

# Ivanhoe Knights

**IVANHOE EAST BASKETBALL CLUB    Newsletter Winter Season 2011**

## **KEY DATES for the calendar**

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Round 9 during school holidays  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> July – no training all week or next week  
Sat 16<sup>th</sup> July – Round 10 during school holidays  
Sat 13<sup>th</sup> August – **Registration Day**  
Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Sept – Grand Finals  
Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Sept – **Presentation Night**

## **WINTER season stats**

- 35 Boys teams, 19 Girls teams
- 20 new players – welcome!
- Ivanhoe is the largest of the non-representative clubs in the district

## **July School holidays games**

We have two games scheduled during the July school holidays:

- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> July – start of school holidays and Round 9 game is scheduled
- Sat 16<sup>th</sup> July – end of school holidays and Round 10 game is scheduled

There will be no training from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July through to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

Please ensure that your Winter Season Team Manager is aware of any pre-booked holidays when your players cannot attend a game.

## **Who are the refs?**

Ever wondered about the referees at games? The referees are generally current and past players of the club, who are paid for their time at games. All referees undergo several stages of training by the club and the Victorian Basketball Referees Association. You have to be 14yrs old or over to train as a ref, and we have several parents who have become refs. You don't need to have played basketball before to qualify. See <http://www.basketballvictoria.com.au/index.php?id=81> if you are interested, and contact our Referees Supervisor, Yvonne Cornell, at [refs@ivanhoeknights.org](mailto:refs@ivanhoeknights.org).

Over half our refs are under 18 years of age, and need your support and respect. We are desperately short of refs, so talk to your children or consider becoming a ref yourself!

## **Level 1 Coaching Course**

Register your interest for a Level 1 Coaching Course to be conducted at one of our home venues from 18<sup>th</sup> August. The course is run by Basketball Victoria and is 15 hours, spread over 4 sessions (2 Thursday nights and 2 Sunday afternoons). Cost: \$115 inc GST.

Ivanhoe Knights wants its coaches to have this qualification. So the Club will reimburse any coach who successfully completes the course (and they need to coach a season for us).

Ideally, participants should have done some coaching (or assistant coaching) before doing the course, but if you are interested contact Tim Butler at [president@ivanhoeknights.org](mailto:president@ivanhoeknights.org) to register.

## **Basketballs for sale \$60**

The club has purchased some Molten brand 'GF' composite leather indoor basketballs at a discount price, which can be purchased from the Uniform Secretary (phone Julie on 9499 4659 to arrange collection).

Stocks are limited:

7 x size 6 balls (suitable for boys under 14yrs and all girls/women)

3 x size 7 balls (suitable for boys/men over 15yrs)

These basketballs normally retail for around \$90.00, so get one while they're cheap!

Julie also has some Knight's hoodies in stock (sizes 8-14 and adult S, M, XXL) so get one before the next order is placed, which involves a wait. Socks, warm-up tops, reversible training singlets and some track suits are also in stock. Phone Julie to arrange purchase on 9499 4659.

## **History of the SPACE Centre**

As the Club prepares to move back in to the SPACE centre, it is timely to consider how the centre began, and how it got that name.

The Ivanhoe East Basketball Club was formed in 1977, and grew to 11 teams by 1983 (we're now over 60 teams in Summer season). The parents that ran the Club were longing for their own home ground, so a funding group was established comprising the Education Dept, Banyule Council and the Federal Dept of Youth, Sport & Recreation. Funds were raised to build a new *Special Purpose And Creative Education (SPACE)* centre that encouraged community participation and developed children's skills and enjoyment in sports. The centre was opened in 1983 by the Premier, The Hon. John Cain.

The SPACE centre attracted even more families to the Club, which then expanded to over 50 teams by 1990. The renovation in 2011 will see the Ivanhoe Knights returning to their home ground. The Club continues to expand each season, and with the uncertainty over the future of the Banksia courts, the Club's dream is to have our own stadium one day.

## **How are game times decided?**

Ever wondered how game times are planned? The EDJBA (Eastern District Junior Basketball Association) run an event each season called *Fixtures Day*, when the game times and venues are decided for Rounds 7-16. Fixtures Day is a big event, with up to 50 people at a time working as volunteers to sort out every Club's game for each round. It is a complex, manual process that requires a fair bit of planning to ensure coaches are able to attend all their team's games. And there's lots of negotiating on the day to lock in the right timeslot. It's also great fun, and gives you some insight into the huge amount of organisation required to run a junior basketball competition.

