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Hi all from the front desk

Wow, it is March already! February was an extremely busy month in the Basketball New Zealand office. We were all working hard towards the 2009 AGM, especially Jaimie, our executive assistant, who did a fantastic job organising the event.

I spent most of February working on clearances and transfers for the National Basketball League. In all, 82 clearances were issued for the NBL and 20 foreign player licenses were applied for all the NBL imports. I am very proud to say that all athletes were cleared and made it on the court in time! A big thank you goes out to all of the associations that assisted me with signing off the clearances.

Tournament season is just round the corner, and we have been receiving many registration forms and payments. Running tournaments is a big job, so please do make sure you get your forms and payments in on time. Delays in entries create delays in tournament schedules and so on. If you are experiencing any problems or delays with your forms, please let us know. Communication is the key! We are very lucky to have Maree Taylor back on board this year, running tournaments as our tournaments co-ordinator. Please email Maree with any of your tournament matters at tournaments@basketball.org.nz.

Referee registration, tournament nomination and referee uniform order forms for 2010 are now all available online. To find them, go to www.basketball.org.nz and click on "Officials/Resources".

I have another reminder that Molten, our ball supplier, has updated its order form and you can find this on our website under "Local Associations/Resources". Molten have provided more contact details on their order form to help make the process of ordering equipment easier. Remember, only associations can order equipment. If schools or other people wish to order basketballs, they will need to go through their local association to do so.

At last, I would finally like to say that this community newsletter is for you. If you would like to add anything, please email me at roslyn@basketball.org.nz

Wishing you all the best
Roslyn

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Chappy Subs Out

Basketball New Zealand national teams general manager Grant Chapman has resigned and will leave March 26. Grant, who celebrates his eight-year anniversary with BBNZ this week, will take up a position as communications specialist with Les Mills International, based in Auckland.



"It was a very difficult decision for me," he says. "This has been a dream job, enabling me to see the world through a sport I love. This new role takes me in an exciting new career direction, but should also open up opportunities to enjoy basketball from a different perspective."

Chapman (46) joined Basketball New Zealand in 2002 as communications manager after 20 years in the media and assumed his national teams role in 2007.

"Grant has been a key employee of BBNZ over the past eight years," says BBNZ chief executive Tim Hamilton. "His experience, knowledge and passion for basketball will be missed by us all. His communication and writing skills added a unique perspective to the organisation, and were well read and received by the basketball community in New Zealand and overseas. We wish him well in his new role, but are positive he will in some way remain connected to the game and look forward to his ongoing contribution."

We wish you all the best, Chappy!

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2009 AGM Review

Stalwart Wellington Saints owner **Nick Mills** is a new addition to the **Basketball New Zealand** board after the annual general meeting in Wellington over the weekend. Mills was one of five nominations for the three vacant seats up for grabs and, when the votes were counted, was the only new member on the board. He brings a record of business acumen, innovation and a passion for basketball. The other two spots were retained by incumbents **Barry Wilson** and **Patrick Dougherty**.

While all other candidates took their opportunity to address the meeting from the front of the room, Mills preferred to lobby "from the trenches" – the rows of seats set aside for association delegates – because that was where he felt more at ease.

"I'm excited to be part of a team to guide the sport I love," says Mills, who has guided Saints to five NBL titles. "I hope to make a difference towards achieving a strong, financially stable sporting organisation."

Other highlights of the meeting included ...

- Former president **Barbara Wheadon** and current vice president **Mel Young** were unanimously installed as life members
- West Coast's **Bill Kennedy**, who earned a 50-year service award last year, was presented with the Sir Lance Cross Award for his contribution to basketball
- Southland's **Jill Bolger** was named as recipient of the Zena Gay Award for services to women's basketball. Bolger, a BBNZ board member, was absent as she prepared for the Southland Sharks' NBL debut later that evening
- Hutt Valley's **Jessie Cudby** was awarded the 50-year service award for her contribution to basketball
- Tall Blacks coach **Nenad Vucinic** was Coach of the Year for leading the national team to a record victory over the Australian Boomers at the FIBA Oceania Championship for Men.
- Counties Manukau stalwart **Georgina Nathan** was named Volunteer of the Year, while colleague **Jillian Harris** was Official of the Year

- Basketball New Zealand declared a \$214,248 deficit for 2009, mostly attributable to hosting the **FIBA U19 World Championship for Men** in Auckland

Faced with the challenges of a large deficit and a difficult sponsorship and funding market, chief executive **Tim Hamilton** outlined his plans for Basketball New Zealand over the coming year, including the immediate re-introduction of commissions to advise on and administer parts of the game.

