



# Time Out

Koonung Comets Basketball Club Newsletter

May 2007

## Adelaide Easter Classic

This Easter weekend 3 Koonung teams (43 kids and parents) journeyed to the Adelaide Easter Classic recording outstanding results. This is one of the major Tournaments in Southern Australia attracting quality fields of Championship level teams from South Australia, Victoria and New Zealand.

There are two grades Championship for VC level teams and A grade which is usually about Metro I & II level on a Friday night. By way of comparison A Grade on Saturday is usually about Metro I level on a Friday night. Competition is fierce and I was really wondering if this time I had bitten off more than the kids could chew!

### **Under 14 Boys – A Grade**

*(3 wins, 2 losses - 222 pts for v 145 pts against)*

These boys came runners up on the weekend losing to the representative side from Horsham in an exciting final by four points 42 -38. To get there they won 3 of their 4 games including a hard fought semi over Sturt by 8 points. Highlights of the weekend were: an Alex Bateman monster swat, and a Jack Martin 3 pointer in the Forestville game, Patrick Dillons' rebounding, Jordan Doddridge's drives, Luke O's defence and Ryan Thorn's transitions. Surprise packet offensively was Matt Bodo who played well all weekend especially in the tough semi with Sturt. Well done to all the boys.

### **U 18 Boys – A Grade**

*(4 wins, 2 losses – 246 pts for v 286 against)*

These boys finished equal third after losing their semi final to the eventual winners McKinnon. They played some of the most entertaining basketball imaginable with wins over Darebin by 3 points with some brilliant shooting



by Matt Barr from all areas of the court; Keilor by 3 in overtime after blowing a 7 point lead with 49 seconds to go; and a great come back against West Adelaide from 20 down late in the first half to win by 6.

The best game was the win against Woodville where bid Dave Teazis played like a man possessed and Ben Doddridge lit up from three point land. Jason Young's defense and transition speed and was hard to match even for the best of teams while Mark Jeffers was safe hands as point guard. Jordan was a great asset with strength and speed so thanks to him Jarrad Apps and Tim Stewart for making the trip.

### **U 18 Girls – Championship**

*(2 wins, 3 losses, 247 pts for v 254 against)*

Outstanding. This group went to test themselves against championship level competition after 4 straight A grade premierships. Theoretically we should not have won a game according to traditional rankings and the fact we

don't even train regularly. Their first loss to Norwood (eventual winners) by 11 was a come back after being nearly 20 down at quarter time from a "shellshocked" initiation to championship basketball.

The next game was a win against the 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked team in Sth Australia – Southern Tigers where some great defensive match ups and excellent offensive transition saw us through the game to win by 7 points in an upset. Third game against Hawthorn was a spiteful match where the girls were lethargic in the first quarter again losing 60 –43 in the end – Hawthorn scored 39 pts in 3's in that match which was outstanding for them. Knowing we couldn't give away the first 5 minutes of a match again we went into the game against Knox under pressure to perform from the start. We changed defence from zone to man to man a couple of times then to a mix up defence which confused Knox offensively whilst we shot and passed beautifully.

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# Thankyou to our retiring helpers

I know how much you all enjoy reading this newsletter and that you would want to join me in thanking **Lenore Harris** for her great service to the club by producing such a high quality document for us for a considerable length of time. She is now retiring from her role after 4 years to concentrate on other ventures. We wish her well and know that a lady with such skills is bound for success! If we want to have a newsletter we need to replace Lenore so please look at our advert if you think you can help!!!

We have been very lucky to have **Nick Bateman** print our newsletter for us for a long time at no cost to the club. He is no longer in a position to do this for us. Thanks for a wonderful donation of time not to mention paper and ink, Nick. We wish you and the family well in your new ventures.

**Sandy Taylor** and **Vicki Campigli** resigned from committee at the AGM in November. Both these ladies have worked hard for the club in a variety of jobs over a number of years and we have appreciated their efforts and indeed found their shoes hard to fill!

Two of our long standing grade secretaries have resigned their posts this season. Thanks to **Sally Dent** and **Judith Barr** for their efforts.

Another lady who has done a great job

on committee, but more particularly as our Awards Officer is **Lisa Doddridge**. Lisa has been the person behind the Presentation Day Ceremonies and that is a big task involving ordering trophies, organising the day and chasing up coaches as well as many other tasks. Thank you from all of us Lisa, you have been a great committee member and everyone knows about the other side of it! We are very pleased to welcome Sally Dent on committee and to replace Lisa. She has been working closely with Lisa to get to grips with her new job and we know she will be terrific.

**Grant Pearce** has been behind the scenes organising first aid kits and supplies for our coaches as well as being on committee and opening the stadium on our Saturday roster, not to mention doing rosters for the finals. He has brought many skills from his working life to the club and always helps out at our sausage sizzles with a big smile and great culinary knowledge!!

