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Melbourne University Basketball Club

"Dribbling Balls"

Welcome back!

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It's been a while since the last newsletter and plenty has been happening around MUBC over the past couple of months.

Firstly, welcome back from the mid-semester break to all our students. Hopefully you have had a nice break and are ready for another big semester.

The Big V season has come to an end for MUBC. Sadly, the women's team missed out on playing finals falling just one win short of the top 4. However, the boys snuck into fourth spot and played an elimination final against Hawthorn, who finished first in their pool. Unfortunately for the boys, despite pushing the Magic for three quarters, they couldn't contain their shooters which ultimately ended their season.

A big thanks to everyone who has come along and supported the Big V teams on Saturday nights at the Sports Centre. It is so great to play in front of some supporters and your effort and noise-making is always greatly appreciated. If you missed out this

year, be sure to head along next season! In other news, the Sunday and Tuesday night domestic seasons continue as we head towards finals in the next couple of months.

There are also a few big events coming up on the MUBC calendar. The annual 3-on-3 comp will be held at the Sports Centre on Saturday 31st August at the Sports Centre. Look out for info to come out shortly about team entries. As usual, there will be some great prizes on offer so get some mates together and put in a team!

Well done to the teams that represented the University of Melbourne at the recent Southern Uni Games in Ballarat. Hopefully we can go a few places better at nationals later this year. If you are interested in playing Uni Games, please go to the facebook page for more info!

Rhia Mikkor
President

Upcoming Events:

31st August 2013 –
3-on-3 Day!

5th October 2013
Training Cancellation for all
domestic teams

26th October 2013
Presentation night

Presentation Night Survey

This year, MUBC is considering something different for Presentation Night, but we wanted your feedback before we made any decisions.

A short survey was placed online for club members to vote on what they have loved and hated in past years.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to complete the survey and give us your thoughts.

The committee and in particular the social coordinators have started planning the event so stay tuned for more info.

The big night has been set for the 26th October so keep it free in your calendars!

If you have any thoughts on presentation night, contact social coordinators Kylie Turnley and Sofia Soltys.





Around the Club – Community News/Gossip



More wedding bells!

A massive congratulations to a few MUBC-ites that have recently become engaged.

Caitlin Delahunty said 'yes' when Chris proposed on a weekend away to celebrate her birthday!

Babies!

Past MUBC-ers Daisy Adams and Lucy Williams have both given birth to their second child in the past couple of months. CONgratualtions to Daisy and Matt on the birth of Flynn and to Lucy and Pete on the safe arrival of Lottie.

Condolences

The MUBC community sends their sincere condolences to the Naughton sisters on the passing of their father. We wish you and your family all the best in this difficult time.

Player Profile – Damien Murphy

Time to get to know Club Treasurer Damo!

Age: 24

Started playing basketball: When I was 5 years old for balwyn bouncers.

Joined MUBC: 2008 during first year uni

Singlet number: 10 from back since balwyn bouncers

Best basketball memory: I've got two that are probably equal, first one was when I was younger and got MVP for the league. Getting 23/24 votes so that was pretty cool. Second one was during a tournament where there was this massive guy from a Kickz101 team called "the beast" who was very dominate and as he was going for a left hand layup and I somehow got a tiny rejection on him then it hit the corner of the backboard and came straight back to me. The crowd went crazy after a second pause when they realized what happened.

Best game: I've had quite a few good games so it's hard to single out one, i think my best scoring game was 43 points when i was younger.



Damo!

Best asset: On the basketball court it would probably be my good hands on defense / reading the offence, love getting some good steals.

Favourite pre-game food: Air

Favourite drink at the bar: Scotch and Coke

Most embarrassing moment: When i was younger i remember holding up the ball for like two minutes because i thought we were up by a point, but we were actually down by a point. Was pretty awkward. All the parents were yelling at me to do something from the sideline but I didn't listen.

Best holiday destination: Would love to see an NBA game in America, definitely will one day.

Favourite MUBC event and why? Generally the 3 on 3 competition. Love the competitive atmosphere and the smack talk from players. Although it is more stressful when you're running it rather the playing it in.

Best song to dance to: Justin Timberlake, Usher or Micheal Jackson, basically any of their hit songs.

Funniest MUBC member and why? I'm gonna go with bazil because he defs know how to liven up a party.

NBA team? LA Lakers

Big V 2013 Round Up



Div 2 Women

Result – 5th, 11 Wins 9 Losses

The girls demonstrated a bit more consistency this year, but still couldn't quite pull the results together when they needed the wins! Despite that, the shooting performance of the team lifted in the second half of the year, which brought some big scoring games. Kylie Turnley scored her MUBC career high game points with 28 against Casey whilst Sophie McAllister notched up 19 points and 18 rebounds in the last game of the season against Chelsea.

The girls also became quite accustomed to Overtime finishes – with 3 out of the last 5 regular season games going into OT. It took all three efforts to get the W tho, which game in the last round. Notably, the other two OT losses were against the premiership favourites!

Although there were some big improvements in the girls game this season, they just couldn't consistently match it with the top 4. Their season was also affected by the loss of centre Cat Coley who broke her nose in a game and ongoing illness to the energetic Sally Blaubaum. Once again, the girls finished the season wandering what could have been, but will look onto better things next year!

