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Melbourne University Basketball Club

"Dribbling Balls"

Big few months to come at MUBC!

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The year is rolling around quickly once again, which means that we are coming up an exciting part of the MUBC calendar.

As we head into summer, it means that Presentation Night is just around the corner on 26th October. If you haven't been before, Presentation Night is MUBC's night of nights and a great chance to celebrate the Club and the wonderful people in it and frock up!! This year the Club is recognizing its members and will subsidize tickets for those that arrive early and in time for the presentations. Check out the Pres Night info page for more details.

Spring also means that Tournament season is just around the corner. Notice for Albury tournie on 16th November is already out on facebook so please get in touch with Mel Fidler if you're interested in going.

CYMS finals are also about to kick off as I write this. Get along and support your club mates if they are in finals. Well done to all teams that already made finals on Thursday nights and to those about to head into finals on Tuesdays. Its great to have so many teams representing at the pointy end of the season! Game time details are listed later in the newsletter.

Finally, a massive thank you to Damo and everyone else that organized the 3 on 3 day. Although I was unable to make it, I heard it was an awesome day with a great turnout. It takes a lot of hard work and organization to run the 3 on 3 so a massive thanks going out to Damo for getting this done.

Rhia Mikkor
President

Around the Club – Community News/Gossip

More wedding bells!

Just to continue the trend of getting engaged in 2013, MUBC veteran Raef Akehurst popped the question to the lovely Charlotte McNamara, who of course, said yes. Congratulations to you both on your exciting news!



Upcoming Events:

5th October 2013
Training Cancellation for all domestic teams

26th October 2013
Presentation night

15th -17th November 2013
Albury Tournament



Big V Overtime Mag – Liam Norton Article

Check out the Big V Overtime Mag September issue for a feature article on Liam Norton who has played 300 senior games and been a star for MUBC in past seasons and part of our championship winning teams. Check it out at www.bigv.com.au or via the link on our website.

If you have any news or gossip, please pass it on at ree_zee@hotmail.com - clearly I am not too in tune with all the news!!



Player Profile – Smoke

MUBC veteran and allround good guy, Smoke is this month's player profile.

Started playing basketball:

Year 7. Streetball in Coburg and under 14's in Preston.

Joined MUBC:

The 2003 VBL team. I recall thinking it was pretty good playing with this Scott Cuffe bloke.

Best basketball memory:

Breaking a spring loaded ring at the Portland basketball tournament and then hearing that Justin Turnley's brother 'acquainted' himself with one of the locals later that night when she came over to congratulate him for doing the dunk.

Best assets:

Owning a BBQ spit and a hilux. It definitely results in good BBQ at tournaments.

Favourite activity apart from Basketball:

Having people over for dinner

Favourite down-time:

Reading old books or watching the TV show Survivor. I find the human relationships in that competitive survival format really interesting and entertaining.

Favourite drink at the bar:

Definitely Thai buckets. It's a plastic sand-castle bucket jammed with straws, ice, Thai whisky, Thai Red Bull syrup and coke. Nights always seem to go crazy when buckets are involved.

Best game:

The last street ball game from my time working in California (2006-08). There was a big black guy who was trash-talking me all game, probably because I was playing on a court that was pretty exclusively African American. On the last play with the scores tied to win the game, I nicked the ball off him and flushed it at the other end. I was so surprised when I got up for a dunk that I completely zoned out and rolled my ankle on the landing =]

Most embarrassing moment:

Breaking some rules at unigames that were sort of important..

Best holiday destination:

Anywhere warm where rock climbing is involved. So far, Kalymnos and Phranang/Railay top the list.

Favourite MUBC event and why?

All the country tournaments; Ballarat, Warrnambool and Albury. I love getting to know other MUBC members. I love getting some court time against good players. I love getting loose on the d-floor!

Best song to dance to:

Anything pumping at a beach or jungle party in Asia. Last time with Masunda and Mase, I think the killer anthem was Swedish house mafia's "One (Your Name)".