Hamilton, who took office last October, proposed the creation of five commissions to oversee tournaments and leagues, women's basketball, awards and honours, and associations. Basketball New Zealand has provision for commissions in its internal regulations and already operates a technical official's commission. Delegates also heard of a very full national team programme during 2010 and the organisation's priority to rebuild its high performance capability.

2009 AGM Snapshots



Top Left: New BBNZ Board member **Nick Mills**

Top Right: Re-elected BBNZ Board member **Barry Wilson**

Bottom Left: Re-elected BBNZ Board member **Patrick Dougherty**

Congratulations Barry and Patrick for being re-elected and welcome Nick Mills!

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Left to right: BBNZ staff **Roslyn Hart**, **Jaimie Hefelfinger** and **Natalie Tong**



Left: A happy BBNZ CEO **Tim Hamilton**



Right: A not so happy **Chappy?**



Left to right: **Mel Young** and **Barbara Wheadon** reflecting on their basketball achievements after being elected as life members

Congratulations to Barbara Wheadon and Mel Young for becoming Life Members!



Left to right: BBNZ President **John Gallaher** presenting newly appointed life member **Barbara Wheadon** with a congratulatory gift



Left to right: **Jessie Cudby** after receiving her 50 Years of Service Award, **Bill Kennedy** after receiving the Sir Lance Cross Award

Congratulations to all award recipients and we thank you for your contributions to basketball!

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Tournament Calendar & Due Dates

BBNZ Tournament Calendar and Due Dates for the U17, U19, 21 Premiership and National Tournaments are as follows:

Tournament Date	U17 Premierships	City	Host Association	Team entry & online roster due (5 weeks)	Entry fees & final changes to roster due (4 weeks)
April 16-18	Zone 1	West Auckland	West Auckland	Wed, March 10	Wed, March 17
April 16-18	Zone 2	Manukau	Counties-Manukau	Wed, March 10	Wed, March 17
April 16-18	Zone 3	Wellington	Wellington	Wed, March 10	Wed, March 17
April 16-18	Zone 4	Christchurch	Canterbury	Wed, March 10	Wed, March 17
Tournament Date	U19 Premierships	City	Host Association	Team entry & online roster due (5 weeks)	Entry fees & final changes to roster due (4 weeks)
April 23-25	Zone 1	West Auckland	West Auckland	Wed, March 17	Wed, March 24
April 23-25	Zone 2	Tauranga	WBOP	Wed, March 17	Wed, March 24
April 23-25	Zone 3	Hutt Valley	Hutt Valley	Wed, March 17	Wed, March 24
April 23-25	Zone 4	Nelson	Nelson	Wed, March 17	Wed, March 24
Tournament Date	National Championships	City	Host Association	Team entry & online roster due (5 weeks)	Entry fees & final changes to roster due (4 weeks)
May 6-9	U21	Nelson	Nelson	Wed, March 31	Wed, April 7
June 4-7	U17	Palmerston North	Palmerston North	Wed, April 28	Wed, May 5
June 4-7	U19	Wellington	Wellington	Wed, April 28	Wed, May 5

Please ensure that all details are listed including referee information and that the form is signed by authorised personnel. Some teams have entered their team online, but have not filled out the entry form. Please fill in and email/fax to the BBNZ office and have payments made by the DUE DATE.

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Important Tournament Information

Tournaments Requiring Host Associations

BBNZ is still seeking tournament hosts for the following tournaments:

1. U13 Premierships Zone 1
2. U15 Premierships Zone 1
3. SS Premierships "AA/A" Zone 1
4. SS Premierships "AA/A" Zone 2
5. SS "A" National Championships

If you are a small association wanting to host a tournament, there is an option of splitting genders (and tournaments A/AA). If BBNZ is not able to secure host associations for these tournaments, they may not go ahead, and this will impact on eligibility and seedings for national championships. Please contact the tournament co-ordinator (tournaments@basketball.org.nz) for more information about hosting a tournament. .

Hosting Agreements

Tournament hosting agreements have been sent to host associations and are now due. Please post one of the two agreements signed by the association to the BBNZ office. Please ensure all information is provided, particularly host association contact information (page 8) and venue information (schedule 1).

Tournament Entry Forms

Tournament entry forms for premierships and nationals are now available on the BBNZ website. Please fill out and email (tournaments@basketball.org.nz) or fax to BBNZ (04-4723623) before the due dates. Also ensure the correct form is used, as each is tailor-made for a specific tournament.

Tournament Rosters

Please continue using Sporting Pulse to submit your team rosters **before the due date**. If you do not have a login, please contact tournaments@basketball.org.nz to obtain your details.

