

# Off The Scoreboard

Victorian Basketball Scoretable Association

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## WELCOME

A great big warm welcome to everyone, for your latest edition of the VBSA's "Off the Scoreboard" newsletter. I hope you're all as excited as I am, because it's once again time for your quarterly dose of Scoretable news and entertainment.

Firstly I'll get some quick house-keeping out of the way ... a reminder that we will be holding our Convenors meeting on Sunday 21st September, 9.30am at the Nunawading Basketball Stadium.

Please note that we will also be holding a "Special AGM" directly after this Convenors Meeting at roughly 10am. If you haven't already notified us of your attendance, we ask that you please do so as soon as possible.

Right back to the important stuff ... my editorial ☺.

The 2014 SEABL and Big V seasons have now officially wrapped, with the VJBL juniors not far behind. In fact the coming weekend marks the final round of Grand Finals for them. This means two things. Firstly we all get to exhale a collective sigh of relief as we wind down for yet another season, and secondly it means that both the men's and women's National Basketball Leagues are about to fire up for another hotly contested and exciting season of elite action.

On another topic ... our end of season VBSA Social Event. Over recent years, our end of season get-together has had a disappointing amount of people attending. Let's be blunt ... attendance has been on a steady decline for a few years now, and given many members have expressed an interest in the Committee providing a different option, we decided to

do put our thinking hats on. Firstly we decided to ditch the dinner at Henry's Restaurant. We wanted to aim for something that would be much more attractive to families, and most importantly we wanted to hold our Event prior to the mad rush of Christmas parties that we all inevitably experience during the lead up to Santa's arrival.

So with this in mind, and after much thought and discussion, we felt that a BBQ / picnic in a fairly centralised and family friendly location would hopefully be a better way to go. Last years Event at Jell's Park was fairly well received, however there is definitely still a lot of room for improvement.

This year's "VBSA Social and Family Day" Event, will take place on Sunday 9th November beginning at roughly 10-11am. Considering we represent all of the Victorian Associations, we are hoping that the more central location of Eltham will be more attractive and we'll get an even better turn out than last year.

Eltham Lower Park, is home to the fantastic Diamond Valley Miniature Railway, and boasts many facilities that should suit all our needs beautifully. These include: awesome children's playgrounds, designed to be fully accessible to children of all ages and abilities, undercover tables and chairs, barbeques, toilets, bike and walking paths, dog friendly ovals, and mountains of room for the kids to run around, kick the footy, and just generally do what kids do.

I would dearly love to see lots of members attending. The highlight of my basketball season, is always the Tourna-

-ments, where I get to catch up with Scoretable peoples that I haven't seen since ... well, the last tournament. So please, give it some serious thought, as we'd dearly love to see you at Eltham Lower Park on the 9th November. We'll make sure you have fun, or your money back. Oh, hang on ... it's all free! ☺



by **Callum McCluskey**  
*VBSA ~ Newsletter Editor*

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# \*\*\* LET'S CELEBRATE! \*\*\*



**Come one. Come All. Let us all get together and celebrate the conclusion of another fantastic season! Sunday 9th November will mark our second "VBSA Family and Social Day" gathering. This year's event will take place at Eltham Lower Park, home of the amazing Diamond Valley Miniature Railway, and we'd love you All to please come join in the fun and shenanigans.**

The Eltham Lower Park is situated in the north-eastern suburbs of Melbourne, and can cater to pretty much everyone's needs and desires. Amongst the many facilities on offer, are: BBQ's, fully wheelchair accessible children's play grounds, sporting ovals, sheltered seating, toilets, areas for the dogs to run wild, beautiful walking/cycling tracks, and much much more.

Then the icing on the cake ... the brilliant *Diamond Valley Miniature Railway* will also be in operation. If you've not experienced the railway before, and spoken with the passionate volunteers who maintain and organise the railway rides, then you're definitely in for a treat! I guarantee that kids, both young and old, will love this place.

