

BASA WINTER



2009



PRESIDENTS SOAP BOX



A winter season at BASA always brings up the question ‘is it colder outside or in the rink tonight?’ Regardless of the answer we all continue to turn up and play this sport that we all enjoy (even with the multiple bruises and aching muscles) and that most others still know nothing about. Who knows what it is that keeps us coming out each week? Maybe it’s to see our friends, get some exercise, the love of the game, to work through the frustrations of our week at work or maybe its even for the hot chocolate from the vending machine? Whatever it is it all seems to be working and its even bringing more players out to join our ranks. All new players are thrown straight into it and despite the fact there are no official training or practice sessions they, like all of us previously seem to pick it up and figure out for themselves exactly what Broomball is.

Winter 2009 saw BASA and Adelaide host the Nationals and I think everyone will agree that it was a great Tournament. Thank you to all players for turning up every game and to all of the training sessions prior to the tournament. We as a state did extremely well taking out the Mixed Elite division, a second place for the Elite Men and the ‘chicks’ also finished second after they were unfortunate to lose out in a penalty shoot out. We ran a very tight tournament that was only possible due to the dedication and hard work from all those who pitched in to help! A massive THANK YOU to all those people who gave up a lot of their time to help make this years Nationals the successful event that it was. Thank you Especially to Craig and everyone on the Nationals Committee and to Alan for all the work involved with the Refereeing.

The summer season will see the return of the 7pm start which will eliminate the need for the byes. This will mean that we can have four mixed games and a contact game each night, however to avoid late nights please ensure you are ready to take the ice at your allocated time slot. Regularly check the schedule which will be available on the net shortly.

Whatever it is that keeps you coming out to play each week please keep doing it!

Ceitlin Walker
BASA President

WINTER 2009 AWARDS

Most Improved – Sally Newenham and Tim Clark

Best Rookies – Maddy Riley and Ben Castle

Golden Whistle – Kate Irvine

MIXED DIVISION

Male MVP – Kim Shapley

Female MVP – Kate Irvine/Ceitlin Walker

Highest Points Male – Matt Pryor

Highest Points Female – Kate Irvine

Best Goalie – Danusia Highet

Best Defender – Kim Shapley

CONTACT LEAGUE

Male MVP – Tim Lamming

Female MVP – Ceitlin Walker

Best Defender – Matt Hogan

Highest Goal Scorer – Matt pryor,
Brad Ginman,
Kim Shapley,
Michael Wickham

Best Goalie – Tim Clark

TEAM MVPS

Assassins – Sally Newenham

Camels – Rod Nancarrow

Coyotes – Brad Ginman

Destroyers – Ceitlin Walker

Foreign Invaders – Andrew Masson

Polar Bears – Michael Wickham

Sled Dogs – Greg Fopp

Slipstreamers – Ben Castle





Well the Slipstreamers have had their first season. We set out six months ago to start a broomball team that enjoyed playing the game above all else. We were a motley crew, with some players from the Iceotopes, some brand new players, and some players from other teams. It has taken us 6 months just to start to “gel” as a team, and whilst we had visions of implementing many new plays, we have spent most of the season working on consistently playing basic positions.

We have a very solid defence, and that is due in a large part to the experience and skill of Keith Thomas, and Wayne Ritchie. Shanni Muller played both defence and attack, and was a valued contributor in both roles. Harry Macris’ experience was an important influence on the team, and he also played both roles. Michelle Lane excelled on the wing, and will be missed when she heads off to NSW next season due to work commitments. Kylie Murphy played with us when she wasn’t working, and was excellent in her ability to read the play.



Marty Wells provided us with some great attacking strength through centre, but could only be in Adelaide for half of the games, as could Wayne. Arnie Mortimer was a valuable asset when he was in town, and

not “hamstrung”! Tim Clarke showed some great talent on the field, and worked very hard in the forward line.

In goals, we had Ashliegh Gregory until he had to work every Tuesday night. Ash says that he will be back next season, and it will be great to have him on a regular basis. Thanks Meagan for playing goals for us when Ash was not there.

As you can see, we had many “part-time” players and that made a consistent game plan difficult to execute. We are looking forward to Josh Reynolds playing with us next season, who will provide some goal-shooting power up forward.

Congratulations to Ben Castle for playing so well this season. Ben has been voted by his team-mates as the most valuable player on the team. It has been great to see Ben get better each week, and he is a great team-member. Every player in the team got some MVP votes!!