Sporting Pulse

All BBNZ tournaments have been created and are now available for Associations to enter you teams on line. Don't forget when entering your teams online, to **assign the team to a competition**. Please use the following steps after you have created a team:

1. Click into one of your teams
2. Once you see all the details, click the trophy on the right side of the screen
3. Once clicked, choose the correct zone tournament and then assign
4. Your team is now entered into that competition

Association Player Transfers

Any new players transferring from one association to another must apply for an [Association Player Transfer](#). Under the BBNZ Internal Regulations, all transfers received after the January 31 cut-off date will be processed BUT please include information around delay/lateness to support the transfer application. Thank you to those associations who are currently working with BBNZ around this process.

Application to Play U21 and One Other Age Group

The [Application to Play U21 and One Other Age Group](#) form can be found on the BBNZ website. All applications must be **submitted before April 7** to be considered. Please find below the rules and regulations regarding the application:

E2.2 Restrictions on Eligibility

E2.2.2 A player may compete in only one of the U13 or U15 or U17 or U19 or U21 age group tournaments, (both premierships and national championships), in any one year; but to avoid doubt, a player may compete in any one or more of the same age limit age- group tournaments in any one calendar year.

E2.3 Special Cases

E2.3.1 The chief executive of BBNZ is authorised to consider written submission from an affiliated association requesting inclusion of U17 or U19 players into their U21 teams.

Amalgamation of Age Group Teams

Associations wishing to merge with another association must submit an application before the first closing date of that tournament. Please find below the rules and regulations regarding the application:

F1.11 The board of BBNZ reserves the right to consider written submissions from affiliated associations requesting amalgamation of age group

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teams for BBNZ tournaments. Each submission will be judged on its merits.

Website

The BBNZ "Tournaments" section of the website has been updated so information is more accessible. The tournaments section is broken into the following categories:

- Calendar
- Tournament Rules & Procedures
 - [BBNZ Internal Regulations](#)
 - [Official FIBA Rules 2008](#)
 - [2010 Association Player Transfer Form](#)
- Resources
 - General
 - [Tournament Administration Manual](#)
 - [BBNZ Scoresheet \(Four Quarters\)](#)
 - [2010 Association Player Transfer Form](#)
 - [2010 Application To Play U21 And One Other Age Group](#)
 - [2010 Tournament Entry Fees Quote](#)
 - Secondary Schools
 - Premiership Entry Forms
 - National Entry Forms
 - Roster Forms
- Tournament News
 - News articles
- Association Reps (use U13's as the example)
 - U13
 - [2010 U13 Premiership Entry Form](#)
 - [2010 NZ U13 Championships Entry Form](#)
 - U13 Calendar and Due Dates
 - Prems Draw/Results
 - Nationals Draw/Results
- Secondary Schools (use Juniors as the example)
 - Juniors
 - [2010 Junior SS Premiership Entry Form](#)
 - [2010 Junior Secondary Schools Roster Form](#)
 - Junior Calendar and Due Dates
 - Premiership Draw/Results
 - Seniors

All association tournaments are listed under the link "Association Reps". Please refer to the BBNZ website in the first instance as all relevant information is readily available. Please familiarise yourself with the new layout. If you believe something should be made available on the webpage, please contact tournaments@basketball.org.nz with your idea/request.

Funding

If your association requires a [2010 Tournament Entry Fees Quote](#), please refer to the BBNZ website. The quote can be found under "Resources".

Please continue to use the [BBNZ Funding Application Process](#) if your association requires a support letter for your funding applications.

Transfer of Tournament Information

Associations, please ensure information is passed down to your age group teams. BBNZ has many queries from individuals who are not the association contact, including coaches and managers. Please advise your team management that the first point of contact is the association and not BBNZ.

Any questions???

Please contact our tournament co-ordinator Maree Taylor on:

tournaments@basketball.org.nz

or

027 687 5383

Youth Olympic Games

Basketball New Zealand is pleased to now confirm the appointment of Alex Stojkovic as coach of the Youth Olympic Games U18 men's team for Singapore later this year.

Alex has already begun planning for this campaign and has Olympic Solidarity Funding available for selection and preparation of this team. He intends conducting a series of regional trials around the country and may be in contact for some help in organising one in your area. I know you will provide Alex every assistance possible as he embarks on this innovative campaign, preparing a team to compete internationally in the FIBA33 (three-on-three) format.