We will be meeting near the car park area, just past the main Station for the Miniature Railway, as can be seen by the map below. All food and refreshments are on BYO basis, and please be prepared to take all rubbish home with you, as bins are limited in the park.


Please note that given the miniature railway will be in operation, the generous amounts of parking spaces on offer, will be pushed quite heavily. We highly recommend all members attending our VBSA festivities, to please allow plenty of time to arrive in a relaxed fashion.

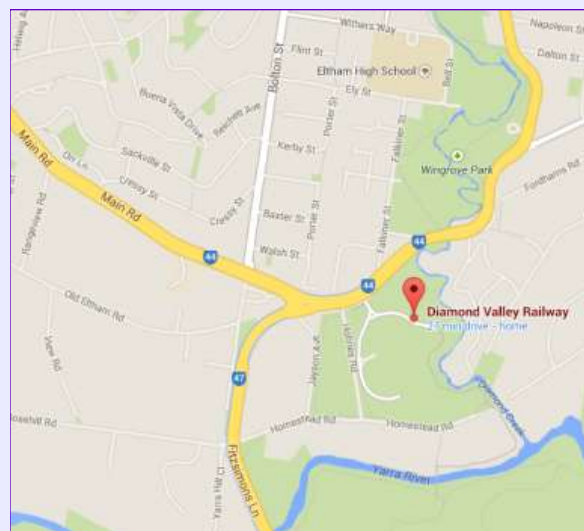
This promises to be a memorable day, so please bring along your family and friends for a great day out.

Cheers,

Leah Collings  
VBSA ~ Events Secretary

Eltham Lower Park / Diamond Valley Railway  
570 Main Road  
Eltham Victoria 3095

Melways Map: 21, H10 [View Map](#)   
(Larger version of Map can be located on Page 4)



## TIGERS SEEKING SCORETABLE CONVENOR

The Melbourne Tigers Championship & Youth League Men and Women are seeking a Scoretable Convenor and Officials for the 2014/2015 season.

If you are interested in this position or are happy to assist with Scoretable duties, please contact Melinda Gaze via email at [melinda@gaze.com.au](mailto:melinda@gaze.com.au).



## Diary Dates

### \* VJBL Finals \*

12th - 14th September

19th—20th September

Venue: Various

### \* SEABL Conference Final \*

Sunday 14th September 2014

Venue: Dandenong Basketball Stadium

### \* FIBA World Champs for Women \*

Sept 27th - 5th October

Venue/Country: Turkey

### \* U14 Boys Club Championships \*

29th September - 4th October

Albury

### \* 2014 VBSA Family and Social Day \*

Sunday 9th November 2014

Eltham Lower Park

### \* Australian Schools Championships \*

1st December - 5th December 2014

Canberra, ACT.

