

OFF THE SCOREBOARD

Retirements create new appointments at AGM

From the time she was the driving force behind the formation of the Victorian Basketball Scoretable Association in March 1991, and a foundation member, until the 2006 Annual General Meeting, Avis Scullin has been the State Convenor of the Association. However, at the 2005 AGM Avis announced that she would retire as State Convenor at the end of her term in 2006.

Pam Smith also quietly announced that she would also be retiring at the same time from her position as Treasurer after 6 years.

During the year Carol Flint, a previous secretary of the association for 4 years, and currently the appointed Educator for the past 2 years, also tendered her resignation as Educator at the end of her appointment in February 2006 and requested a leave of absence for a period of 12 months from her other roles as a Coach and Evaluator.

Each of these long serving and tireless workers have, with the assistance of others, guided the Victorian Basketball Scoretable Association to be a dynamic, strong and respected part of basketball in our state. Their public contribution will be missed, although their on-going counsel and advice will be welcomed.

Consequently the opportunity for fresh faces to fill these positions has resulted in a new look committee.

Committee positions with newly elected members are:

State Convenor Daryl Lynch
Treasurer Alison Moxham-Thiel
Committee Alan Maxwell
Member (Newsletter Editor)

The State Convenor and Treasurer were appointed for a two year term, while committee members are re-appointed annually.

Returning committee members are:

Property Patricia Nagel
Special Events Gail Dunlop

Committee members commencing the final year of their two year term are:

Secretary Trina Dearthcott
Registrar Ian Collings

Following the AGM, a special committee meeting was held which, to convene the selection panel for the review of an application for the

Association's Educator for 2006 and 2007.

The Association is indebted to the retiring personnel, Avis, Pam and Carol, and wishes the new committee well in their endeavours on our behalf.

(Pictured below are Noel Byers, President of VBSA, Avis Scullin, conducting her final AGM, and Trina Dearthcott, VBSA Secretary)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

After years of service to the VBSA, Avis Scullin was made the VBSA's first life member at the AGM. The nomination was emotionally made by Carol Flint and, in an overwhelming acknowledgement of the service provided to the Association and the high esteem in which Avis is held, seconded by everyone present.



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State Convener's Report 2005

In June 1988 Carol Walker and I wrote to the then President of the VBA suggesting an "official" Scoretable Officials Association be formed in Victoria, the first for Australia. The request was refused on the grounds that "there was nothing to be gained". We continued to work unofficially, conducting courses and evaluations.

In 1990 there was a change of President we tried again. This time with help from Ron Burgess and Lexie Lattanzio the concept was accepted.

We had our first General Meeting on Tuesday 19th March 1991 with 10 clubs. We now have 50 clubs with a membership of over 500.

In this my last report I would like to thank the Scoretable Officials of Victoria for their support over the last 15 years. I would especially thank the past secretaries Carol Walker and Carol Flint who help keep the facts straight, and the treasurers Joan Moll and Pam Smith who

are responsible for the good health of our finances, also Ian Collings for setting up and ensuring the smooth running of our data base. Our Committee members have always put the Scoretable Association first and I thank them for their dedication and support over the years.

In 2005 we had difficulties ensuring all evaluations were carried out. This problem was caused by Associations not making their Affiliation payments on time and the then the Coaches ran out of time. If you pass the Scoretable Operations Manual you will give the Coaches the right to say "no" to clubs who pay after the cut off date. 2006 could be a difficult year as we lose Joan Moll after 12 years of evaluations and educating, and Carol Flint after 7 years of evaluations and educating. These are very valuable people who will be difficult to replace.

In 2005 we had the Deaflympics in January and the Pacific School Games in November. Both these events were most enjoyable and a special "thank you" to our then Educator Carol Flint for the smooth running of our area of expertise. We conducted several Level 1 course for years 10 and 11 at 5 schools. We expressed some concern as to the ability of these young people prior to the Games but had to eat our words at the Games, they were GREAT. If you have any of these Level 1 officials please try to get them to work for you.

Just an aside, do not fight Sharon Arnold for lollies. She is as tough there as on the court.

A very special thanks to everyone for their support and

especially the present committee who have been so loyal and hard working.

In closing my report I would like to thank my family for being so supportive over the years. One of my sons rang to make sure a date was OK to set for the christening of the newest grandchild.

See you around,
Avis Scullin
State Convener

Basketball Victoria Awards - Female Official of the Year

Carol Flint has won the Basketball Victoria award for Female Official of the Year for 2005.

In a year jam packed with major events such as the Deaflympics, Pacific Schools Games and the forthcoming Commonwealth Games, Carol's work with the Scoretable Association over several years was recognised by this award.

Carol is a deserving recipient of the Award for 2005, and has made sure that the VBSA is continuing to be noticed for its professionalism after Avis Scullin won the award in 2004.

Congratulations to Carol for a terrific effort which has been recognised by Basketball Victoria.

Sale Opportunity

XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL Fleecy Vests on Sale until 1/5/06 at \$22.00 each with Free Delivery. Contact Patricia Nagel 0433 353 276 to purchase.

Education Report

This will be my last report as education officer as I am taking a leave of absence for 12 months. I wish the new incumbent well in the position.

Some of you will already have received your new VBSA Handbooks and I hope they become the tool that is envisaged by the committee and coaching staff. Please take the time to look through it, as it incorporates the FIBA rule book, the VBSA Handbook other important information such as rule interpretations etc; and will also have the National Handbook when the final copy is received from the National Scoretable.