Our two Uniform Officers, **Claire MacFie** and **Jane Bateman** retired after many seasons of staffing the uniform shop. These dedicated club members have been replaced by Jane Colson and Janette Thompson who also do a great job.

There are other people who have contributed who are not mentioned

here and they know who they are and that they are appreciated. I have named some whose shoes are large to fill.

Of course every season we have some **coaches** and **team managers** who do not continue on and I have not forgotten them. Their teams are able to offer personal thanks to them and I hope they did! The behind the scenes people often go un-thanked. To everyone who is leaving or continuing on thanks for what you do for us. I apologise for anyone I have missed out unintentionally. If you want to thank anyone please feel free to contact a committee member who can arrange to do this via the newsletter.

**AS YOU CAN SEE WE NEED CONSTANT SUPPORT FROM OUR CLUB MEMBERS TO BE ABLE TO FILL POSITIONS VACATED BY OTHERS WHO HAVE MORE THAN DONE THEIR BIT!!**

**IF WE ALL DID A LITTLE BIT LIFE WOULD BE SO MUCH BETTER FOR EVERYONE. WE ALL HAVE WORK AND FAMILY COMMITMENTS TOO!!**

**PLEASE CONTACT A COMMITTEE MEMBER IF YOUY ARE ABLE TO HELP IN ANY SMALL WAY.**

**Norah Collins**

## Adelaide Easter Classic continued

We won by 26 points in the end, were 5 pts off a semi final berth and finished third in our group. (Knox had beaten Hawthorn earlier to make a three way tie between us). The last game for 5<sup>th</sup> place saw us tiring (late nights girls??) and carrying injuries into the game to lose to a resurgent Southern tigers. We finished sixth overall which is a remarkable achievement for a domestic club and this group of girls in particular – well done to all of you and thanks.

It was a great weekend to watch the players mutually support each other and have so much fun socially. Thanks also to all the parents for their help and support in making meals, scoring and delivering children to 16 games, as well as sitting up with us while we kept an eye out for the “room hoppers” late in the evenings. Everyone had a fun and rewarding weekend and we all slept well Monday night!

**Lloyd Doddridge**



**REMINDER:** Don't forget to visit our website for information on fixtures, results and ladders throughout the season. Put it in your favourites. <http://home.vicnet.net.au/~kcbc/>

# Summer season trophy winners



The summer season ended in great style with five girls and five boys teams winning their grand finals, one of the best results we have had in years.

Many players made invaluable contributions. Some outstanding individual contributions were recognized on Presentation Day held on 25th March at the Mont Albert Primary School Hall.

Coach of the year was awarded to Chris Hastings.

The club congratulates all these award winners.

Special thanks to Lisa Doddridge for once again coordinating the awards and trophies.

GIRLS TEAMS		
U8 KN1	Coaches Award Most Determined	Jessica Rowell Beth Cooper
U10 KN1	Best Defensive Player Coaches Award	Victoria Bodo Lucy Brusamarello
U10 KN2	Coaches Award Most Improved	Sian Gillam Makira Vann
U10 KN3	Most Improved Most Determined	Grace Almeida Rebecca Jackson
U12 KN1	Most Determined Most Improved	Mollie Kenyon Manisha Prasad
U12 KN2	Coaches Award Most Determined	Gina Groenewald Sarah McKenzie
U12 KN3	Most Improved Best Team Player	Isabel Davis Emma Erwin
U14 KN1	Most Valuable Player Most Determined	Sarah Mitchell Eleanor Caldwell
U14 KN2	Most Determined Coaches Award	Chloe Harris Brittany Duncan
U14 KN3	Best Team Player Coaches Award	Hannah Bevis Amy Lawther
U14 KN4	Best Team Player Most Improved	Steph Brown Anika McLinerney
U16 KN1	Best Defensive Player Best 3 Point Shot	Merran Paice Cass Hodgson
U16 KN2	Most Valuable Player Most Determined	Phoebe Garrett Rachel King
U16 KN3	Coaches Award Coaches Award	Shaylee Taylor Kate Sist
U18 KN1	Coaches Award Coaches Award	Alex Doddridge Chantelle Gustus
U18 KN2	Most Improved Coaches Award	Lauren Morrison Emma Cope