## Test Your Rules and Knowledge

### QUESTIONS FROM JUNE NEWSLETTER

**Q. Red 4 is assessed a technical foul for abusing the referee. Who takes the free throws?**

**A. Any player from the opposition may take the free throws.**

**Q. On the jump ball at the beginning of the game when does the interval of play finish?**

**A. When the ball is tossed by the referee and becomes live.**

**Q. Does the ball always become dead when the 24 second signal sounds?**

**A. No, we must also have a referees whistle.**



## \*\* For SALE - Foul Bats \*\*

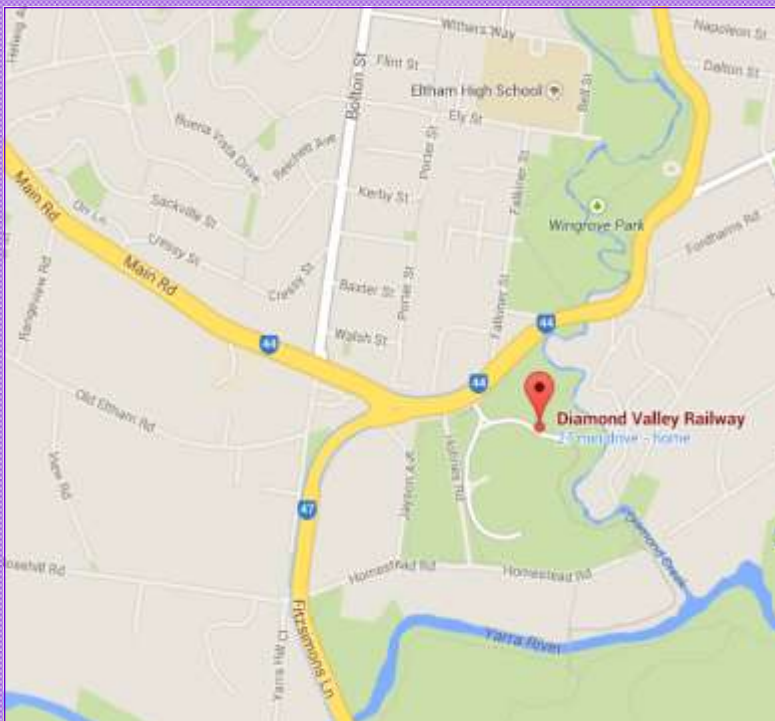
For those of you unaware, it's recommended that all Scoretable Officials of a Level Three or higher standing, should have a set of Foul Bats. We all know just how handy these come in during the various Tournaments, and it is recommended if possible.

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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## \*\* Evaluations \*\*

*(We are running this piece again to remind you to check that your fees are paid )*

Have you been evaluated as a Scoretable Official this year, or are you waiting for one?  
Are you sure you will be evaluated this year?

At this meeting the clubs who have paid before the cut off date are given the dates for their evaluations for the new season. Evaluations are based on one visit per 5 Officials or part thereof. E.g. 8 Officials would be two visits, hopefully these would be double headers.

Then we look at the clubs who have paid between the 1st January and the AGM. Usually we are able to give these Associations a minimum of one visit.

Then we have the Associations who put in their fees when they get around to it and expect to be fitted into the roster for at least one visit by a coach. This does not work.

All the coaches have a personal life! They also have their own Association where they like to work as a Scoretable Official. Some of the coaches do not have a weekend clear from the start of the SEABL and Big V seasons to after the finals. Some even have to fit the Wheelchair games, the Classic and VJBL finals in.

*If you are one of the Scoretable Officials who will not be receiving an evaluation this year and therefore will have another year at their current Level, ask your Convenor "WHY!!"*



# 2014 AUSTRALIAN JUNIOR (UNDER 16) CHAMPIONSHIPS

Geelong Basketball hosted the Australian Junior Championships for the Under 16 age group at the Geelong Arena from the 5th to the 12th of July 2014.

Twenty eight teams attended the competition. The competition comprised both men's and women's teams and were from:

Queensland North, Queensland South, New South Wales Metro, New South Wales Country, ACT, Victoria Metro, Victoria Country, Tasmania, Northern Territory, South Australia Metro, South Australia Country, Western Australia Metro, Western Australia Country and New Zealand.

The schedule for the competition started at 9:00am each day and was generally finished by 9:30pm. There were three courts in operation each day with the exception of the Wednesday when there was a SEABL women's and men's match played between the Geelong Supercats and Nunawading Spectres. Friday was a half day of competition. In total, there were 124 games of basketball played during this competition.

Once Basketball Australia released the draw, a call went out for volunteers to work on the Scoretable. A total of thirty-eight people from Victoria and around Australia worked as scorers and, unfortunately there were several who had volunteered but for understandable family reasons, had to withdraw before the event. A list of the names is attached.

I had been tasked with the responsibility of co-ordinating the Scoretable which proved to be a formidable responsibility which I was able to complete with the assistance and advice from a number of people before and during the event. For that assistance and advice, I am truly grateful.

My original thought was to have scorers work no more than three or four games a day, however, a large number of scorers, offered to work many more provided that they had one game off per day. I am grateful for this offer as this made the task of rostering so much easier. The majority of the Scoretables were run as a four person FIBA Scoretable except where there was extra scorers available and then a five person Scoretable was run. This was the case for the finals.

