

- Hustle
Picture Day
- Call For
Volunteers
- Senior Men's
Team Plays
Buffalo PBL
- GYBA Is
Going To
The Raptors
Game

INSIDE
THIS ISSUE:

- Hustle News 2
- Swish For
Wish 2
- Coaches 2
Clinic Recap
- Senior Men's 3
Update
- GYBA 4
Raptor Day

The Dribbler

VOLUME 4, ISSUE 1

JANUARY 2010

GYBA Raffle Tickets Are Here !!!!!

Guelph Youth Basketball Association
FUNDRAISING RAFFLE 2010 Tickets
\$10 /each

GRAND PRIZE

(Draw date: March 6, 2010)
Trip for four to Men's NCAA Final Four Tournament
In Indianapolis April 2 – 6, 2010
Approx value of \$15,000

EARLY BIRD PRIZE

(Draw date: February 17, 2010)
All inclusive trip for two to sunny Caribbean
Riu Guanacaste (Costa Rica) or
Riu Yucatan (Mayan Riviera)
Approx value of \$5,000

Must be 18 or older to purchase
Prizes must be accepted as awarded
Raffle is limited to 10,000 tickets
100 Prizes To be awarded
Lottery License # M639076

Proceeds support the development of youth basketball in Guelph

To purchase tickets contact a Phoenix player or email fundraising@guelphbasketball.com
See our website (www.guelphbasketball.com) For more details



Letter From The President

Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2010!

Due to some disruptions on the board of directors, it has been a while since we've communicated with you via our newsletter, but I am pleased to announce that Steve Marshall has graciously agreed to step in and fill the vacant Communication Chair position. Steve is no stranger to GYBA, having coached for us in the past, but this is his first venture on the board. We are all very excited to work with Steve in this capacity and know that he will do a great job of ensuring that we have timely and relevant communications with our membership.

For most of you, the 2009-2010 GYBA season is now well underway. Whether you are new to GYBA or are returning for your second or third season, I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to you as part of the GYBA family, which includes several hundred kids who participate recreationally as part of our Hustle program and more than 20 boys and girls rep teams. I certainly wish you all the best for a successful and fun-filled basketball experience this year. (Continued on page 3)

GUELPH BASKETBALL

Hustle News



The month of January will be a very busy month for the Hustle program on Saturday January 16th they held their picture day. A casual and fun "Hustle" activity where parents and players were encouraged to bring

their own cameras and take pictures of the boys and girls playing and posing with the basketball. There was group shots, action shots and staged shots. January 16th was also the day that our marketing partner HBSMS was to be at most of our Hustle gyms to sell our raffle tickets to whom ever wishes to purchase them.

Saturday January 30th will be the Hustle Swish for The Wish Fund-raiser. The boy and girl in each division that brings in the most pledges will receive 2 tickets to the

Storm game on March 7th, 2010 at 2:00pm. This is also a skate with the Storm day so bring your skates. Top male and female in Hustle will receive 2 tickets to a Raptor game in February 2010.

"Wishes include trips to Disney World, equipment for special needs children and meeting celebrities"

Swish For The Wish

GYBA Hustle & Phoenix programs will be participating in the 3rd annual Swish For the Wish fundraiser. Once again this year players will be collecting pledges and will be shooting 25 free throw's to help raise money for this amazing charity. Speak to your coach to find out your scheduled time slot for their shoot off. All proceeds will go towards Kids helping Kids within the community.

"The Guelph Wish Fund for Children was founded in August of 1984 by former NHL linesman, Ron Asselstine, based on a similar "wish" organization in Minnesota. Since its inception, the goals of our charity have not changed. The Guelph Wish Fund for Children will do its best to grant a favourite "wish" to a child who is 19 years of age or under who is severely ill, injured, or handicapped, and resides in Guelph or South Wellington

County. Our "wishes" include trips to Disney World, equipment for special needs children, and meeting celebrities such as Wayne Gretzky and Celine Dion. It is always our hope to provide the children and their families some relief from the pain and worry that is accompanied with their affliction. "

~Ron Asselstine

Thank You for your continuing Support!

GYBA Coaches Clinic

On January 2nd we once again held our GYBA coaches clinic. Unfortunately Chris O'Rourke was unable to attend due to the flu. However we were very fortunate to have Jerry Auger fill in at the last minute and talked about "Individual On The Ball Defense". Our Senior Men's team Head Coach Stu Julius did a demonstration on "Individual

Workouts" while Mark Walton did a presentation on "Moving Without The Ball". We were also once again honored to have Mike MacKay the Technical Director for Canada Basketball in to talk about "Ball Handling and Dribbling" A successful clinic was had by all. We had approximately 60 Rep and Hustle coaches in attendance. All the

coaches at the clinic were invited to stay after for the Senior Men's Game vs RMC which are team won.