We are all excited, looking forward to next season, and all still smiling! Thanks to referees, time-keepers, and other volunteers who make the sport possible.

Kim Thorpe - Captain / Coach

DESTROYERS

Last Season the Destroyers had a season in two parts.

Before Christmas we ran a team plan that has been a broomball standard for 15 years. (Possibly cos we have so many old players!). By Xmas we had not won a game!

So much plotting late at night on Tuesdays led to a new team plan, new team plays and structure leading an unexpected Grand Final appearance in last years Grand Final that didn't end too well.

The team changed a little bit from last season, Keith Thomas moved to Slip Streamers (still owes us the transfer/release fee!), Gavin unfortunately was a no show for much of the season. Brian our ever reliable player was out with a long term injury (not age related - he says) but we picked up Craig Barret in the trading period to give much needed run.

Ben has continued in Centre this season and in tandem with Mike Chartres has held the position down well. Mike gets the record for the best-preserved centre player and the evergreen hangs in for a fantastic team result from his effort.

Ceitlin, Mark Ziesing, Simon Dawson, and myself were the regular wingers. Though since we rarely fielded the same team two weeks in a row, regular might not be the right word.

Matt (THE Grand Final traitor) has been great as always in goals with cameos by Meagan and Massie through the year much appreciated. Massie though as a grand final goalie did all you could hope for!

But again as always the stars of the season for Destroyers have been defence! Pete Sinclair, Sam Plush, Darren Bain and Craig have been fantastic in leading the all round broomball defending. The Defence has carried Destroyers this season and the other guys on the team fervently hope they can do the same job next season.

We hope to have a new player for next season and look forward to Gavin being a regular to provide more running along with Brian Plush back in harness.

Last mention for the team is the best team player. This team player does whatever is asked to support the team. She backs up in defence while always a threat running forward. Over the couple of seasons she has improved recovering from injury so given what I have said no prizes for guessing we have given the award to Ceitlin this season

Special mention for Camels in the grand final. Another special mention for Ben and Darren playing through injury on the night! Camels as always were a tough nut to crack defensively but always fair and a great team to play against. Hopefully they don't improve too much next season while Destroyers look to go back to back.

Thanks to the committee and refs for a smooth season well run.

Cheers

Graham

CAMELS TEAM REPORT

Coming off a difficult finals series last year, the Camels got off to a bit of a slow start to the season before finding their way and coming through with some big wins in the finals series. Everyone seemed to be improving each game we played this year so hopefully we can learn from the heart break of this season's loss to the Destroyers and come back next season to take it all.

Defence:

Matt – Always reliable to be the 2nd goalie in front of Megs, Matt did a great job this year of turning his stops of opposition attacks in to attacks for the Camels. Gives everything he has to the team when he is on the ice which makes him a very valuable member of the team

Rod – The rock of the defence, co-elder statesman of the Camels and the player with the most bent broom ever seen, Rod did a great job all season of using his experience to stop players much younger than himself and to help guide the younger players on our team.

Tom – Robbed of the most improved trophy last season, Tom continued his improvement this season and is becoming quite a good defender. Using his soccer skills and speed to his advantage, hopefully Tom continues to grow into an elite defender

Meagan – Loud, crude but ever reliable between the posts, Meagan was an integral part of the Camels having the equal best defence in the league. I'm sure, given her wealth of experience, Meagan will continue to be a force to be reckoned with for years to come.

Wingers:

Kieran – The team cheerleader for the Camels, Kieran is always the first one to be yelling out praise or getting fired up when some questionable refereeing occurs. Still quite new to the sport, Kieran's defence breaking speed is becoming very valuable to the Camel offence.

Ria – First year as a Camel went well for Ria, she had lots of experienced players to help her learn and lots of wild shots on goal for her to try and get a stick on. While she is still new to the team, next year looks good for Ria given that towards the end of the year she began to finally be able to read where the wild shots were heading, hopefully this means lots of goals next year.

Warren – Didn't get to play for the first half of the season, but the bionic Camel came back firing, scoring 5 goals in as many games. While he was devastated to miss the final, the loss will give him a strong incentive to come back quicker (hopefully) and more deceptive than ever before.

Lewis – Tough season for Lewis, with many teams focusing a lot of their defensive efforts on shutting him down. While it was a bit of a struggle, Lewis will learn from this adversity and be even tougher to stop next year.