I was impressed how everyone came together and worked as a team, no matter where they came from nor the minor points of scoretable operations from the different States. This made my task so much easier.

My thanks go to all who volunteered to work on the Scoretable, to those whose advice and assistance in fine-tuning the main roster as well as the finals roster. Both Pat Collings and Avis Scullin were valuable in forwarding the names of volunteers as they came to the VBSA. A special thanks goes to my wife, Robyn, for her assistance and patience before and during the event.

By *David Cecil ~ Geelong Scoretable Convenor*

## Scoretable Participants:

Robin Ash (Vic)  
Jacob Ashjian (NSW)  
Sharon Baker (Vic)  
David Booth (Vic)  
Mark Browne (Vic)  
Rebecca Cooper (Tas)  
Graham Dawes (Vic)  
Susan Dixon (Vic)  
David Eckhart (WA)  
Angela Embleton (Vic)  
Maureen Florakx (Vic)  
Colleen Glenn (Qld)  
Claire Goodier (Vic)  
Lynn Harrower (Vic)  
Freddie Jazmin (Vic)  
Vanice Kelly (Vic)  
Arther Lewis (Vic)  
Ron Lovell (Vic)  
Vicki Lowe (Vic)



Chris McCready (Vic)  
Paul Moller (Vic)  
Wendy Middleton (Vic)  
Marj Miller (Vic)  
Daniel Nancarrow (Vic)  
Marcus Nancarrow (Vic)  
David Nelson (Vic)  
Wendy Parsons (Vic)  
Jordan Perillo (Vic)  
L Perillo (Vic)  
Graham Roberts (Vic)  
Scott Samson (Vic)  
Deb Scannell (Vic)  
Janet Seth (WA)  
Lisa Shuttleworth (Vic)  
Malcolm Sinclair (Vic)  
Louise Watach (Vic)  
Wayne Watson (Vic)  
David Cecil (Vic)

## \*\* End of Season Rap - with Avis \*\*

No rule quiz this Newsletter. Instead some questions on the past season.

Q: Do you work at different venues?

A: From me: Yes

Q: Which venue has the best Scoretable set up?

A: I love Warrandyte; everything is ready when we get there.

Q: What are your pet peeves?

A: Numbers on uniforms covered by hair or cannot be read. I'll be mean and mention Waverley Women's tops, they are not alone however.

Q: Where is the equipment the worst?

A: This has to be Bulleen, the 14 seconds has to be reset to 24 then counted down to 14.

Q: What about referees?

A: Don't we all "just love" the referee who makes the call as fast as possible then takes off, only to look annoyed when we sound the buzzer.

Q: Scoretable comfort

A: Not a priority at most venues. Four hours on those hard benches!!!! MSAC has to have the worst seating.

Can you think of anything else? Let us know we will not publish your name.



Melissa Sudero Photography © ~ A hearty thank you to Melissa for allowing the VBSA to use this photograph.

Left to right: Clare, Vivian, Scott, myself (Callum) and Mary officiating a recent W.N.W.B.L. (National Wheelies) match at Frankston.

## VBSA Committee

Convenor:	<b>Greg Liebelt</b>
Secretary:	<b>Megan Walther</b>
Treasurer:	<b>Gretta Jamieson</b>
Registrar:	<b>Douglas McRae</b>
Events Secretary:	<b>Leah Collings</b>
Newsletter:	<b>Callum McCluskey</b>
Property:	<b>Raelene Dorning</b>
Educators:	<b>Pat Collings / Avis Scullin</b>

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



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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: <b>\$13.40</b>	Jacket: <b>\$13.40</b>	Polo: <b>\$8.25</b>
Total Postage:			

Name Badge (Please Choose and Tick Appropriate Box)			
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All cheques to be made payable to: "VBRA Scoretable Account".

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**\*\* All prices correct as at 22nd August, 2013. All prices, including postage, are GST inclusive. \*\***

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