



The Howling Wolf Issue 4 -February 2004

Happy New Year to all our Brighton Wolves Basketball Club families - we do hope you all had a safe and happy festive season and holidays, and our players are rested up and ready to start the year with plenty of fast, fancy footwork!!

We are of course half way through the season and on the home stretch to the finals commencing **Sunday 21 March**, for semi finals, with **Grand Final Weekend being 27th and 28th March** - please make sure these dates are kept free - notification of finals matches will be made closer to this time.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Get those encyclopaedias out folks - the Brighton Wolves Basketball Club is about to hold its first **Trivia Night - Friday, 19 March, 2004** commencing at 7.30 pm at Hurlingham Park, Brighton East - **Tickets are available from your Team Manager** at the fantastic price of only \$15.00 per head. All drinks will be available at reduced bar prices and all you need to do is come along with a few nibblies for your table - we would like each of our teams to form at least one table - it promises to be a great night with some great prizes available for bidding as well - come along and support your Club and get your tickets booked early so you don't miss out.

AWARDS/PRESENTATION DAY

What a big month March will be - all families please diary **Sunday, 14 March, 2004** for the **BRIGHTON WOLVES BASKETBALL CLUB PRESENTATION DAY** - awards will once again be presented on the Sunday afternoon at Victory Park -

BBQ will be provided, BYO drinks - BUT, your Committee of Management have organised a few surprises at our Afternoons of Afternoons!!! Stay tuned for more details.

Game Calendar.

Could families please note there WILL BE NO BASKETBALL GAMES PLAYED ON THE LABOUR DAY WEEKEND - 6TH/7TH MARCH.

WEB SITE UPDATE

For all the families with access to the internet, your Committee of Management is delighted to advise that the Brighton Wolves Basketball Club web site is nearing completion and should be accessible by March. The site gives you access to our newsletter, plenty of photos of games and players, registration information etc. This will be a great tool for our Club in promotions and recruiting - we will advise when the site is up and running. The web site address is:

www.brightonwolves.org.au

CLUB NOTICE BOARD AT BRIGHTON SECONDARY COLLEGE

Some of you keen eyed members may have noticed the brilliant display of photos on the notice board in the foyer outside the entrance to the Brighton Stadium last Saturday. The Club has the opportunity of using this space to display photos, notices etc. to all our Brighton Wolves members so please do have a look as you enter the courts. The photos displayed at the moment are from our boys under 9 and 11

teams playing the curtain raiser at the Liberty Giants game in February – some great action shots of our boys (and a few of the Liberty Belles cheering the boys on!) – thanks to John from the U13 boys for the brilliant photography!



Recruitment of New Players – Attention Girls

We are keen to improve and extend our recruiting of new players to our Club and would particularly like to entice some more girls along to establish teams – any members with daughters who don't play, or friends of daughters who do play, do please try hard to foster an interest in basketball – we would love to increase the size of the girl's competition (I mean really, how CAN you compare netball!!!!!!) and will be actively recruiting in local schools etc. in preparation for our next season – but would appreciate your efforts in spreading the word around and certainly offering some encouragement to nieces, friends of friends etc!.

NEW PLAYERS TO YOUR TEAM

Just a reminder to all teams please – if someone new joins your team, Team Managers MUST ENSURE they contact Tracey on 9568 1058 to obtain a registration form – players starting part way through a season MUST STILL REGISTER and pay for a part season – this also includes players turning up to training – they are not covered by our insurance or the McKinnon Basketball Associations if they are not listed with us.

LIBERTY GIANTS & BRIGHTON WOLVES

Many families will have had the delightful opportunity over the last few weeks of either watching their own children, or other Brighton Wolves players play the Curtain Raiser at the home of the Liberty Giants in Albert Park.

Due to the wonderful efforts of David Marshall, dad of Dean and Ryan in the U11 and U9 boys teams, we have had the pleasure of being the 'pre-game entertainment' – a huge buzz for all involved. David is hoping to continue this wonderful relationship with possible training opportunities with Giants players down the track and a few other special attractions are on the cards – stay tuned – thanks to David and Virginia for putting the time in to foster this hugely beneficial relationship and also for organising the wonderful picnic at Albert Park prior to the game on Sunday, 18 January – a really fantastic day was had by all and we raised \$242.00 for the Wolves.



Liberty Giants Report

The Victoria Liberty Giants are heading into the final month of the 2003/2004 National Basketball League regular season looking to seal a spot in the top 8. We have some tough games ahead both at home & on the road, as we face several teams who like us are competing for a spot in the play-offs.

Nathan Crosswell, Ben Pepper & Captain Rob Feaster have all found form in recent home games with stand out performances against the Adelaide 36ers, Sydney Kings and Wollongong Hawks. The entire team has been working hard during training and remains positive of improving on their recent form.

It has been fantastic to see the Brighton Wolves teams taking part in the pre-game matches during some of our recent home games. We hope all the kids who participated enjoyed the experience and

we look forward to continuing to build a strong association with the club in the future.



With only one more home game in Melbourne, we will be looking for some home court support, so make sure you get along & cheer on the Liberty Giants!

- Sunday February 29th vs Perth Wildcats tip-off 2:00pm Venue: Dandenong Basketball Stadium, Stud Rd Dandenong
Tickets are available from Dandenong 9794 7192 or from the Giants office on 9905 8444



Australia Day – Dick Smith Morning Tea

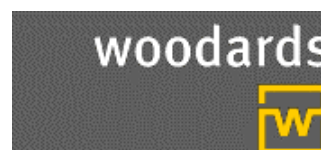
Early on the morning of Australia Day, *Trevor, Robyn and Alex McTaggart, Michael, Chris, Alexandra and Jonathen Egan and Tracey and Gary Husek* met at Federation Square to set up and serve tea and biscuits to the public as part of the Dick Smith Morning Tea – our Club was invited to help out in return for a \$350.00 donation to our Club's funds if we could provide volunteers for the morning.

It was a fantastic effort by all involved, serving around 1400 cups of tea (and probably twice as

many biscuits) – we were all very weary of jiggling tea bags by the end of it all though! Huge thanks to Alex McTaggart and Jono and Alexandra Egan for their efforts in unwrapping loads of biscuits as we called for them and keeping us well supplied with plenty of milk!

Lets hope we get the opportunity again next year!

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