Funniest MUBC member and why?

Stu Verrier. All the stories are way too R-rated for this newsletter.

Favourite team?

The 2008 Saint Mary's Gaels. I attended the NCAA tournament with them and really enjoyed hanging out with the Aussies – Ben Allen, Lucas Walker, Patty Mills and Carlin Hughes. The college girls used to line up to try and get into their apartment and when the guys went to the cafeteria, all the other students used to stand up and clap for their entrance. Reminds me of the reaction Breakaway players get at MUBC events.

Shameless Plug:

I have been working on building a business for the past 3 years that helps investors learn more about the stock market. Any MUBC members who are willing to help out by downloading the iPhone or Android app and leaving a review in the app-store are guaranteed that I will buy them a drink at the bar!

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



Finals Report = VBHBA AR Women

Thursday night (5th September) brought with it the first of what are hopefully many Grand Final appearances for MUBC. While the Women's A grade team missed out on the GF in a thrilling 1pt loss, the Women's AR team (formally Sugar Station) playing in the VBHBA competition finished minor premiers and sailed through to the GF against the second placed team, the Rubies.

Both teams were wearing green, however our one and only supporter, the incomparable Adriano Leti, chose to don the shade of green worn by the opposition. Despite this small setback in support, the girls got off to a good start, holding much of the possession in the first half. Big Sof started off the scoring with a lovely turnaround jump shot in the paint and great defence from Tannie-G, Amanda and Big Sof on the Rubies big centre pretty much stifled the opposition's best player. Jenna and Jacquie both had some great fast break scores, and a couple of easy misses that were mopped up by Amanda's great rebounding. Point guard Sam put her life on the line, taking a huge charge from the Rubies centre and generally kept the team on track.

Things got a little feisty in the second half, with some questionable calls that were argued against vehemently by both teams. Anj contributed to the scoreboard with a few made free throws and managed to make yet another enemy in an opposition team by calling the biggest girl on the court a 'bully' and throwing some of her patented death glares her way. While the Rubies enjoyed a slight resurgence in the second half, Uni held off for a **35-24** victory. Tannie-G gave a lovely victory speech, including a number of tried and true clichés and for the first time, the premiership medals had a useful purpose, being used as a bribe to obtain a table for the team at the pub for victory drinks.

Team members: Sam Brammall, Amanda Douglass-Parker, Anjali Goundar, Tania Gregory, Jacquie Nguyen, Jenna Smyth and Sofia Soltys.

By Anjali Goundar

Upcoming Finals!

With the MSDBA and CYMS competitions also in finals, check out the game times below for this weeks games and try to get along to support your friends and the Club.

Sunday 22nd September

A Ladies: Melbourne Uni 3 vs Breakaway (ex/old MUBC!) at 8.30pm

Unfortunately MU3 had a mix up and forfeited their Semi to go straight to the GF. This means that they come up against Breakaway who easily beat Maccabi in week one. With MU3 winning all their encounters this season, can the young and upcoming MUBC girls beat the old wily veterans of Breakaway again to take a place in the GF?!

Tuesday 24th September

A Men: Melbourne Uni vs Rockets at 7pm

MU's men went down to a very strong Baroq House team last week in the first final. This week they have a chance to make amends against St Leonard's Rockets for a place in the grand final. Get along and support the boys!

A Women: Melbourne Uni vs Addies Possie at 7pm

In just their first season in A grade after a few years in B and C grade, the MUBC girls have a chance in the finals. Get along and show the girls some support for an amazing season!





3 on 3 Write Up – by Kate Coffey

It has been a long winter without a basketball tournament however the annual 3 on 3 tournament provided a good opportunity for MUBC members to play ball. You could have mistakenly thought you were at a night club when entering the stadium with DJ Shaun setting the scene for a fun filled day.