Centres:

Tim – The Camel's Mr-Fix-It, Tim was willing and able to be thrown into any position we needed him to play, pulling it off with style. Doing a good job of learning the subtle points from our elder Camels, Tim is slowly but surely becoming a very good Broomballer.

Harry – As captain of the team, I would just like to express how proud I am of the efforts put in by every member of the Camel team and hope that we can learn from our disappointing loss in the GF, work hard again next season and go one better. Thanks also go the CeitIn and everyone else on the committee for running the show and all of the people who refereed throughout the season.

Foreign Invaders

The invaders have had a great start to the season managing to survive the first five games undefeated. They progressed steadily through the season, improving as a team and training up the newest addition to the team, Harry Perks. Harry is an enthusiastic new player who has greatly improved throughout the season, he is not afraid to lay his body on the line in order to stop a shot on goal or to run the extra mile.

In defence Adam and Jackson have learnt to play well off each other, as well as Adam now being able to transition flawlessly into the forward line. Key centre and Captain Luca Obbiettivo has improved thoroughly as an all round player and leader. This season he was finally able to break through his personal milestone of being able to score more than one goal in a game. The Invaders key running forward Brett played an amazing season, making massive runs up forward and constantly being the sides most intense player. After a season of unrelinquishing efforts he was finally rewarded with his first and unfortunately only goal of the season, too bad it was during the grand final and didn't go on the records.

The teams' two girls, Alessia and Steph are now probably twice as good as what they were at the start of the season. Both have stepped up massively and have really learnt to get in and lay their bodies on the line. As a result they have both been able to successful take on opponents that are far larger than them (which is almost everyone) and come out on top. Matt Irvine unfortunately had an interrupted season due to injuries which was a large change to the side who are used to having him to lead up forward. He was thankfully able to return for the grand final where he played a fantastic game.

Finally the teams Goal keeper Andrew Masson has once again stepped up his efforts to deliver an amazing season in goals. There were many victories that could have been losses if it were not for his skill and instinct as a goalie.

Overall the Foreign Invaders have probably played their best season yet and have once again delivered a great result. They have even risen to now be able defeat their once mentor team, The Polar Bears. Next season however they will be having their eyes on taking out the A Grade grand final and truly asserting their dominance as a side.



This season saw the Assassins loose some players and gain some new ones; we even saw the return of a few old faces.

The winter season was the season we lost our beloved Shaggy. Shaggy left the Assassins and Adelaide for a new adventure in Western Australia, with new job prospects and opportunities and NO Shaggy none of us have your weed! We had a new face join the team a less hairy and slightly shorter replacement Chelsea Dahlenburg, a little pocket rocket and a great new addition to the Assassins. We have taken her on and welcomed her into the team and we try not to hold anything against her even if she is an ex Victorianite!

The Assassins really started coming together as a strong unit and embracing team play in the winter 2009 season. Although we seemed to hit a wall 3 quarters of the way through the season, the Assassins have pulled back together and we are focused on next season. We will be bringing a strong, focused team to every Tuesday night for the coming season with a brand new look and style.

During the season the Assassins sent 3 of its players over to the Pac Rim Tournament in Penrith. Kate, Sal and Glen did us proud with Kate and Sal's team of randoms taking out the women's division of the tournament, congratulations from all the Assassins.

Awards, awards, awards.....

Firstly the MVP for the winter season 2009 goes to someone who has had an absolute blinder of a season. The Assassins vote at the end of every game and vote 2 and 1 point for who they see as the most valuable player for the night's game. At the end of the season those votes are tallied up and the very clear winner this season is Sally Newenham. Sal 'the great' is just that! She has taken on all advice from all players, she has played as a selfless team player and every game Sal goes out there and gives it everything she has. I am proud to say that Sal is an Assassin and congratulate her on a fantastic performance this season.

I would also like to congratulate the winner of the golden whistle Kate Irvine. I would like to thank Kate on behalf of all the Assassins for the commitment she has given to BASA as a fantastic chief referee, who not only did a great job in the most thankless position in BASA but also is the winner of the golden whistle, thanks Kate.

I would also like to thank all the teams this season for some awesome competition week in and week out. To the umpires who have a tough job and who keep coming back for more each week and to the executive committee and all the sub committees who put in the hard yards in behind the scene, Thank you.

