

# OFF THE SCOREBOARD

## Traralgon Gets New Home!

On a cold Saturday night in June, I headed east to Traralgon to watch a couple of basketball games and to obtain information about the Traralgon Scoretable Officials.

Traralgon is the home venue for the Latrobe City Energy teams in the Youth League 2 Men's competition and the Division 2 Women's competition. Traralgon, along with Moe host the Latrobe City Pacers games in the Championship Men's competition.

Anne Murphy, Traralgon's Convenor, and Jan Knox, Traralgon's previous Convenor and now a Scoretable Coach, were the only scorers from Traralgon I had previously met, including Jill Lay the winner of the Newsletter Quiz.

Arriving early at the stadium I was able to spend time talking to the Scoretable officials as well as the referees, one of whom I knew from Melbourne East Basketball Association. It is a widespread community in the Big V competition, but very sociable.

I soon discovered that, although the records for the Traralgon Association

show that people have been scoring there since 1994; in fact, the scoring history goes back a lot further than that, as it does for many long term associations. (The VBSA database records commence from 1994.)

Traralgon currently have 8 active scorers although 12 are currently registered and 31 scorers have been registered over a number of years.

The Scoretable on the night comprised of (from left to right) Dylan Freitag, Jan Pickering, Anne Murphy, Anne Wall and Jill Lay. Dylan is a new scorer who has come into the VBSA via the Pacific School Games enrolments.

Between the game Jill was 'visited'

by her granddaughter, complete with flashing light sneakers sparkling with every step as she came down from and returned to the supporter's area behind the visiting team bench.

Construction works are underway for the building of new courts to add to the existing stadium. The construction site's mud puddle didn't give any clues as to what the end result would look like, but the architectural drawings in the foyer showed multi courts with movable seating for the Commonwealth Games in March 2006.

I'm absolutely positive that the Traralgon scorers will be looking forward to working in their new facilities next season.

*Daryl Lynch*



## New FIBA Rules ...

*FIBA has advised the following amendments to the Official Basketball Rules become effective for all main official FIBA competitions as of 1 October 2005.*

1. If the request for a time-out or a substitution is made before the ball is at the disposal of a player for a throw-in following the free throw (s), the time out or the substitution shall be granted for both teams if the last or only free throw is successful.
2. If a free throw(s) is followed by a throw-in at the centre line extended, opposite the scorer's table, the time-out or the substitution shall be granted after the last free throw for both teams whether the last free throw is successful or not.
3. During the last two (2) minutes of the fourth (4th) period or each extra-period, if a time out is granted:
  - to the non-scoring team after the valid field goal,
  - to the team that has been awarded the possession of the ball in its back court, the throw-in, following the time-out, shall be administered at the centre line extended, opposite the scorer's table. The player taking the throw-in shall be entitled to pass the ball to a teammate at any place on the playing court.

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## Diary Dates

### Scoretable Christmas Function

Henry's Restaurant – Saturday, 5 November 2005

### Convenors Meeting

Sunday, 26 February 2006  
Nunawading Stadium

### Scoretable Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 26 February 2006  
Nunawading Stadium

### Scorers are required for the following competition dates

Please call Gail Dunlop

Gail asks that if you leave a message please provide your name, phone number and scoretable level.

### Victorian Championship Finals

(A game fee will be paid)

Sunday, 28 August 2005

(Semi Finals)

Friday, 2 September 2005

(Semi Finals)

Sunday, 4 September 2005

(Grand Finals)

### Metropolitan Finals

(A game fee will be paid)

Friday, 16 September 2005

(Semi Finals)

Saturday, 17 September 2005

(Grand Finals Girls)

Sunday, 18 September 2005

(Grand Finals Boys)

### Australian Under 14 C'ships

3-7 October 2005 in Adelaide/Darwin.

