

# GCB-Action

## The FULL COURT Report

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GCBA NEWSLETTER #2

DECEMBER 4, 2004

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

It's December and the school year is well underway as is the **GCBA** basketball season. As you all appreciate, the Fall period is an extremely busy one for most families and so I would like to commend those of you who each year put forward the absolutely incredible effort necessary to get the **GCBA** Program up and running over the months of Sep, Oct and Nov. Well done everyone!!

As I say every time, I don't know where the time goes but it seems like the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** was just yesterday where we elected a new VP House League, **Anne Couillard** and said a heartfelt thanks to the two outgoing members, **Shelley Blais** and **Steven Mallette**. We were unable to find a new treasurer at the time to replace Steven but since then, **Louise Gratton** has stepped forward and has been appointed until the next AGM. Also leaving us was our long time Referee-in-Chief, **Rod Capern**, and he has been replaced by his daughter **Kim Holbein**. Rod is keeping his hand in with the referee training program so we are still fortunate to have him involved in the development of our referees.

We also recently held our **Semi-Annual Members Meeting** on 25 Nov, which regrettably was not well attended in spite of our attempt to combine a general information session with a **Volunteer Appreciation Night**. That said, we will continue to hold these types of gatherings in the hope that as we better publicize them, more of you will attend.

Some things that were discussed:

- a potential **corporate sponsorship** that we are in the midst of negotiating that could bring upwards of \$10K into the GCBA coffers,
- the **Selects Working Group Study**,
- the **Constitution Update**
- and a **Benevolent Fund** for the House League.

There will be more information coming out on these in future newsletters and on the website so stay tuned. Regarding the Constitution which we are updating as a result of our Incorporation last year, a copy is available on our website and any feedback you have in this regard would be greatly appreciated. You should note that the new Constitution will be presented at the next **AGM in May 05** for approval.

HO! HO!  
 HOLIDAY  
 GREETINGS



FROM THE  
 GCBA  
 Executive &  
 Volunteers

Finally, as I have mentioned to you in almost all of my previous notes, it takes the energy of a tremendous amount of people to run this program, and you don't all have to be basketball experts to come out and help. The **GCBA** program is the envy of the entire Eastern Ontario area and one of the major reasons for that is because of all the work that volunteers put into making the program a success. So, regardless if you have any background in basketball, I strongly encourage you to volunteer in some capacity. There are always things to be done, both on and off the court, and even if you can contribute an hour a week, that hour helps to lessen the load on the many volunteers already in action. For those of you who have been volunteering, congratulations and well done, none of this could happen without your assistance and you are to be commended. **Thanks again for all your time and effort.**

See you around the gyms.

**Tom Blais**  
GCBA President



**T**he GCBA Wolverines are off and running for another season! This year there are 15 teams totaling 185 players, and we are very pleased to have a second Juvenile Girls team for the first time. From all appearances it seems we once again have a very strong group of teams and look forward to some good showings in tournaments.

A dedicated and highly qualified roster of coaches and assistant coaches are putting in lots of hours in our gyms. We are fortunate to have such a great group! There are a few openings for assistant coaches in the program for some of the boys' teams – if anyone is interested, please contact **Pam Quinn** at **830-9771** or **pkern@ravine.ca**.

Special thanks to **Rob Greaves** (GCBA Wolverines Girls Director) and **Ron Allenby** (GCBA Wolverines Boys Director) for the endless hours in working with team Managers to keep everything running smoothly.

The Wolverines **Mike O'Connor Memorial Tournament** is set for **February 18-20**, the **Junior Boys Tournament** will be held on **March 4-6** and the **Senior Boys Tournament** will be held **April 1-3**. We are always in need of experienced timers and scorers for these events, and welcome any GCBA players (House League or Competitive) looking for community service hours or just wanting to be part of our great weekends. Anyone interested in any of these weekends can contact Pam Quinn at the phone number or email above.

**Pam Quinn**  
VP COMP

## **Welcome to a New Basketball Season**

**W**elcome to our many returning players and to our newcomers. It's been an interesting experience for me as VP so far this year and I am learning the ropes as quickly as I can. Although I've been involved with the GCBA for a few years, I see a different perspective as I settle into my

new role. Two things amaze me the most, first the dedication of our countless volunteers who give up their time to ensure we have a successful program to offer our young people, and secondly the calibre of basketball players we have in our part of town. Wow!

<b>Novice Boys</b>	Carlene Mitchell
<b>Novice Girls</b>	Heather Miller Cyndy Chan
<b>Atom Boys</b>	Cathy Decoste-Whitlock
<b>Atom Girls</b>	Jodi Mosley
<b>Bantam Boys</b>	Alex Mirhady Sylvie Coventry
<b>Bantam Girls</b>	Lise Paquette
<b>Midget Boys</b>	Gail Docherty Anne Donaghy
<b>Midget Girls</b>	Dana Johnson
<b>Juvenile Boys</b>	Bina Chohan
<b>Juvenile Girls</b>	Andrew Branion

As in many organization of this type, start-up is always an extremely busy time for everyone and it presents in itself numerous issues. We have been working diligently at trying to address them as they arise. On the whole however, we have a successful season well underway.

