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# The Dribbler

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## Steve Nash Joins Hustle Division

Well Steve will be joining in spirit if not in person. The Guelph Youth Basketball Association is incorporating the Steve Nash Youth Basketball program into its Hustle recreation league this fall.

"We're absolutely thrilled," said Fred Rayner, the association's vice-president

of recreational basketball. "It will be the culmination of everything that we have aspired to do with youth basketball in Guelph over the past 15 years."

Rayner says that while the Hustle program has always encouraged kids to have fun while learning the fundamentals of basketball,



the Steve Nash Youth Basketball program will add a nationally endorsed development program (cont on page 3)

## Phoenix Off to a Hot Start

### Phoenix Tryouts

Phoenix Rep team tryouts are all at John F. Ross Sept. 21, 22, 23 and Sept. 27, 29, 30. For specific age division dates and times please check out our web site

[www.guelphbasketball.com](http://www.guelphbasketball.com) on the left hand side of the home page under "REGISTER"....Click "Joining a Rep Team"....Click "Girls or Boys Tryout Schedule". Each age division will receive four tryout dates and times over two weekends.

### Parent/Player/Coaches Meeting

There will a mandatory meeting for all Parents, Players and Coaches of

our Phoenix Teams in order to provide better communication and easier execution of our programs. There will be a full agenda packed with information that we all need to operate our club efficiently and with everyone's full understanding.

Major Bantam & Younger Sat Oct 13th 1:30pm-3:00pm @ Centennial C.V.I. Cafeteria  
Midget & Older Sat Oct 13th 3:30pm-5:00pm @ Centennial C.V.I. Cafeteria

### Fundraising

We will be doing three fundraisers this season beginning with the very successful East Side Mario's Coupon Card that

we did last year. The coupon cards will be distributed at the Coach/Player/Parent Meeting on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> in the Centennial C.V.I. cafeteria and will need to be returned by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our second fundraiser is new and should create some real excitement. Swish for Wish is our own creation and will allow the community and our parents and players to use their basketball shooting skill to raise funds to support our objectives as well as the objectives of the Guelph Wish Fund For Children.

The third fundraiser will be (cont on page 2)

# Ganon Baker GYBA Summer Camp



**Ganon and the Gang: All Smiles**

GYBA brought Ganon Baker back once again. Baker ran a 5 day camp for elite players in August and got rave reviews.

Players learned to improve their game of basketball through a week of hard workouts, drills, video sessions and inspirational stories told by Ganon. Ganon Baker is one of Nike's elite development coaches and has worked with players in the NBA, NCAA and the top high school players around the world. Thank you to Ganon, DJ, Ryan and

Jerome. A special thanks also to the GYBA coaches who came out to help, some of whom took time off work. It's safe to say that everyone who attended had a great experience. Ganon Baker was an inspiration to all that attended the camp from players to coaches to spectators.

Stay tuned!! There are plans in place to run a two week camp with Baker next summer!

*"We are very excited about the wonderful surprise Player Give away this season."*

## Phoenix Off to a Hot Start (cont from page 1)

the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Phoenix Basketball Tournament being run on March 7-9, 2008 for all of our teams from Major Bantam and Under. Some of your time and support will be required to make this a success.

### Spirit Wear

We have a new supplier for all of our spirit wear and we are very excited about the wonderful surprise Player Giveaway this season. In appreciation to all of our Coaches for all they contribute to our program we have a wonderful new Giveaway for them also. New for this year we have GYBA developmental shooting balls which will be given out to all the Steve Nash Youth Basketball players and will be made available to our Phoenix players as well. As for the Spirit Wear items, our new supplier will be providing us with a

sizing kit of fully finished samples for viewing and sizing before purchase. We have some exciting new items for purchase that will really take our teams up a notch and make them proud to wear the Phoenix logo.

### Coaching Selection

As of right now we have coaches for every age division except Atom girls. We could still use some coaches for a couple of our second teams and at the Novice and Atom levels. We are very pleased to have several new coaches joining our program including Juvenile Boys #1 coach Andy Kwiatkowski, a long time Canadian National Team and European Professional player and with our Junior Boys #1 team Toffer

Treiguts U of G Graduate and player will be joining up with Chris Popofski.

### FREE Coaching Certification Clinics

Several National Coaching Certification Program courses are being run for our coaches this year. Any of our players who are seventeen or older should consider taking them. We have a Trillium grant to cover any of the costs of these clinics but only until the end of 2007. The Hustle program will be running several of the NEW NCCP courses for "Community Coach" and we will be announcing shortly when those are. Below are the clinics for our Phoenix program.

NCCP Level 1 Technical  
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# Steve Nash Joins Hustle Division (cont from page 1)

opment system for both players and coaches.

“It’s finally here in one deliverable package. It should get our kids excited and it should get our coaches excited,” he added.

The Nash program model was created after researching the most successful community basketball programs across North America, but Rayner says its biggest



strength is its emphasis on age appropriate coaching.