The ladies competition had a record turn out with two divisions. However Katrina, Claire and Maree's sharp shooting was simply too good for the rest. The men's competition was also hard fought and very competitive with a lot of skill with club veteran Scott Cuffe's team taking the A men's title! The sun shone for the lunchtime BBQ and the many MUBCers tussled for the title of best free throw shooter.

It was a great day for everyone involved. Thank you to all the sponsors who ensured there were many prizes to be won. In particular, thank you to Taco Bills, Sugar Station and the Clyde for your support.

Massive thanks also to Damo and everyone else who helped on the day for making it an awesome day and organizing the event.

Albury Tournament

Tournament season kicks off again in November with the annual Albury Tournament to be held on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th November.

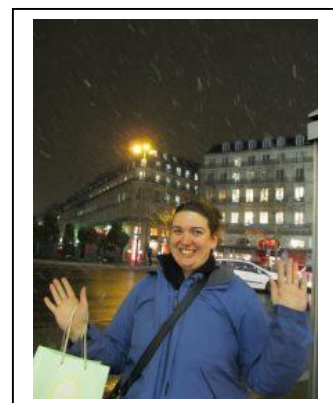
As usual, most people will head up on the Friday night for a night of fun before the basketball starts.

Albury is a great tournament as it's a bit smaller than the others and so is a great chance to get to know some new people.

The event is up on facebook so in order to cement your place in a team, just confirm that you are going on the event page. Accommodation is also pre-arranged for this tournament.

Cost is usually about \$50 for team entry and somewhere around \$100 for accommodation.

If you have any questions, check out the facebook page or contact Tournament Coordinator Mel Fidler at melfidler@hotmail.com (or me at president@melbourneunibasketball.org.au during October)



Save the date, put it in your calendar, book in your hair and make up because its time for the biggest event on the MUBC calendar....

Presentation Night!

What you need to know:

Date: Saturday 26th October 2013

Time: 7pm

Where: POP Restaurant – 68 Hardware Lane, City

Tickets: \$40*

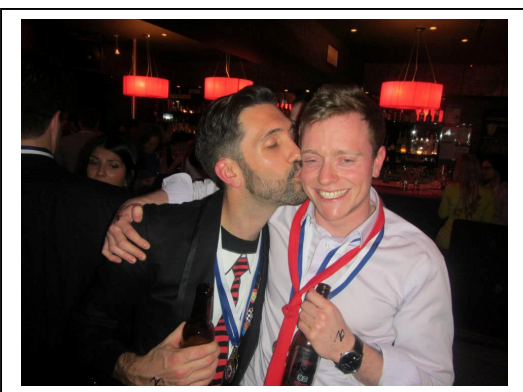
What's included: Entry to MUBC's night of nights, Awards and over 2 hours of unlimited food and drinks (yes, alcohol is included!)

*To reward our loyal club members for a great year, MUBC is offering to subsidize 25% of your ticket if you arrive on time! So show up before 7.30pm and pay only \$30! Bargain!!



Awards to be presented include:

John Bayliss Award
 Best First Year Player
 Coaches Award Women
 Henry Cooper Award (Coaches Award Men)
 Most Improved
 Distinguished Service Awards
 MVP's for all winter teams
 and
 Social Awards



If you have any nominations for the above, especially ideas for social awards which can be best tournament effort, earliest exit from a function (*cough Talia) or the non prestigious formerly known as the Jared Fetherstone award, please email president@melbourneunibasketball.org.au with your ideas.



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Big V Coaching opportunity

Melbourne University Basketball Club is searching for a new head coach for our Big V Division Two Women's Team.

We are looking for someone with some experience in senior coaching or with MUBC.

Please check out the ad on the Big V website www.bigv.com.au for more information.

If you have any questions, please contact James Fidler at jfidler@hotmail.com

Applications close Wednesday 25th September 2013.



For club details go to:

www.melbourneunibasketball.org.au

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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_zee@hotmail.com