The wisdom behind our House League program, our two returning Directors, **David Senger (Girls)** and **Eaton Tai (Boys)** are once again keeping us communicating, organized and up-to-date as they direct our basketball program. Allow me to present to you the dedicated team of convenors who have volunteered their time, energy and organizational skills to work with our Directors. Many thanks from our players and families!

Our many volunteers are key to the success of our program, and

without them this program would not exist. From one year to the next as children get older, we are faced with the need for new volunteers. Ideally, we wish for the newcomers to work with our experienced ones during the year so they may be confident to continue the following season. Please consider this rewarding opportunity. Feel free to contact Eaton, David or I for more information.

An important part of the development program in the GCBA is the referees training program. We ask for your support of our young referees as they gain confidence on the court. We all get caught up in the excitement of the game however our officials must be respected by spectators, coaches and players alike.

**A safety reminder to all players and families to ensure you escort your child into the gym,** first to confirm the coaches have arrived and second that the gym is ready for the practice or game.

I look forward to seeing you in the gyms supporting our young players.

Il me fait plaisir de vous souhaiter la bienvenue à une nouvelle saison de basketball. Le début de la saison est toujours très mouvementé et il y a toujours des ajustements à faire ici et là mais en gros la saison semble bien partie.

Nos directeurs, David Senger (filles) et Eaton Tai (garçons) nous reviennent cette année et ils amènent avec eux une excellente équipe de volontaires coordonnant les différents niveaux, d'entraîneurs et d'entraîneurs adjoints. Le dévouement de nos volontaires est remarquable et c'est grâce à eux que notre programme est un succès.

J'espère vous rencontrer dans les gymnases tout en encourageant nos jeunes joueurs.

**Anne Couillard  
VP House League Operations**

## 2004-05 HL TEAM PHOTOS

### DECEMBER:

**04 – EMILY CARR**  
(Novice & Atom Girls)

**11 – HENRY MUNRO**  
(Novice Boys)

**18 – LA CITE**  
(Bantam Boys)

### JANUARY:

**08 – TRILLIUM**  
(Bantam Girls)

**15 – ST MATT'S**  
(Midget & Juvenile Girls)

**22 – GLOUCESTER**  
(Midget Boys)

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## DID YOU KNOW???

This year in the GCBA we have...

- 1150 registered players
- **969 HL players:**
  - 383 girls
  - 586 boys
- **181 Wolverines players:**
  - 93 girls
  - 88 boys
- **98 HL teams** playing 49 games **every** Saturday from 8:00 am until 5:00pm in 8-10 different gyms in the East end
- Our **HL Referee program** has a total of 94 trained HL referees
  - 85 HL refs + 9 associated Federated refs
  - 5 referee assigners

- 8 referee trainers

- **Grads** from our program are currently playing Intercollegiate B-Ball at universities and colleges across Canada and in the U.S.
- We currently have **235 registered volunteers** assisting us as;
  - coaches (161)
  - asst coaches (31)
  - convenors (15)
  - team managers (14)
  - directors (4)
  - admin/exec (10)

AND we can always use MORE hands...If YOU are interested in assisting us ...in ANY capacity ...We have a number of special projects and initiatives that require a few hours of your time.

Projects..such as:

- GCBA Clothing SALES
- Volunteer recognition development
- Awards programs
- Equipment tracking &
- Inventory
- Phone Line monitoring
- Data input

Please contact us by mail: [g\\_cbasketball@yahoo.ca](mailto:g_cbasketball@yahoo.ca) OR by phone:834-2178 for further information.



# GCBA EVENTS CALENDAR

Please check our WEBSITE for detailed information concerning these Events

## DECEMBER 2004

- **TEAM PHOTOS**
  - Novice girls & Atom girls (DEC 04)
  - Novice boys (DEC 11)
  - Bantam boys (DEC 18)
- CANDY CANE TRNYS (GIRLS) –VARIOUS DATES/GYMS
- **MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!**
- CHRISTMAS VACATION -**NO BASKETBALL DEC 19 - JAN 03**

## JANUARY 2005

- **TEAM PHOTOS**
  - Bantam Girls (JAN 08)
  - Midget & Juvenile Girls (JAN 15)
  - Midget Boys (JAN 22)
- **SELECTS TRYOUTS – JAN 29 – TBD**
- HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS

## FEBRUARY 2005

- **PRE-REGISTRATION PACKAGES TO PLAYERS for NEXT REGULAR SEASON 2005-06**
- **PRE-REGISTRATION SPRING LEAGUE 2005**
- **MIKE O'CONNOR MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT FEB 18-20 (GIRLS)**
- HL PLAYOFFS

## MARCH 2005

- **HL SEASON FINALE – MAR 05**
- **JR BOYS WOLVERINE TRNY MAR 4-6**
- **SELECTS SEASON BEGINS**
- **SPRING LEAGUE OPEN REGISTRATION – date TBC**
- **MARCH BREAK MAR 14-18 – NO BASKETBALL**
- **EASTER 25-28**

## APRIL 2005

- **SPRING LEAGUE SEASON BEGINS**
- **SR BOYS WOLVERINE TRNY APR 1-3**

## MAY 2005

- **AGM MAY 26**