### Pacific School Games

26 Nov - 4 Dec at Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre

### National Schools Basketball Tournament

6-10 December 2005 (Albury)

### Australian Under 20 C'ships

19-25 February 2006 (Perth)

### New Season Start Dates

CBL North East – Jul-Sep 2005

NBL – 2 September 2005

WNBL – 30 September 2005

MMBL – 12 October 2005

CBL Gippsland – Oct-Dec 2005

## From the Registrar ...

As discussed and agreed by Convenors at the last meeting, the Committee wish to add member's birth date to the database for a statistical analysis [long range] of the age demographics of our membership. This will be based on age groupings e.g. 31-35, 36-40 etc so only your year of birth is required. It is expected that this analysis will take several years to complete given the results we wish to achieve.

There will be an area on the 'Fees Invoice' for this information to be

included by the Convenors.

To make their task easier, I simply ask you to advise your Convener of your birth year so they can include this easily without chasing every member for the information.

Reminder: information in the VBSA database is strictly confidential and is not available to anyone outside the Association for any reason due to the privacy considerations we operate under.

Thanking you in anticipation

*Ian Collings, Registrar*

### Scoretable Dinner

This year, by popular vote of convenors, the Scoretable Christmas Dinner will remain at Henry's International Restaurant, Shop 1, 63 Stud Road, Bayswater on Saturday, 5 November. For great food, great wine (or you can bring your own wine and beer), and even better company you cannot afford to miss the Christmas Dinner. Take the advice of those who come after other commitments to join in the festivities, but plan to arrive early to really enjoy the night.

Please book with Gail Dunlop if you would like to attend. A deposit of \$10 per person is required when booking with Gail. This will be deducted from your bill on the night.

### VBSA Committee

Convenor: Avis Scullin

Secretary: Trina Dearthcott

Treasurer: Pam Smith

Registrar: Ian Collings

Events Secretary: Gail Dunlop

Newsletter: Daryl Lynch

Property: Patricia Nagel

Educator: Carol Flint

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### Scoretable Quiz

In our previous newsletter, readers were referred to the Basketball Australia website ([www.basketball.net.au](http://www.basketball.net.au)), specifically to look at the new scoretable page (in the Secondary Menu, Everybody's Hoopin', Scoretable).

Readers were asked to identify the error on the webpage, particularly in light of all the consistent training scoretable personnel receive in Victoria. The correct response to the problem was that the photo showed a number of drink bottles on the Scoretable, which we all know from our training and education processes is not permitted.

The first correct response was received from Jill Lay of Traralgon Association (in a time of less than 3 hours). Her 'prize' is a profile on the Traralgon Scoretable Association which appears on Page 1 of this Newsletter.

### Scorers Required

The Australian Under 14 Championships will be held over 3-7 October 2005. The boys competition will be held in Adelaide, while the girls competition will be held in Darwin. Scorers will be warmly welcomed, especially in Darwin, for this tournament. For further information please email [vbsa50@yahoo.com.au](mailto:vbsa50@yahoo.com.au)

## Convenor's Meeting Notes

A Scoretable Convenor's meeting was held on Saturday, 26 June 2005. Here is a summary of the more important points discussed at the meeting.

**Pay Rates** – A requested increase in the payment scale for scorers has not been approved. It was suggested that Convenors go back to their Associations and discuss the issue with them to get their support.

**2005 Memberships** – Payments for some 2005 memberships are still being received, despite the invoices being sent out in August 2004.

**Events** – Paid Scoretable work is available for Junior Finals via application to Gail Dunlop (see events calendar) providing each scorer is competent to work in a rotation on every position on a three person bench (Chair/Sheet, Time/Visuals, Shot Clock).

**Uniforms** – The existing uniform policy was retained with the support of the majority of Convenors. However, a change will be made to the order form (see *this newsletter for new form*) to ensure correct sizes are delivered, where-ever possible.

