only scrimmaged so far. They call it "pick-up" BB - which sounded just fine to me! We play our first game October 16th.

Tammy has just been over here to visit and brought the snow with her - just goes to show how piss-weak the summers are over here. If anyone else wants to visit, or send me anything - confessions, death threats, plain old news - my address is RR#2, Carstairs, Alberta, TOM ONO. All correspondence guaranteed a response !!

Happy playing,

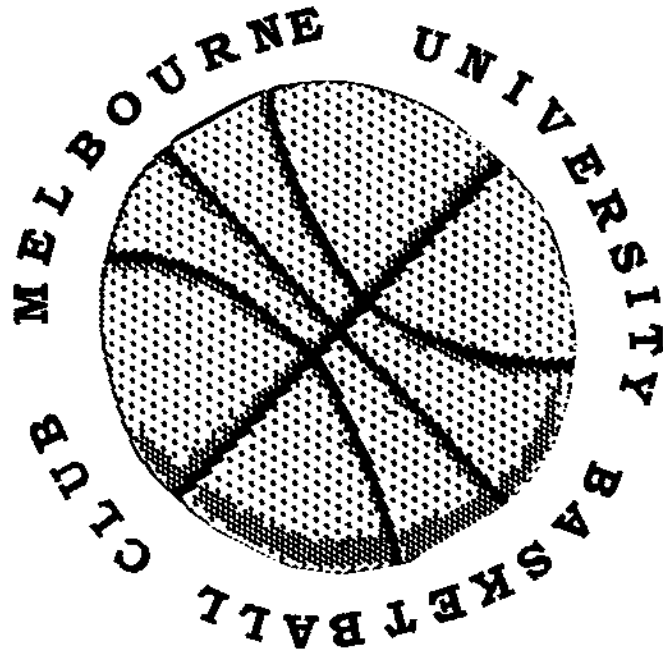
Tania

P.S. (Tammy's little additions) Tania left out a few things in her letter, like that she's now a complete cow-girl. She's got the boots (2 pairs, they're very nice actually); she's got the hat; she drive's a pick-up truck (appropriately enough), and she hangs out in bars, I mean saloons, full of cowboys (well, okay, some of them are pretty cute). The really sad part, though, is that she now loves Country & Western music!!!!!(I'm not making this up!) When I drove around the farm with her it was all she listened to, AND SHE KNEW ALL THE WORDS! (so do I, now...) Apart from that, she's still the same daggy Tanils we all know and love, and she would love to hear from everyone, so start writing. (And remember, most of the gossip she hears through Dribbling Balls, so if you've featured in one of our fine editions, the only way to save your reputation could be by writing to her yourself (I've actually tried this myself, but from Tan's letter I don't think she believes me!! - ed).

DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR ANNUAL DINNER TICKETS FROM A COMMITTEE MEMBER REALLY SOON !!!

STUDENTS : \$37
GRADUATES : \$45
GRAD COUPLE : \$80





PRESENTS

1995 ANNUAL DINNER

Date: Friday 24th November

**Venue: San Remo Ballroom
Nicholson St, Carlton.**

Dress: Black Tie

**Cost: \$37 Students/Unemployed
\$45 Graduates
\$80 Graduate couples**

**Admission includes a 3 course meal, beer,
wine & cider.**

**Tickets available NOW from MUBC committee
members.**