BOYS TEAMS		
U8 KN1	Most Determined Most Improved	Matthew O'Dwyer Spencer Nolan
U8 KN2	Best Defensive Player Most Consistent	William Kruyt Harrison Kruyt
U8 KN3	Most Determined Most Valuable Player	Michael Sherry Jay Every
U8 KN4	Best Team Player Most Improved	Adam De Maria Lachlan Bacon
U10 KN1	Coaches Award Coaches Award	James Guley Toby Davis
U10 KN2	Most Consistent Coaches Award	Sam Dawborn James Corboy
U10 KN3	Most Valuable Player Most Consistent	Nicholas Taylor William Thompson
U10 KN4	Most Improved Best Team Player	James Thomson Kyle Connolly
U10 KN5	Coaches Award Most Improved	James Reidy Nilesh Rohit
U10 KN6	Encouragement Award Coaches Award	Tim Perry Callum Du Ve
U12 KN1	Coaches Award Coaches Award	James Munter Peter Wilson
U12 KN2	Coaches Award Most Improved	Marc Pittonet D'Arcy Grant
U12 KN3	Coaches Award Most Determined	Campbell Sedy Alex Bateman
U12 KN4	Encouragement Award Encouragement Award	Jack Tibballs James Hall
U12 KN5	Coaches Award Coaches Award	Tomas Walker Anthony Cope
U12 KN6	Best Defensive Player Best Team Player	Oliver Main Josh Sertic
U12 KN7	Most Determined Most Improved	Harrison Morris William Hansen
U14 KN1	Coaches Award Most Determined	Ben Thorn Nick Gazdowicz
U14 KN2	Most Improved Coaches Award	Patrick Dillon Darcy Taylor
U14 KN3	Most Improved Most Determined	Edward Davis Lachlan Smale
U14 KN4	Most Improved Most Determined	Sam Martin Stuart Tate
U14 KN5	Most Determined Coaches Award	Misha Zgoznik Andrew Goslin
U16 KN1	Best Team Player	Matthew Barr
U16 KN2	Coaches Award Coaches Award	Michael Elliou Peter Mirabella
U16 KN3	Most Valuable Player Coaches Award	Steven Dent Stuart Ellis
U16 KN4	Best Team Player Most Improved	Ben Collins Evan Bott

# Winter Season Update



## Fantastic finalists

This year has seen the club continue to grow and thrive. In the 05/06 summer season we had 11 teams in the grand finals of whom 8 went on to win. This summer season just passed we had 10 teams win grand finals. Congratulations to the following winning teams and their coaches:

U8 KN 4 Boys (Gerard Mountney)  
 U10 KN 3 Boys (Ben Collins)  
 U12 KN 4 Boys (Hayden McCallum)  
 U12 KN 5 Boys (Tony Cope)  
 U14 KN 1 Boys (Colin Cass)  
 U16 KN 2 Girls (Dallas Newton)  
 U18 KN 1 Girls (Lloyd Doddridge)

## From our president

Apart from our brilliant finals results the club has made many substantial achievements:

After experimenting with location, time and format for Presentation Day there has been a big improvement in attendance levels.

We have had a major upgrade of our website which is now very professional thanks to our new website officer. Be sure to check it out!

Our home stadium feels much more like home now that we have our banner and pennants on display.

Many of our players have had great success at representative Friday night basketball and in various tournaments on a national level. Our under 17 girls team has won A-

grade finals for the third time.

We have been lucky to have some new blood on committee and we have worked on recruiting new volunteers to share the workload, especially at finals time.

We have taken responsibility for rostering our own referees at KN and THT each week and quite a few newly trained club members are to be seen on the courts on Saturdays. We feel that this initiative has greatly improved the quality of refereeing at our home games.

Many new young coaches are getting great results with their teams and are giving up their time to improve their skills by attending courses. Coaches have been issued with whiteboards and their first aid kits have been updated.

We have much less incidence of unfinancial players since we became more proactive in chasing debts up.

You should feel proud to be part of such a wonderful club. Thanks again to the many people who have made all this happen. I am sure we can look forward to even more progress this season.

## Code of conduct

Coaches and scorers are volunteers and deserve our support and thanks for giving their time and energy to help our teams. We are often short of both, so if you think you can do better, please volunteer your services rather than criticize. We need to remember that the umpires word is final and give them the respect that their training entitles them to. You may not agree with the decisions of any of these people but it is unacceptable to interfere. Remember you are there as a spectator and to support your child who will benefit far more from your positive behaviour.

Koonung has a Code of Conduct which is on the website. Please help us keep our club's reputation clean.

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## Diary Dates

21 April	Winter season commences
9 June	Queens Birthday weekend No Games
30 June	1st weekend school holidays All games on
7 July	No games
14 July	3rd weekend school holidays All games on
19 August	Registration and grading day
1 September	First semi finals
15 September	Grand finals
16 September	Presentation Day
13 October	1st game of summer season
16 October	Annual General Meeting

**New Newsletter Officer needed. For more information about what is involved contact Lenore Harris on 0438 529 754 or Club President Norah Collins on 9898 2017.**