A big thank you to our Club's organiser, Pam McColl, and her army of volunteers; Michael Free, Ian Holm, Bill Rewell, Karina Rook, Michelle and Bianca Ryan, Esther Toledano and Elena Veliou.

## **Help wanted**

As your children get older, so do those of the committee members. Several of us no longer have children playing with the Knights.

New members are welcome to help committee, and to take over roles as families leave the club. Don't be modest, if we can cope, so can you. The rewards are great, and proportional to the effort you make. Please contact a committee member to volunteer.

## Letter from Darren Dobson, ex-Coach and Player

The Club received this letter from a former member, who was reflecting on his days with the Ivanhoe Knights, and how his experiences shaped the man he is today.....



Darren Dobson (centre), Coach, with his 1995 premiership team

*My name is Darren Dobson and many years ago now I was both a junior basketball player and a boys basketball coach at Ivanhoe. I started playing basketball at the club in the Summer season of 1986 in the lowest graded under 14 boys side. In fact we only had one victory for that season and that was due to the other team not turning up to play us. Most of our games back then were played at 8 or 9am with the latest played at 11am. My first three seasons as a player saw very few victories on the court but jeez it was a lot of fun. Somehow along the way I became a reasonably good basketball player and by the Summer Season of 1989/90 I was playing A grade in the under 16 first team who were coached by Darren Smyth. Unfortunately before finals that season I broke my ankle and never played another game for the Knights.*

*During my time as a player I encountered many great mentors such as Lenette Casey, Robyn Sutherland, and John Robards. Each in their turn encouraged me to give back to the club as a coach. I took up coaching an under 14 boys side in Summer Season 1992/93. In my first season I nearly managed to get the boys into the finals. But I didn't know what was in store for me in the next few years as I coached at the club until early 1997. I was lucky enough to coach three successive Winter Premiership teams for Ivanhoe between 1993 and 1995. These teams included under 15 boys D grade who came from 23 points down at half time to claim victory by three points over Kooyung, an under 17 boys D-grade side who nobody wanted to coach won their Premiership over Heidelberg in 1994 played at the YMCA in Heidelberg, finally in 1995 I was lucky enough to coach an under 17 B Grade side who in double overtime played at the SPACE centre overcame a very good Bulleen team. I was extremely lucky to manage to keep together core players over this period such as Ralph Beever, Ben Haines, David Bell, Martin Cook, and Nick Hilton. I also managed to take some of these players to another Grand Final in Summer Season 1994/95, where we just missed out on claiming yet another flag for the club.*

*Between 1995 and 1997 I was either an assistant coach to my school friend, former knights team mate and coaching buddy Robert Rocco (who incidentally took the remnants of my premierships sides onto an under 18 flag in Summer Season 1995/96) or I coached other teams to finals. My last team which I coached was an under 18 A grade side in Summer season 1996/97 who made finals but were unfortunately knocked out the first week.*

*My coaching career began at Ivanhoe but it spanned 14 years as a coach in VJBL at Bulleen and Hawthorn, but also as a coach in NSW championships in 1999. I was also fortunate enough to be an assistant coach for the Sydney Hills*

*Hornets wheelchair team in 2000 who played in Wheelchair National Basketball League as well as being a senior coach for a Division 1 Men's team at Hawthorn in 2003.*

*So why am I writing this long message to you? Well I guess I was feeling a bit nostalgic and missing both the club and the friendships (unfortunately all of which I've lost contact with over the years) which I had made over the more than ten years I was at the club. But more importantly perhaps if you like you could pass along my brief recount of my time at the club to others and let them know that it is a worthwhile pursuit. It might be kids playing basketball, but for some of those kids it might be a foundational block for their lives. I know my experience was as I'm now in my late thirties and pursuing a career as an Historian, I'm in my last year of my Masters and will eventually undertake a PhD. But a great deal of my drive to succeed in my chosen field originated from the lessons I learnt as a player and as a coach at Ivanhoe.*

*Unfortunately now I'm no longer able to be involved with the club in a direct capacity as I live on the Mornington Peninsula, but Ivanhoe East basketball club will always hold a special and dear place in my heart.*

*Good luck with the club and I wish you all the very best.*

*Darren Dobson  
Former player 1986-1990, former coach 1992-1997.*

If you remember Darren and want to get in touch, email us at [newsletter@ivanhoeknights.org](mailto:newsletter@ivanhoeknights.org) for details. If you feel inspired to make a difference as a Coach, contact Tim Butler at [president@ivanhoeknights.org](mailto:president@ivanhoeknights.org) to find out more.

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