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A Fantastic First Year!!

Greetings from the GYBA Executive!

It is hard to believe that our first season is quickly coming to a close – and by all accounts it has been a tremendously successful year!

Earlier this winter, the Hustle program wrapped up its season with a year-end banquet that provided a fitting end to a fun-filled 4 months of recreational basketball. Our thanks go out to all of the coaches and volunteers who worked so hard to make the season such an enjoyable and rewarding learning environment for our 500+ participants involved in this program. We would especially like to congratulate them on the launch

of a separate girls division this year, which proved to be a great success. We are hoping to build the girls division even further in the coming season, so for those of you who participated this year we hope to see both you and your friends out again in the fall. Remember you can take advantage of the early bird registration rate if you enrol before July 1st.

If you've been reading the newspapers and checking out our web site you will also be aware of the tremendous success that our Phoenix rep teams have had this year. All teams are to be congratulated for their efforts, but special mention must be made of the Girls Bantam 1 team, which

won the Ontario Championship. Well done! We wish you the best of luck as you compete at the Eastern Canadian Championship tournament in Quebec this summer. Again, we would like to thank all of our Phoenix coaches who dedicate so much time and effort – including several weekends – to allow you to develop your skills through competition.

As you may have noticed, our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, June 13th in the cafeteria at Centennial CVI beginning at 7 pm. We encourage you all to attend as you will have an opportunity to help shape the evolution of
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Phoenix on the Way Up!!

The Guelph Phoenix enjoyed a successful inaugural campaign in the 2006-2007 Ontario Basketball season. Several teams won medals at their respective divisions and all our athletes represented our

organization with pride, determination and enthusiasm.

Our program was instantly recognizable by our appearance (which drew very positive reviews from other clubs and OBA officials) and the

manner in which the boys, girls and staff conducted themselves at all times!

At last count five (5) Guelph
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Hustle Looking Great

The Hustle Division had a record-breaking season and is gearing up for another one next year. This past season was the first year that an all-girl's division was launched and it was a huge success. There were over 130 girls in 4 different age groups. The boy's division also had outstanding enrollment.

One of the keys to this season's success was the coaching and convening. "We had a lot of dedicated coaches who put in the time and focused on teach-

ing the game and helping the kids have fun", said Doug Taylor, VP of the Hustle Division. "It really comes down to the quality and consistency of the leadership, both on the floor and in the gyms. Coaching and the people who organize each of the age groups, the convenors are absolutely key to the Division's success". As a continuation of their own development and ultimately the development of basketball in Guelph, it is hoped that all the



coaches will be able to take part in the "community coach" accreditation that is being held by Basketball Canada during the off season.

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Sponsors Make It Happen

We would like to once again take this time and space to thank the sponsors of Guelph Basketball for their continued support.

Without their generous help in so many ways we would not be able to have so much fun and success as we have had. If you

have the opportunity, thank our sponsors personally by supporting them in our community.



Hustle Looking Great (cont from page 2)

Besides the coaches and convenors, another big thank you goes out to the sponsors of the end of season Hustle Banquet. Domino's Pizza and Dairy Queen did a great job supplying the players with pizza and ice cream which everyone enjoyed!!

Never sitting idle, the Hustle Division is gearing up for the 2007-08 season. Early registration has already begun and will run until July 1st. There will be registration at East Side Mario's for 3 Saturdays in June. People can register on June 9th, 16th and 23rd, from 9 am to 12 noon at East Side Mario's on Stone Road Mall.

One significant change that will be in effect for next year is the "retirement" of Doug as the VP of the Hustle Division. Doug "Hawk" Taylor has been a fixture on the Guelph Basketball scene for more years than he cares to admit and he is stepping down as head of the Hustle Division effective June 30th. After a smooth transition from Hoops'N Hustle to the GYBA, he has committed to remain "on call" and will be happy to help out, but he wants to spend more time pursuing other interests outside of basketball. He will be missed by the many coaches, convenors and kids that he has

**Doug
(Hawk)
Taylor to
retire in
June**



come in contact with over the years.

We wish Hawk all the best and thank him for the wonderful legacy of the Hustle Division that he has left us.

Keep an Eye on the Website

www.guelphbasketball.com

The website of Guelph Basketball is the place to stay up to date with all the developments that take place in the off season.