Mike MacKay working with GYBA Rep. players at our clinic.

Senior Men's Season Update



“The months of Sept and Oct were very busy for us. We played a total of 9 games. We actually played 6 games in 9 days and on one weekend we played Friday/Saturday/Sunday. We also had a

great chance to play the Polish Development team. The interesting thing was that we won all the games going 9-0 vs university and college Teams. We are very pleased with our results and our performance. The development of Kevin Pangos has been outstanding and we continue to have young kids practice with us. We are very excited about our venture into the PBL .”

~Stu Julius

The senior men's team played the Buffalo Stampede PBL on December 12th and lost 103-98. They were missing 2 players due to family commitments, the guys played hard and it was a good game.

Congratulation to the team and best of luck in the future.

“this is an exciting venture for us that can greatly enhance our fundraising efforts”

Letter From The President Continued...

As you know, this season we entered into a new partnership with HB Sport Management Services to manage our Phoenix registration function and, among other things, to assist with our fundraising efforts—namely the draw for the NCAA Final Four package for four. I realize that there were some unexpected delays printing the tickets and distributing them to you, and for that I apologize. This was an unfortunate growing pain. But I hope that you

can see that this is an exciting venture for us that can greatly enhance our fundraising efforts, while similarly resulting in lower annual fees to participate in our rep programs. The money raised from this initiative will enable GYBA to fulfill its commitment of over \$100,000 to the Wellington Catholic District School Board to put in glass backboards, a wooden floor and a score clock in the new elementary school (St. Ignatius of Loyola) being built

in the south end. This will provide GYBA will almost exclusive use of this facility during the week and will greatly alleviate some of our current scheduling problems.

(Continued on page 4)

GYBA Raptor Day

Sunday February 7th will be GYBA Raptor Day. GYBA will be selling tickets for \$ 40 which will include bus transportation to and from the game along with admission to the Toronto Raptors vs Sacramento Kings. Game time is 12:00 noon at the Air Canada Center. There will not be an after game event on the court this year. All children must be accompanied by an adult. GYBA is

providing the tickets but is not providing supervision. Tickets are open to all GYBA players, parents, family members and friends. People do not have to take the bus provided but the ticket price remains the same. Phoenix players and there families can purchase tickets from there team managers and Hustle players and there families can contact there conveners or coaches who

will be collecting money and then handing out tickets the following week.





GUELPH BASKETBALL



Guelph Youth Basketball Association

304 Stone Road W.
Box 539
Guelph, Ontario N1G 4W4
www.guelphbasketball.com

President	<i>Tim Mau</i>	president@guelphbasketball.com
VP Hustle	<i>Ian Cornett</i>	vprec@guelphbasketball.com
VP Phoenix	<i>Jerry Auger</i>	vprep@guelphbasketball.com
Secretary	<i>Shawn Moynihan</i>	secretary@guelphbasketball.com
Treasurer	<i>Mark Colvin</i>	treasurer@guelphbasketball.com
Operations	<i>Anne McMurray</i>	operations@guelphbasketball.com
Volunteer	<i>Pam Baker</i>	volunteer@guelphbasketball.com
Fundraising	<i>Jennifer Eaton</i>	fundraising@guelphbasketball.com
Program Planning	<i>Kurt Vosper</i>	programplanning@guelphbasketball.com
Communications	<i>Steve Marshall</i>	communication@guelphbasketball.com
Tournament	<i>Steve Baker</i>	tournament@guelphbasketball.com

Letter From The President Continued....

Finally, I would like to make an urgent appeal for members to consider getting involved as a member of the board of directors. Constitutionally, there are fixed limits on the number of years that any one member can serve on the board (and in specific positions). We desperately need to work on succession planning because most members of the board are rapidly approaching the date when they will need to step back and allow others to provide leadership for the organization. Only a couple of the positions on the board require any specialized basketball knowledge, so that is no reason to feel that you cannot contribute. The reality is that we need to recruit people with generic managerial and organizational skills—which, thankfully, are in more abundant supply in the community. If your child has benefited from participating in either the Phoenix or Hustle programs, please consider putting your name forward for election to the board of directors at the upcoming AGM. A lot of hard work has gone into developing GYBA into a highly-respected youth basketball organization, both provincially and nationally, and we would like to see the organization continue to grow and prosper in the coming years. The only way that will be possible is with the infusion of new blood into the organization. Please get in touch with me directly (tmau@uoguelph.ca) if you would like to discuss the opportunities that are available to you for making a huge impact on the children and youth in our community.

Regards,
Tim A. Mau, President
GYBA



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