A massive thank you to Big V women's coach Kim Round for her 2 years as head coach. Kim is leaving the club but her efforts and support of MUBC are greatly appreciated. Thank you also to Tom Rosetti for his dedication to his role as assistant coach.

Keep an eye out as MUBC advertise for a new coach if you're interested in the job!



Div 1 Men

Result – 4th in Terril Conference, 10 Wins 12 Losses
Lost Elimination Final to Hawthorn Magic

After a tough start to the year, the boys found some form in the back half and charged into the finals. Unfortunately though, they just couldn't quite shut down Hawthorn's big shooters in the elimination final. The boys stuck with the Magic for 3 quarters thanks to a great performance by Nick Masunda but just couldn't quite finish the game off.

Overall, the boys were able to pull together as a team and played some pretty impressive basketball, getting a few massive wins at the Sports Centre. They were lead strongly by Masunda and captain Stefan Pomasan but were well supported by big men Billy Johns-Teni and Jack Railton-Woodcock and sharp shooter Tom Stephens.

With a strong line-up and a season together under their belt, anything could happen with this team in the future if they stay together in the MU strip.





3 Melbourne Uni members have just hit the app store!

In case you didn't know, Raef, Pete and Smoke have all recently released apps they built for Android and iPhone.

Smoke and Pete particularly have been working very hard and would really appreciate if you downloaded their apps and were able to spare a minute to give them a 5 star review =]

Free drinks on the bar are available for any reviews that really hit the mark and we'd love it if you could spread the word to any family or friends who might be interested.

Smoke - Founder, StockLight



MUBC Claim to fame:

Rode Scott Cuffe's coat-tails to multiple Big V and CYMS championships

About the app:

Having heard numerous references to 'The Intelligent Investor' by Benjamin Graham, especially in quotes from Warren Buffett, smoke picked up a copy and was hooked.

Realising quickly that a lot of the financial theory could be automated with modern technology... three years later, StockLight was born!

Get The App:

<http://stocklight.intelligentinvestor.com.au>

Pete – Founder, Educational and Fun Puzzle

MUBC Claim to fame:

Almost beat NBL star Adam Ballinger in a free throw competition whilst wearing a Toga at a Melbourne Uni Big V game

About the app:

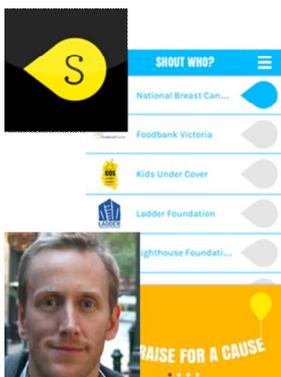
Pete loves to make games. This is a game he has been making in his bedroom and is a great time-killer for both kids and adults!! Fun hint: Pete's girlfriend, Big V rookie Trina Massey voiced the sound effects for a previous version of this game.

Get The App:

[Android Download](#)



Raef - Director, Project Project



MUBC Claim to fame:

Dating Big V superstar Charlotte McNamara

About the app:

Raef's company Project Project build lots of apps. This one is for a really good cause, you may have seen it advertised on television in The Block.

Get The App:

<https://shoutforgood.com>
[iPhone or Android Download](#)

3 on 3 Comp!



So MUBC's annual 3 on 3 day is on again...

Saturday 31st August 2013 from 9.30 at the Sports Centre.

Details are:

- Team entry - \$30
- Guarantee of 3 games
- Entries to be submitted before the 29/8/13 stating your team name, players and grade. (Max 4 players per team)
- Both guys and girls teams

Plus extra bonus competitions including:

- Free throw comp
- 3 point shoot-out
- Dunk comp (entries permitting)

and a BBQ lunch – endorsed by J-Con!



Prizes will be on offer from our sponsors at Taco Bills, The Clyde, And1 and many more for every winner!

To enter:

- Contact Damien Murphy at treasurer@melbourneunibasketball.org.au with your team details
- If you don't have a team but want to play, send Damo an email and he will find you some team mates.
- Team entry is payable on the day



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Coaching opportunities

The Melbourne Sports Institute is currently looking for coaches for various schools in the Melbourne area for the summer season: Term 4 (Oct - Nov) & Term 1 (Feb - Mar)).

The Melbourne Sports Institute is an organisation that provides coaches and umpires for private schools throughout Melbourne for their inter-school sports competitions. The inter school games involve a wide range of age groups, from Junior to Senior First teams.

Their client school's training sessions generally take place

between 12.00pm – 6.00pm, with some schools also having Saturday morning sport. (Basketball in the mornings 7am-8am) We do not necessarily require credited coaches, as even players and members with little coaching experience and good knowledge of the rules will be suitable for most of the positions. Coaching rates start at \$25 per hour and increase depending on experience and qualifications.

Please contact me (Rhia) at president@melbourneunibasketball.org.au if you are interested and I will pass on the details.



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www.melbourneunibasketball.org.au**

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or

*See us on facebook at Melbourne
Uni Basketball Club*

Got something to contribute?

Got something you want to read about in the MUBC newsletter? Want to write a report on how your team is going or on that big tournament?

Also, if you want to be the next player profile, flick me an email with your responses!

Everyone is welcome to contribute!

Get in touch via ree_ze@hotmail.com