The Assassins this season consisted of Danusia Highet (C), Kate Irvine (VC), Andrew Sinclair (VC), Antony Habets (G), Rob Wheelwright, Gerry McCaffery, Casper Fertier, Lv Bosnjakovic, Glen Broad, Sal 'the great' Newingham, new comer Chelsea Dahlenburg and guest apperances from Martin Gross and Adrain Barrie.

Coyotes

It has been an inconsistent season for the Coyotes in both the Mixed and Checking competitions where the start was a bit shaky and then the team settled and finished the season strongly.

Unfortunately we were not able to win the biscuits in either competition, which was very disappointing. However we are looking forward to next season to build on what we have already achieved and hopefully go another step further in the future.



The Coyotes have been lucky enough to pick up a few players to fill in the gaps left by players we lost last season. Kim Shapley's skill and experience has been the controlling force in defence and has added a completely new element to our game. Matt O'Connell, another defender who last played Broomball in Primary School PE played his first full season. His ability to read the play and create drive out of the backlines makes him a formidable defender. When not on the sideline nursing an injury he has been outstanding. Ryan and Johnny from the Noarlunga league have become occasional players who will be welcomed back next season hopefully as permanents.

Maddy Riley is the newest lady to join the team and has taken to Broomball like a duck to water. She played in both the contact and non-contact leagues and her natural sporting ability and determination has seen her improve throughout the season. We look forward to seeing what she can do next season. Hopefully Maddy can lure some of her lady friends out to play so we may finally shake the penalty goals that have been haunting us in the finals. Failing that, Maddy's Mum has volunteered to pull on the boots for us next season!

Well done to everyone who played in the Coyotes this season, a solid performance by all with some very promising results for the team to take into next season. An honourable mention must go to Paul Neighbour for not topping the penalty minutes, never thought we'd see the day! A special thanks again to Craig Barret in goals, some ripper saves in the D this season. Finally, Brad Ginman has been fantastic playing on the wing, his skill, determination and consistency throughout the season (despite 5 weeks overseas) has again managed to accumulate the votes and he is the deserved recipient of the Coyotes MVP.

POLAR BEARS

It was a tough season for the Bears, we had injuries from start to finish and fought hard to just miss out on the A grade finals. Congratulations to all the teams that did make the A grade finals and to the Invaders who beat us in the B grade finals. There was some success on our behalf, winning the men's final in a hard match against the Bitches. It was a good game all round for both teams.

Half way through the season we realised that we really needed to go on a recruiting drive. The problem with that was we clearly don't know that many girls (and the ones we do know don't like us) which crippled us later in the season when we struggled for players and went down goals for not having a second girl.

That being said when we did play all together, we played well. Our forwards worked the ball around together and the defenders did really well shooting and keeping the ball away from the net. Our goal keeper Timmy had an outstanding season, and was solely responsible for keeping us in a lot of games and limiting the amount of goals that we took during some games.

The season did end on a bittersweet note for us with long time member Josh leaving us for 'greener' pastures with another team. We did welcome some new members this season in Matt, Matt and Chris, and hope that we can continue to grow as a team.

Our MVP this season goes to Michael Wickham who has improved greatly in 2009 and has been our most reliable and consistent player – barely missing a game all season. With so many players out with injuries, work commitments, studies and babies – he was the constant. Well done Wick!

Summer is always a better season for the Bears with more consistent player numbers and we're looking forward to another premiership.



Sled Dogs



Thus far this is the best season that the Sled Dogs have had. Although it is our first under that name, we have learnt in the previous season to play as a team and work towards winning our games, one loss at a time. Yes we have lost most of our games but through the season our losses have gotten smaller and smaller. Our biggest achievement would have to be our one and only victory for the season... in our first finals game. It was a big confidence boost that the team needed. Our goalie, Nush, has improved ten fold since starting with us mid last season. For the first time this season we had an injury, but it did not crush our teams will to win. Greg was unfortunate enough to receive a stick to the nose which caused a small break. He was back out the next week to play, making sure that his team didn't have to forfeit a game.

Next season for the Sled Dogs we would like to see more games won, but as we've been thinking this entire season, it's not winning that matters, it's how much fun you have. I can tell you all that we've had a lot of fun this season, trying out new strategies, working as a team and just getting to know each others strengths and weaknesses. We all look forward to giving it our all next season to try for 1st place.