“The program teaches basketball at levels that are consistent with what kids are able to do,” he says, noting that full-court, five-on-five games are technically too advanced for many younger kids.

“The Steve Nash program delivers the elements of the sport that kids can best understand, while providing stimuli they will respond to,” he says, adding that it will contribute to long-term player development and character

but also to life skills such as discipline, self-esteem and sportsmanship.

### Better Trained Coaches

Another benefit of the Nash program is that it has an established system for developing, training and mentoring coaches. Rayner says the Hustle league needs about 160 coaches and assistant coaches, and by developing better trained coaches, the league will help players develop better skills.

“It’s the bottom of the pyramid really. You can’t hope to convey anything about the game without good coaching,” he said. “With trained coaches, the kids will get the most out of the game.”

Partnered with the NCCP, a national coaching certification organization, the Nash program provides a graduated system that will train anyone with a desire to coach, regardless of their knowledge of basketball.

Although Hustle (and formerly Hoops ‘N Hustle) has worked to mentor coaches in the past, Rayner says the graduated system provides a framework of the required skills to coach kids at each particular age group.

By having a graduated certification system, the coaches are able to grow and develop as coaches, while the kids grow as players.

In addition to developing coaches GYBA will help kids develop their own skills, by providing everyone enrolled in the GYBA with a basketball that has the proper ball handling positions painted on the ball.

“With the notoriety that Steve Nash will bring to this program, we’re expecting even more people to start playing,” Rayner said.

But basketball’s popularity is creating a demand for more gym time, which he says is limited. And unlike other sports, there are few city-owned courts, leaving it to schools to provide gym time, which is already limited.

Rayner says if more community-supported courts were available, even if the city and school boards jointly operated them, it would let more kids experience the benefits of basketball.

“Our philosophy is not to turn away any kid that wants to play. It’s a simple philosophy,” he says. “We genuinely get pleasure out of watching the game grow and watching kids have fun.”

Youth between 6 and 18 can sign-up for the GYBA’s Hustle recreational league’s new Steve Nash Youth Basketball Program at East Side Mario’s on Saturday, Sept. 15 and Saturday, Sept. 22 between 9 a.m. and noon.



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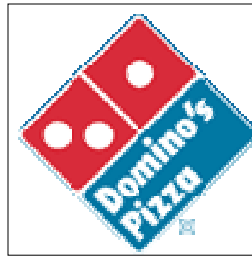
# Our Sponsors are the BEST!

Our sponsors make a difference in so many ways. They enable us to plan activities knowing we will get their support and help. They commit

up front to being there for us and pitching in so that the kids get a wonderful and meaningful experience.



We would like to encourage everyone in the community to support them like they support us. They are the BEST!



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## Phoenix Off To A Hot Start (cont from page 2)

Clinic Tuesday Sept. 18 AND Thursday Sept. 20 6:00pm-10:00pm @ College Heights NCCP Level 2 Technical Clinic - Sunday Oct. 14th AND Sunday Oct. 21 8:30am-4:30pm @ College Heights

### Phoenix Coaching Clinics

Our own coaching clinics will be:  
 Saturday January 5, 2008 8:30am-4:30pm @ College Heights  
 Saturday June 7, 2008 8:30am-4:30pm @ College Heights

Last year we had Ganon Baker, Mike MacKay, Greg Francis, Chris O'Rourke and Angela Orton provide us with coaching clinics.....stay tuned for this years clinicians but please keep these dates open!

## Volunteers Make it Happen

If you or anyone you know is interested in volunteering in any way throughout GYBA have them contact Pam Baker at [volunteer@guelphbasketball.com](mailto:volunteer@guelphbasketball.com)

**\*\*We are looking for someone to do EQUIPMENT\*\***

Another aspect of volunteering with a community group is Police Checks. Everyone who volunteers within GYBA must complete one even

though you may have done one recently for another organization or job. The process is simple and there is no cost to you. All you need to do is fill out a simple form, (completely and in black ink) and Pam will do the rest. If you live outside the Guelph area, you can get a letter from the head of Phoenix or

Hustle and take it to either the local police or O.P.P. They will then do the check.

So take a moment and decide if you can help out. It may be a one-time event or throughout the season. Any and all help and expertise is welcome!



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## Mark Your Calendar

Hustle Registration 2007/2008	September 15th and 22nd 9:00 am to 12 noon	East Side Mario's, Stone Road
Hustle/Phoenix Information Booth	September 15th 10 am to 6 pm September 16th 11 am to 5 pm	Stone Road Mall
Phoenix Boys and Girls Try Outs	September 21st to 30th (check specific dates and times on website)	John F. Ross C.V.I.
Hustle Opening Day	Saturday October 13th	T.B.D.
Phoenix Parent, Player, Coaches Meeting	Saturday October 13th	Centennial C.V.I. Cafeteria
Executive Board Meeting	Sunday October 28th 7:00 pm	Stone Road Mall Office

Check the Website for other upcoming dates: [www.guelphbasketball.com](http://www.guelphbasketball.com)