Welcome Coach Terrence Lewis

Former Tall Black and NBL legend **Terrence Lewis** has entered the Basketball New Zealand national teams programme as a coach, appointed as assistant with the NZ U16 Men. Lewis (40), who came to New Zealand in 1993 as an American import for Wellington Saints, last appeared in the league two years ago, averaging more than 20 points a game over 260 NBL appearances. In 2002, he was selected for the Tall Blacks and was in contention for the one restricted spot available on the team for the FIBA World Championship for Men in Indianapolis. But Lewis has now begun putting his experience to good use on the sidelines, cutting his teeth at representative level as coach of his son's Wellington U15 and U17 teams.

"I'd like the chance to help kids by giving them the knowledge I have gathered in the sport of basketball," he says. "One day, I'd like to coach at the top level, coaching either a national or professional team ... but you have got to crawl before you can walk. The transition from playing to coaching is very difficult. As a player, you don't have much to worry about except playing. As a coach, you have to worry about getting players the right amount of time on and off the court, dealing with referees and dealing with different egos on the team."

Lewis will assist head coach **Seth Weakley** with the U16 team to contest the Australian state championships in

Brisbane, July 3-10. Otago's **Blake Moore** will fill the apprentice coach position with that same team, while North Canterbury's **Sarah Dakers** has been appointed apprentice with the NZ U16 Women.

Cocks All-Conference

Tall Ferns guard Micaela Cocks has rounded out her US college career with selection to the Pac-10 All-Conference Team. Cocks, recently voted Offensive MVP by her University of Oregon team-mates, is one of 15 named to the conference selection, alongside fellow Duck Taylor Lilley. Last year, she was selected to the conference third team, but the Pac-10 changed to naming just one team of 15 student athletes for 2009/10.

Cocks, perhaps the fittest player on the Oregon roster, flourished in Paul Westhead's up-tempo system this year, averaging 14.9 points (41.5% FG) and 3.3 rebounds. Her 121 games over four years are fourth on the UO all-time list and her 86.1% career shooting from the free-throw is a school record. Cocks scored in double figures in 25 of 30 games this season and converted 8/8 three-point plays. Oregon were eliminated 76-80 by University of Southern California in the conference tournament quarterfinals with Cocks contributing nine points (3/11 FG, 1/2 3pt, 2/2 FT), five assists and three rebounds.

Meanwhile, Ferns centre Rebecca Dew finished her sophomore season with University of Hawaii with four points, three rebounds, an assist and a block as the Rainbow Wahine fell 55-83 to top seeds Fresno State at the Western Athletic Conference tournament. Dew started 21 of 30 games, averaging 4.8 points and 4.6 rebounds in 15.4 minutes.

Support Sean Marks on Facebook



A Facebook group has been created to lobby for Kiwi Sean Marks' inclusion in the 2011 NBA All Star Game. If you are on Facebook, make sure you join this group and invite as many people to join too! As Marks is one of our greatest basketballers, he deserves to start in the 2011 NBA All Star game. The aim is to get 1.5 million people to make Marks the first

Kiwi in an All Star game The group is called *Lets get Sean Marks starting in the 2011 NBA All Star Game.*

National Basketball League 2010

Results standings at the end of Round Two

<u>Team</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>W %</u>	<u>GB</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>PF</u>	<u>PA</u>
Waikato Pistons	2	2	0	100.0	0	4	188	151
Harbour Heat	2	2	0	100.0	0	4	195	164
0800 Easy LPG Bay Hawks	3	2	1	66.7	0.5	4	295	241
Wellington Saints	3	2	1	66.7	0.5	4	286	245
Christchurch Cougars	3	2	1	66.7	0.5	4	251	228
Fico Finance Nelson Giants	3	2	1	66.7	0.5	4	249	260
Taranaki Mountainairs	2	0	2	0.0	2	0	160	180
Zerofees Southland Sharks	2	0	2	0.0	2	0	172	201
Oceanagold Otago Nuggets	2	0	2	0.0	2	0	153	203
McDonalds Manawatu Jets	2	0	2	0.0	2	0	157	233

NBL Schedule for the next three weeks

Round Three

Thursday, March 18

Waikato Pistons v Christchurch Cougars, Te Awamutu Event Centre, 7.30pm

Friday, March 19

Harbour Heat v Wellington Saints, North Shore Event Centre, 7pm

Taranaki Mountainairs v Christchurch Cougars, TSB Stadium Stadium, 7pm

Bay Hawks v Southland Sharks, Pettigrew Green Arena, 7pm

Nelson Giants v Otago Nuggets, Trafalgar Centre, 7pm

Round Four

Thursday, March 25

Wellington Saints v Southland Sharks, TSB Arena, 7pm

Friday, March 26

Christchurch Cougars v Southland Sharks, Cowles Stadium

Harbour Heat v Manawatu Jets, AUT, 7.00pm

Waikato Pistons v Otago Nuggets, Hamilton Boys High, 7.30pm

Saturday, March 27

Taranaki Mountainairs v Otago Nuggets, TSB Stadium, 7pm

Round Five

Thursday, April 1

Harbour Heat v Nelson Giants, NSEC, 7.00pm

Bay Hawkes v Wellington Saints, Pettigrew Green Arena, 7pm

Christchurch Cougars v Manawatu Jets, Cowles Stadium
 Southland Sharks v Taranaki Mountainairs, Southland Stadium