It is being updated with news,

pictures and announcements all the time. We will also be sending out a questionnaire to everyone in our database to get your input on Guelph Basketball's first year of operation and how

we can make things even better. Let us know how we are doing! Take a moment and fill in the survey. Look for it in your inbox soon!



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A Fantastic First Year (cont from page 1)

GYBA into the future. Also, we have a tremendous need to get more volunteers to work behind the scenes as board and committee members. It is the efforts of these individuals that enable GYBA to provide the Hustle and Phoenix programs in this community; if you have the time to get involved and make a difference we would love to hear from you.

Finally if you are interested in playing basketball this summer, GYBA is pleased to present the Royal City Basketball Camp from July 9-20th. At a cost of \$125 for two weeks of quality instruction, you will not find better value in Guelph or anywhere else for that matter.

As was mentioned in the previous newsletter, we really want your feedback about our pro-

grams and how we can continue to build a better organization. To that end, we have created a very short survey instrument. A few minutes of your time will provide us with some extremely valuable information as we plan for the upcoming season so please take the time to complete the survey.

See you in June!

Phoenix on the Way Up!! (cont from page 1)

Phoenix teams had traveled into the United States to participate in AAU events. Our teams have performed very well at these tournaments. The athletes have been exposed to some different levels of play and intensity. It has been a great learning experience for everyone and will continue to make the Guelph

Phoenix a better club.

The Bantam girls # 1 team captured the top position in Ontario. This allows our Phoenix team to represent us all and Guelph at the Eastern Canadian championships in June just outside Montreal. The girls are currently fundraising to help

support this venture, so keep an eye out for any related events around town. Members of the championship team: (on the floor left to right) Michelle Reynolds, Cierra Carere (seated left to right) , Rebecca Keil, Erica Zen, Julia Soriano, Marie Maranan, Silvie Cafarella (standing left to right) Coach

Howard Keil, Coach Paul Cafarella, Chelsey Mathieu, Claire Endicott, Jaime Janssen, Melinda McNeice, Coach John Endicott, Coach Paul Mathieu.

All our coaches, athletes and volunteers should be proud of the incredible job they have done this season!

“Phoenix Girls head to Eastern Canadian championships”



Step Right Up!!

Volunteers are the lifeblood of so many organizations and Guelph Basketball is no different. It is hard to believe that a whole basketball season is over for this year. Guelph Basketball could not have been as successful as it was if it was not for all the great VOLUNTEERS that have help out. They did a great job and we would like to build on the success of this first year to make Guelph the best basketball community it can be.

We need your help. We need your help in big ways and small. There are some obvious places to pitch in and maybe some you

haven't thought of before. You could do something with a specific team like coach, help coach or manage. You could volunteer on the Hustle side or the Phoenix side. You could help out in communications (and write newsletters), registration (and organize applications), facilities (and draft schedules) or equipment (and manage basketballs and uniforms). You could help with the money by working with our fundraising or sponsorship committee.

We'd also like to hear if you would be interested in serving on the Board of Executives.

Tim Mau, President would be happy to talk to anyone about those opportunities. Please contact him immediately at president@guelphbasketball.com. A full slate of Board members will be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

There are so many places that we could use your experience, enthusiasm and energy. So please come out to the AGM on June 13th at Centennial C.V.I. at 7:00pm. Talk to us there, fill out a volunteer form or get one from the Guelph Basketball website (www.guelphbasketball.com)

"We would love your help. Your experience, energy and enthusiasm would be a real asset."





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Mark Your Calendar

Coaching Clinic	Saturday June 2nd 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (lunch provided)	Centennial C.V.I.
Executive Board Meeting	Sunday June 10th 7:00 pm	Stone Road Mall Office
Annual General Meeting	Wednesday June 13th 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	Centennial CVI Cafeteria
Hustle Registration 2007/2008	June 9, 16 and 23rd 9:00 am to 12 noon	East Side Mario's, Stone Road
Royal City Basketball Camp	July 9th to 20th	
Ganon Baker Basketball Camp	August 20th to 24th	St. John's Kilmarnick School
Phoenix Try Outs 2007/2008	September to be determined	To be determined

Check the Website for other upcoming dates: www.guelphbasketball.com