**Demographic Survey of Scorers** – Due to a concern about being able to understand our membership base better, the committee wants to obtain years of birth from all scorers willing to provide that information so that we can better plan for increasing and retaining our members in the

future. The information will be collected with the annual membership fees for 2006. Under Privacy Act requirements, the information at an individual level contained in the database is not distributed or provided to anyone else.

**Scoring Schools** – A motion was carried that a course deposit of \$110 (includes GST) be provided when Convenors are booking a course. One month's notice to be given and three dates to be provided. This amount will be refundable if one week's notice of cancellation is given.

The Convenor who books the course is responsible for publicising it amongst all other associations. Similarly all responses for bookings and withdrawals are to go via the Convenor.

**Handbooks** – The new VBSA Scoretable manuals will be issued next year. They will be loose leaf inserted into ring binders so that updates can be inserted easily. A copy of the FIBA Rules will also be included. A charge will be added to the invoice for the purchase of the handbook. Postage will be additional to the charge unless a complete association set of handbooks is collected at the AGM in February.

**New Members** – A discussion regarding the best way of promoting Scoretable membership and on-going commitment to non-members.

*Daryl Lynch*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Victoria will host the 25th Pacific School Games during the period 26 November 2005 to 4 December 2005. Basketball will be played at MSAC (Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre), Albert Park on all those days except Wednesday, 28 November.

Volunteers are required to assist on Scoretable for each of the games. Volunteers will take the position of Chairperson. All other positions will be filled with Secondary Students who have undergone training as Level 1 Scoretable officials during the year.

Although selection preference will be given to teachers, ex-teachers and students who are accredited Scoretable officials, other interested Scoretable officials are welcome to apply.

If you would like to apply, or obtain more information, please contact Carol Flint, as soon as possible.

Applications will close on Monday, 26 September 2005.

## Competition

The Commonwealth Games is rapidly approaching and some of us may just have been fortunate in the ticket lottery to obtain tickets to see the basketball, although all reports are that it was pretty difficult, and most venues and time slots have been sold out (great for basketball!).

Can someone please tell me the venue, day, date and time slot and activity of the first daytime (not evening) schedule for the basketball competition in the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

The third person providing me with a fully correct answer (5 items) will be rewarded with a newsletter article on their home association.

Email your response to [vbsa50@yahoo.com.au](mailto:vbsa50@yahoo.com.au) with the subject "Newsletter Competition".

*Cheers, Daryl*



Southern Peninsula Scoretable – Some of the scoretable officials present at the game on 14 May 2005. From left to right are Jim Bouchier, David Morris, Julie Wickenden, Gretta Jamieson & Petrina Swagemakers.

## Basketball Australia's Blood Rule

*Continued from previous issue.*  
All Scoretable Officials should be aware of these guidelines; item 4 is of particular importance.

When a uniform is changed draw one line through the old number, place the new number beside it, with an asterisk beside the numbers with an explanation at the bottom of the scoresheet.

Where Scoretable officials observe substantial bleeding or blood on a playing uniform, and the referees have not become aware of the problem, the chairperson is to wait until the next dead ball period before advising the referees.

Persons tending to bleeding players and blood on surfaces should;

- ✦ Take precautions so as not to come into contact with body fluids, particularly blood, or with soiled objects, even if the risk is low.
- ✦ Take care to avoid blood from the wounded person coming into contact with skin punctures or cuts, particularly on the fingers, or reaching the eyes or the mucous membranes of the nose or mouth.
- ✦ Spray the bleach and detergent

solution directly onto the spilt surface, then wipe the surface with paper towels.