For the coming season some evaluation dates have already been set and a date will be finalised to arranged for those Associations whose affiliations were late to be slotted in when, and if, coaches are available.

Retiring from coaching this year is Joan Moll and Pamela Smith, I thank them on behalf of all the coaching staff and most importantly the members for their invaluable contribution to scoretable for a many number of years. Pam will continue to work as a Scoretable official.

If you are interested in becoming a Level one Evaluation Coach and can meet the criteria and commitment then there is an Expression of Interest form on the web-site which is to be in to the Secretary no later than 31st March 2006.

For the coming season, the new substitute and time out

procedures will apply. (See separate article)

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone I have met, worked with when on committee and in the last 2 years especially the coaching and educating staff who have a tremendous responsibility in ensuring that your education process is ongoing.

I have been a member since 1991 and have made some wonderful friendships during that time and seen the VBSA grow into a strong and vibrant association. Please, I urge you to take a strong interest in what happens, get involved, have an opinion on how you want things to run it is your Association; it will only continue to grow and remain strong if you claim it as yours. I wish you all well for the coming year and that you succeed with the goals you have set for yourselves.

Carol Flint - State Educator

Scoretable Official of the Year

Greg Leibelt of Warrnambool Association was awarded the 2005 Scoretable Official of the Year .

Greg was recognised for the effort he puts into scoring, not only within his local club of Warrnambool and for the training he provides to other members of the association, but also for the commitment to scoring in general, often travelling hundreds of kilometres to participate in scoring and Scoretable events.

DIARY DATES

Convenors Meeting – Sunday
25 June 2006 9.00am at
Nunawading Stadium

Christmas Function –
Saturday 11 November 2006

Annual General Meeting –
Sunday 25 February 2007 at
Nunawading Stadium

COMMONWEALTH GAMES

15 – 26 March 2006

Basketball will be played at
Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong,
Melbourne Park and Traralgon

TOURNAMENT DATES

2006 National Junior Classic –
10-12 June 2006 at
Dandenong and Melbourne
Sports and Aquatic Centre
(scorers required – contact
Gail Dunlop)

2006 Under 16 National
Championships - 24 June to 1
July 2006 at Ballarat (scorers
required – contact Mark
Valentine, Administration
Ballarat Basketball Association
via email
mark.valentine@ballaratbasketball.com)

VICTORIAN JUNIOR BASKETBALL LEAGUES FINALS

Victorian Championship finals
Quarter finals
- 25 August 2006
Semi finals
- 27 August 2006
Preliminary Finals
- 1 September 2006
Grand Final
- 3 September 2006

Metropolitan finals

Quarter finals
- 25 August 2006
Semi finals
- 1 September 2006
Preliminary Finals
- 8 September 2006
Grand Final (12-14)
- 9 September 2006
Grand Final (16-20)
- 10 September 2006

New scoring rules for 2006

Charged time outs

- If a request for a time out is made before the ball is at the disposal of a player for a throw-in following the free throw(s) the time out shall be granted for both teams if the last or only free throw is successful.
- If a free throw(s) is followed by a throw in at the centre line extended, opposite the scorer's table, the time-out shall be granted after the last free throw for both teams whether the last free throw is successful or not.

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 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 team-mate at any place on the playing court.

Substitutions

- Only a substitute has the right to request a substitution. He shall go the scorer's table and ask clearly, making the proper signal with his hands **or by sitting on the substitute's chair**. He must be ready to play.
- When the last or only free throw is successful either team may be granted a

substitution. There is no restriction on the number of substitutions that may be affected by either team.

- When a free throw is followed by a throw in at the centre line extended, opposite the scorer's table, either team may be granted a substitution. There is no restriction on the number of substitutions that may be affected by either team.
- When a violation is called for goal interference the whistle is blown by the referees and the game clock is stopped. This is a substitution opportunity for teams before the ball is thrown in from the baseline after the score. In the last two minutes of the fourth quarter or any extra period only the team with the throw in is permitted to have a substitution.

NEW STATE EDUCATOR APPOINTED

Every two years a new state educator is appointed by the Committee. In accordance with the Operations Manual, this selection is assisted by a Selection Panel consisting of the State Convener, a representative of the VBRA (our parent body), and a member of the Educators' Panel.

The selection panel was convened after the AGM by a Committee Meeting and, after reading the application letter and conducting an interview, appointed Val Lethaby as the new state Educator for the VBSA for the ensuing two years from 1 April 2006.

VBSA COMMITTEE

State Convener: Daryl Lynch
Secretary: Trina Dearthcott
Treasurer: Alison Moxham-Thiel
Registrar: Ian Collings
Events Secretary: Gail Dunlop
Property: Patricia Nagel
Newsletter: Alan Maxwell

Educator

Val Lethaby

Geelong Scoretable

Grahame Dawes provided the correct answers to the newsletter quiz about the Commonwealth Games basketball being held in Geelong.

Grahame has recently retired as the Geelong Convener, and passed the mantle and responsibility for providing information to David Cecil.

Over the years records have been kept 28 scorers have registered with Geelong, but only 10 are currently active. Geelong currently has a SEABL Men's team and the Big V League with Championship Women team and Youth League Men 2 team, although in the past the crowd has roared its support for the locals with NBL teams playing in the small but vocal venue.

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
Order Quantity												
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	
Order Quantity												
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		
Order Quantity												

Name Badges - \$6.60												
First Name												
Surname												
Street Number & Name												
Suburb/Town/Postcode												
Home Association												
Registration Number												

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