

DBC PRESIDENTZ REPORT 2014 - 2015

Another set of seasonal games has gone by and the game of basketball continues to grow in strength and popularity in this country. New Zealand continues to shine on the world stage, with appearances at the 2014 FIBA World Championships including the Tall Blacks taking on the USA in an historic first, and the NZ Breakers taking out the 2014 – 15 Australian National basketball League (ANBL) for an incredible fourth time in just 5 seasons. This also saw Brad Anderson who played with Dolphinz Premier men join the squad as a development player.

DOLPHINZ Basketball Club continues to do our part bringing structure and an accessible passage for all players, and families of all ages, into the game. **Creating more opportunities for more players to play Basketball!**

A huge development in the clubs organization has been the engagement of a NEW accounting system. XERO now allows us to provide a professional up- to- the- minute billing interaction with members for all the many services we provide, and keep on top of our finances. Bringing into the system a large amount of historical debt (unpaid fees) we are now able to keep players current and accountable for their contribution to the workings of the club in a common invoicing format that is consistent with other areas of members financial commitments in everyday life. This has seen our financial management improve to where for the first time this season we are essentially flush (balanced) in our books for fees. A big thank you to Deborah Phillips for providing the bookkeeping services running XERO and of course Rhys Powell our London Correspondent for his continued accounting support for the club.

The NZ Breakers Gym continues to be the clubs home base starting each week with MONDAY CLUB NITEZ and going through the weeks Leagues and scrimmagez at NS YMCA , Kristin and Takapuna Grammar, we provide basketball 5 – 7 days a week!

A new initiative is the DOLPHINZ Kidz Club which includes Basketballing Pupz from the earliest age groups organized by Debbie Stanaway. The burgeoning future-proofing side of the Club is ably coached by Ben Todd, a experienced player-coach recently arrived from Adelaide, and Werner Sievert our Assets Manager himself an experienced senior player in Germany. Whats particularly pleasing is that this is the children of our adult players as

well as parents in the wider basketball community bringing the next generation through into this vibrant sport.

Among our services are the ever popular Mixed Social Tournaments. This gives an inroad particularly for new players both male and female to play together in a friendly less pressured game as a good starter League.

DOLPHINZ Basketball teams continue to compete well in the Harbour Leagues with a League Championship in the A Reserve Mens in 2014 and reorganized squads that have seen us ranking in the top four of all our mens grades currently. B Grade mens feature three of our teams and again frequently DOLPHINZ teams on all 4 NSEC courts. The womens competition has been moved to the NZ Breakers facility and therefore requires some new human resources to encourage teams. Thank you to each of the Team Coordinators that show extra commitment in organizing their teams each week.

New lighter, brighter DOLPHINZ Vortex uniforms are beginning to come on stream to the delight of members with our A Grade mens and a new Sponsored strip in B Grade Blue coming on board. Thank you to FatCatz Events for sponsorship, and of course we invite all interested companies or individuals that would like brand exposure on our uniforms to contact us!

It may have been 'business as usual' at DOLPHINZ BASKETBALL during 2014 however with things changing particularly with added financial pressures it has become necessary to increase the Club Membership fee and to separate it from the normal Competition fee paying time. Members reading the FINANCIAL Reports will see that Members fees currently make up just over half what is paid out in increased Court Hire Costs. The rest is sought in Funding applications which we have been successfully steadily receiving and Club initiatives such as Mini- Mixed Tournaments. This has been outlined in a special notice members received weeks prior to the new August 1st billing date with sufficient time for feedback. We do hope all members will respond to this new cost in a spirit of goodwill in Amateur Sport (user pays) and with a willingness to support the clubs development and continued growth.

I recently spoke to the CEO of Basketball New Zealand whom expressed very little knowledge of other fully incorporated clubs existing in Basketball – DBC is unique – and

we don't want to be! We want to see a thriving National Club Competition with a network of basketball clubs throughout the country, like other major sporting codes! I am convinced that the way ahead is Club Basketball with basketball as 'Sport of 1st Choice!'

With growth of the sport in mind it has become necessary to restructure the clubs administration and in 2015 I am moving from the Presidents position to a new Head of Basketball Operations role that as Head Coach of the Club will encompass what I am already doing for the club players and teams and by allowing access to funding will enable expansion to the clubs services and reach further afield to more people.

New uniforms, balls and equipment, club competition and challenge games and further trips for the club are ahead.

2017 will see the World Masters games, the largest multi-sport event in the world, take place in Auckland and Dolphinz basketball have already been asked to be involved.

With the power of the internet and customer driven popular websites, the new Glory League initiative are examples of partners in the passion of the game utilizing modern technologies. Our own club web site and IT is ably maintained by Paul Lamb.

We will also be bringing in new support people we have confirmed to specifically target funding agencies.

In a quick reflection over what for me has not only been 5 yrs since DOLPHINZ Basketball incorporated in 2010, but 10 years of involvement with the Club since 2006 when my older sons were ready to play senior ball, the club has come a long way, is healthy and growing! This is simply the next and newest stage of development! Thank you for your support! – Club Basketball is certainly 'Grassroots Basketball at it's best!

David Thomas 'Coach DT'

President 2010 - 2015

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