Saturday, April 3

Southland Sharks v Christchurch Cougars, Southland Stadium

Otago Nuggets v Taranaki Mountainairs, Timaru, 7pm

Sunday, April 4

Waikato Pistons v Bay Hawks, Rotorua, 3pm

NBL review

After the 49-point performance by Eric Devendorf in Round One, Waikato Pistons have another Player of the Week - Thomas Abercrombie with 37 points (15/20 FG, 2/4 3pt, 5/7 FT), eight rebounds, five assists and five blocks in the 96-78 win over the Taranaki Mountainairs.

The Airs had no answer for Abercrombie as he shot 75% from the field and blocked an amazing five shots. Abercrombie is in fifth place in the Player Power Rankings and team-mate Devendorf leads the rankings after a solid 25-point performance against the Airs as well.

Southland Sharks import Rene Rougeau had a Dillon Boucher-like statline with 13 points, six rebounds, seven assists, seven blocks and five steals against Boucher and the Heat. The Heat won the game though, thanks to big man Rick Rickert, who had a double/double of 24 points 11 rebounds, and Corey Webster, who had a ridiculous 10 steals.

Down south, Christchurch Cougars guard Jeremy Kench had 25 points and seven assists in their romp over the OceanaGold Nuggets. Phil Jones continued his dominant scoring with 29 points and team-mate Michael Harrison had 22 points and 10 rebounds in their win over the Wellington Saints. Saints did get a win earlier in the week against the Cougars, thanks to Darryl Hudson's 33 points.

The Bay Hawks had one of the most dominant first quarters you will see, 40-8 against the Manawatu Jets. Manawatu could not recover and ex-Jet Jamil Terrell scored 23 points in the 118-76 win.

Round 1 POW: Eric Devendorf (Waikato Pistons)

Round 2 POW: Thomas Abercrombie (Waikato Pistons)

Make sure you get along to the games and support your team!



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AIMS GAMES

NZCT AIMS NATIONAL SPORTING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday 5th Sept to Friday 10th Sept 2010

Western Bay of Plenty Basketball Association is hosting a basketball tournament in September for year seven and eight intermediate school students. Please pass this message on to local schools in your area.

Date: September 6-9, 2010

Venue: Mount Action Centre, Mount Maunganui

Cost: \$240 per team

Important dates: Entries close Friday, May 21, 2010 at 4pm. Schools are required to pay the entry fee of \$240 per team. A letter of entry confirmation will be forwarded to your school by Friday, June 4, 2010.

Year Seven and Eight Division

- Girls Division Only (maximum of 12 players per team)
- Boys Division Only (maximum of 12 players per team)
- **Strictly no mixed gender teams/divisions**

Tournament information

Tournament organiser is:

Tricia Begley

Western Bay Basketball Association

Phone: 07 578 0016 (ext 813)

Email: wbopball@enternet.co.nz

For more information regarding the tournament, please contact Tricia or visit website www.nzaimsgames.co.nz

This event is proudly supported by:



FREE - SKILLS ACTIVE SPORTS OFFICIATING FORUM

Skills Active are proud to announce the hosting of its first Sports Officiating Forum. This forum is being run in association with the New Zealand Olympic Committee and SPARC.

The forum will take place on Tuesday, May 18 at the Heritage Hotel in Auckland from 9am-5.30pm.

There will be no cost to attend the forum, but transport will be the responsibility of the individual.

The forum is an opportunity to:

- Find out more about what Skills Active can offer the officiating community
- Current research that has been undertaken in officiating
- SPARC's involvement in officiating (including Prime Ministers Scholarships)
- Industry best practice

Most importantly, it provides an opportunity for you to be involved in shaping the path for future development of officiating in New Zealand.

If you wish to register your interest in this event and receive updates on the programme, please fill in your details and make sure to keep Tuesday, May 18 free in your diary.

www.skillsactive.org.nz/index.cfm/about_skills_active/news/skills_active_sports_officiating_forum.html

Please feel free to pass this onto your officiating contacts.

Associations, make sure you make the most of these types of opportunities!