- ✦ Always wear latex, disposable surgical gloves in anticipation of contact with body fluids, particularly blood from the nose, mouth or a wound when touching nasal mucous membranes or broken skin (abrasions, dermatitis) or when handling soiled objects. The gloves must be discarded after use.
- ✦ Place soiled linen, and uniforms into sealed plastic bags, to then be washed in a normal machine-wash process.
- ✦ After placing soiled paper towels, surgical gloves, compresses, dressings and bandages into a sealed bag. Destroy or dispose of the bags in garbage disposal bins.
- ✦ Thoroughly wash hands with a bleach and detergent solution before and particularly immediately after contact with the person being treated, even if gloves have been worn. Wash all areas that have come into contact with body fluids.
- ✦ Do not use sponges, especially not to clean several wounded persons in

succession.

Information on the Prevention of AIDS:

*(Taken from a circular from Dr Jacques Huguet, President of FIBA Medical Council)*

- ✦ Some sports carry a greater risk of contamination than others in so far as there is a greater possibility of blood contact.
- ✦ Contact can occur through open and bleeding wounds as well as through abrasive or inflammatory injuries to the skin.
- ✦ Basketball is classified in the medium risk category.
- ✦ In the field of sports one should know that the AIDS virus cannot be transmitted by saliva, sweat, urine, skin contact, handshakes, bath water, swimming pools, showers or toilets.
- ✦ Light washing with detergent or water does not necessarily kill the HIV.
- ✦ HIV can survive in dried blood for up to seven days.
- ✦ The risk of blood on clothing being transmitted to another player is extremely small, but real.

### Junior Classic

The following letter was received from the VJBL thanking everyone involved with the 'Classic' for making it a great weekend. A new format was trialled using qualified Scoretable personnel only and FIBA Scoresheets and Summary Sheets which proved a great success.

*'On behalf of the VJBL I would like to thank you and your personnel on a great job done throughout the Classic weekend.*

*It is with all your hard work that makes the classic run smoothly which helped the League to be the showcase an event that other states envy, keeping basketball at the top of sport.*

*With the people like you in this job it has make our sport more enjoyable for all, Children, Parents and Officials.'*

*Thanking you, Carole Carey  
Assistant Administrator*

### Our Level 3 Ranks Boosted



On 7 August 2005, two Level 3 Schools were conducted at Waverley and Diamond Valley Stadiums. Congratulations are due to Stephen Creek (Bulleen), Sue Dixon (Warragul), Jacqui Drew (Dandenong), Sonia Halsvik (Dandenong), Ian Hart (Bendigo), Kelly Lynch (Blackburn), Brian Roberts (Ringwood), Graham Roberts (Hume City) who all passed their Level 3 exam. Pictured above are five of the successful candidates (front L-R) Kelly Lynch, Avis Scullin (Educator), (back L-R) Graham Roberts, Stephen Creek, Ian Hart, Brian Roberts.



## Uniform/Name Badge Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Association: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration No: \_\_\_\_\_

Long Sleeved – Rugby Tops — \$60.50 + Postage & Handling of \$5.50												
Chest Width (2.5 cm below arm hole)	cm	95	100	105	110	115	120	125	130	136	141	146
Back Length (Collar to hem)	cm	73	74	75	75	76	77	78	81	82	83	84
<b>Order Quantity</b>												

Short Sleeved – Polo Shirt — \$46.20 + Postage & Handling of \$5.50												
	Size	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	
Chest Width (2.5 cm below arm hole)	cm	100	104	108	112	116	120	126	132	138	144	
<b>Order Quantity</b>												

Sleeveless – Grey Polar Fleece Vest — \$22.00 + Postage & Handling of \$5.50												
Allow extra size to go over uniform	cm	110	115	120	125	130	135	140	145	150	30	
<b>Order Quantity</b>												

Name Badges — \$6.60												
Christian Name:												
Surname:												
Street Name:												
Suburb/Town/Postcode:												
Home Association:												
Registration No.												

This order form should be posted to: The Secretary, VBSA, P.O. Box 247 Blackburn 3130  
 All Cheques should be made payable to: VBRA Scoretable Account.

*Prices as at 21 April 2005. All prices, including postage, are GST inclusive from 1 April 2005*