

Off The Scoreboard

Victorian Basketball Scoretable Association

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WELCOME

Wow, there's been an awful lot happening in the VBSA world, and I have lot's to share with you all.

Firstly, The Labour Day Big V Tournament. Doug McRae is still desperately seeking Officials. If you can offer your help in Any way, I strongly urge you to Please contact Doug as soon as possible. This Tournament has a rich tradition of showcasing quality OzHoops. Providing full Scoretables for every game is a basic that is quite challenging this year, yet necessary for the smooth running of the professional tournament that it is, and always has been.

In a surprise to most people at last Sunday's Annual General Meeting (AGM), Ian Collings stepped down from the VBSA Head Convenor role, and Greg Liebelt has taken on the mantle of leading the VBSA Committee of Management. I think I can safely say this leaves all the Committee with mixed emotions. Ian has undoubtedly been instrumental in helping forge the VBSA into the strong association that it is today. Ian has been ... well, part of the furniture for many years, and his contributions to this Committee are immeasurable and wide-ranging. For me personally, I will miss him greatly and I wish him all the very best in his future endeavours. As with all things in life I guess, all good things must come to an end.

Moving on to the future, Greg has a pretty darn impressive Scoretable resume behind him as well, and the Committee is proud and excited to have him as our new "Commander and Chief". Greg has been an official for quite some time, and without giving away too many secrets, let's

just say he's one of Those people with a 3 digit VBSA membership number. He continues to hold the role of a VBSA Evaluator and Coach, and has done so for some years. He also has Scoretable Convenor experience behind him.

We also happily welcome Douglas McRae back into the fold as well. Doug will be taking on the role of Registrar.

Proactively moving forward, the VBSA is committed to getting more interest in our great Association being generated. We plan on actively seeking out and bringing in new scorers through the ranks. We've been discussing options on how to best to advertise ourselves ... to become more visible.

1. We want people to be aware of us. We want them to know what we do and how best to contact us.
2. We want to make sure the channels of communication between the Associations and the Scoretable Convenors is an open and useful one.
3. We want to further develop our networking with our Referee and Statistician cousins, not to mention our governing bodies and competitions representatives.
4. We especially want to be visible via our governing bodies websites.

As some of you may be aware, a new website was nearly ready to go Live. Sadly due to privacy concerns, this has stalled and we're treading carefully before creating the Members Only login area that is he cause for the privacy concern. After considerable discussion, the Committee feels more investigation is necessary before moving forward again with

the website.

Anyway, I've bored you enough. We have a new Exciting basketball season awaiting us. Happy scoring everyone.

Callum McCluskey
Newsletter Editor



The friends I have made on this journey cannot be counted because there are so many." - Ian Collings ~ 2014 AGM

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** URGENT **

SCORERS REQUIRED

The Labour Day long weekend is rapidly approaching, as is the annual “*Big V Pre-season Tournament*”. The format will be much the same as last year with the first round of the VYC season being played on the Saturday and Sunday.

At the time of printing, all VYC Round 1 games will be at Patterson River Secondary College courts while the tournament games will be at the Frankston Stadium and Elizabeth Murdoch Secondary College courts at Langwarrin.

It would be great if we can have three scorers per court for every game of the tournament and four for each VYC game but that requires a much better turnout than achieved last year.

Please make every effort to be available for part or all of at least one day throughout the weekend. Games run from early morning and continue into the evening on both Saturday and Sunday.

Please send your details directly to me at douglas.mcrae49@gmail.com NOT the VBSA50 or VBSA_EVENTS email sites as I am not on the committee and do not have access to the VBSA email sites.

(Editor comment) Doug is still Urgently in need of many Scoretable Officials for the entire weekend, with any and all offers of assistance greatly appreciated please.

Looking forward to a great turnout so we can ensure a great tournament.

Douglas McRae

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Diary Dates ...

*** Big V Preseason Tournament ***

8th - 11th March, 2014
Frankston, Victoria

2014 SEABL Season Begins

Friday 21st March, 2014
Various Venues

**U18 National Championships/
& Kevin Coombs Cup**

10th-17th April, 2014
Canberra (Belconnen), A.C.T.

*** U16 National Championships ***

5th - 12th July
Geelong, Victoria

2013 Scoretable Official of the Year Award

And the winner is **Sandra Howorth !!!**

Association: Sandringham

Level 1 ~ 2007

Level 3 ~ 2013

Kind, generous, humble

Helpful to other associations and scorers

Always offers to score events, even when her time is limited

Stepped in to help, and then take over from Sandringham Convenor

Sandra has been scoring since 2007. I have always known her to be kind, generous and helpful. She is affiliated to Sandringham, however she helps at many associations, Dandenong and Keysborough to name a couple.

Sandra helps at as many tournaments as she can, even to the extent of taking time off from her full time work to free herself up for VBSA Events.

Sandra stepped up and became Convenor at Sandringham and has helped in improving their Scoretable roster.

I personally find Sandra to be an absolute delight and look forward to seeing her around the basketball community.
Congratulations Sandy



Something to Ponder ...

I would love to hear from you with your thoughts ~ Avis @ vbsa50@yahoo.com.au

No questions from me in this Newsletter. Instead, I have a scenario for you to ponder

This is a three person Scoretable. Scorer, Shot and Timer. The Timer doing the time, visuals and Chair.

The game is in the last minute of the first quarter. A foul is called, the referee signals the foul is on Black #8, and there will be bonus shots. Before the shots were taken the referee then blows their whistle and signals the foul was on #42 not #8. The scorer says "There is no Black #42 on the sheet. The referee then calls the foul on Black #6. The ball is inbound and the siren sounds for the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter is nearing the end when the coach of the Red team asks if the scores are correct. The scorer says yes. The coach says the stats and his Asst. have his team with one more point.

At the next dead ball the Timer/Chair request assistance from the referee to settle the problem. The game was being videoed. After watching this it was obvious that during the problem sorting out who the foul was on at the end of the first quarter, the bonus shots were taken and the first one was made and not recorded on the score sheet.

My questions to you are where did the first problem occur? How does the scorer insert a point that belongs in the first quarter and how about the foul that was put on player #8 incorrectly?

WHEELCHAIR RUGBY

In the November newsletter I asked for help with the Wheelchair Rugby games. I stated they are held at Footscray. Since then the venue has been changed. In 2014 they will be held at the Box Hill venue, corner Canterbury and Elgin Roads.

If you can help please contact me on ascullin@ozemail.com.au

This is a great game to work at and the rules are not very different from Basketball. 40 Seconds to score, 12 seconds in the back court. I can send anyone interested a copy of the Scoretable rules to look at and you will never be left on your own.



Basketball ... the Family Game

The first evaluations were held on 26th September 1990 at the old Albert Park stadium. We did not go to you then, you came to us. The Championship try out season was held on Wednesday nights. Four games. Four Officials came in and did one game in each position. They were evaluated in each of these positions by Avis Scullin. The evaluator was paid, the Officials were not! Some of the names in the book for the 90/91 off season are Thea White, Patricia Nagel, Pat Zelek, Bruce Greeno, Marjorie Miller, and Graeme Dawes. That recording book is still around if anyone would like to read it.

Bruce Greeno was one of our better shot clock officials, it was a 30 second clock then and was stopped when **“a shot for goal is attempted and the ball is no longer in contact with the hand of the shooter”**

The device was then re-set and restarted only when a player had control of the ball. When subs approached **the table Bruce would notify the Chair by saying “Up mine” or “Up yours.....”**. He was a great one for jokes; he had a devilish sense of humour. Kerri Madigan was also a great shot clock operator. Babies were also bought to Basketball then by our Scoretable Officials, it was not unusual to have one in a bassinet either **behind or under the Table, ask Debbie Beaton’s children!**

by *Avis Scullin*



** For SALE - Foul Bats **

For those of you unaware, it's recommended that all Scoretable Officials of a Level Two or higher standing, should have a set of Foul Bats. We all know just how handy these come in during the various Tournaments, and it is recommended if possible.

Vic Nihill, a dedicated V.B.S.A. member is selling his hand crafted foul bats and possession arrows.

Foul bats sets are \$25 per set, or \$31 if sent via post. Cash is much preferred if possible please, however money order or cheque will also be accepted. Delivery or pickups are available.

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Vale - John Dunlop

It is with sadness that we say farewell to John Dunlop, husband of Gail, who passed away on Tuesday 4th February.

John was a very active member of the Basketball family. Always supportive of Gail and her commitment to Scoretable.

Our thoughts go out to Gail and her family at this sad time.



Answers to Last Issue's Questions

- Q.** When does the game begin?
- A.** The game begins when the ball is tossed by the referee. Art 9
- Q.** Team A is awarded a throw-in. The ball is handed to the thrower-in A1. Is the ball live at this time?
- A.** Yes. On a throw in the ball becomes live when it is put at the disposal of the thrower-in. Art 10
- Q.** On a throw-in by A4, A4 hands the ball to A5 who is on the playing court. Is this a violation?
- A.** Yes. The thrower in must pass the ball directly onto the playing court. Art 17

How did you go ... ??



VBSA Committee

Convenor:	Greg Liebelt
Secretary:	Megan Walther
Treasurer:	Gretta Jamieson
Registrar:	Douglas McRae
Events Secretary:	Leah Collings
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Educators:	Pat Collings / Avis Scullin

Note: Contact numbers for committee members are all available in the *Members Only* area of the **VBSA website** at: www.vicscoretable.org.au



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Uniform / Name Badge Order Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Association: _____ Registration Number: _____

The garment measurements are for Half Chest. This measurement is done by laying the garment on a flat surface and measuring horizontally directly under the arm. To achieve the best fit, it is recommended that you measure an existing top and/or jacket (as required) to determine the best size for you. **The Committee will not accept responsibility for members ordering the incorrect size.**

Polo - Black, Short Sleeve, Orange Panel and Piping - \$35.00									
Size	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
cm	51	55	57	59	61	63	65	67	69
Order Quantity									
Total Number of Polo(s):									

Jacket - Black Micro-Fibre, Long Sleeved, Orange Panel and Piping - \$110.00									
Size	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
cm	53	56	61	66	71	76	80	84	88
Order Quantity									
Total Number of Jacket(s):									

Postage and Handling	Polo and Jacket: \$13.40	Jacket: \$13.40	Polo: \$8.25
Total Postage:			

Name Badge (Please Choose and Tick Appropriate Box)			
Standard Name Badge - \$8.50	<input type="checkbox"/>	Deluxe Name Badge - \$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christian Name:			
Surname:			

All cheques to be made payable to: "VBRA Scoretable Account".

Direct Credit payments for uniform and name badge orders are welcome. **Please note that all orders cannot be processed or despatched until we have received both your order form in the mail, and your cheque/money has been cleared.**

Direct Credit Banking details: "Bank/Institution: Bendigo Bank, BSB: 633-000, Account Name: VBRA – Scoretable, Account Number: 128 108 016, Reference: (Member Number & Name)"

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