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(Player Tip #6: Remember where your player is)

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Key Dates

(Player Tip #45: Be aware of the Shot Clock)

Time	Event
11 Oct 2010	Commence Summer Season
31 Oct 2010	\$5 Discount on each item of New Uniforms expires Team Managers Meetings (10am in the Clubroom)
5 Nov 2010 	Confirm Numbers for dining at Nando's Edwardstown  Portuguese flame-grilled Chicken
15 Nov 2010	Phase 2 - promotion / relegation competition
15 Nov 2010	Dine in at Nando's Edwardstown – profits go to Sturt
28 Nov 10	Team Managers Meetings (10am in the Clubroom)
6 Dec 2010	Last games prior to break
10-12 Dec 2010	Basketball Sa @ St Clair Annual Christmas Carnival
27-30 Jan 2011	Eltham/Dandenong Junior Basketball Tournament
28-30 Jan 2011	Starplex Australia Day Carnival
31 Jan 2011	Games Recommence
(TBA) Feb 2011	Fees Payment Due
7 Feb 2011	Phase 3 - promotion / relegation competition
10-12 Mar 2011	Adelaide cup long weekend) – no junior games
18 – 21 April	TI Camp - Under 16
27 – 29 April	TI Camp - Under 14
4 – 7 October	TI Camp - Under 12

STURT SABRES FUNDRAISER

Sturt Sabres in conjunction with Nando's Edwardstown are having a fundraiser!! Come and dine at Nando's South Road Edwardstown (across from Castle Plaza) between 6-8 pm on Monday 15 November and the profits go to the club !!!

This is an excellent opportunity for Sturt and we thank owner Jimmy Shepherd for the opportunity and his continual support of the club. **Don't forget to support the businesses that support us !!** Nando's is an excellent healthy eating option for game nights.....

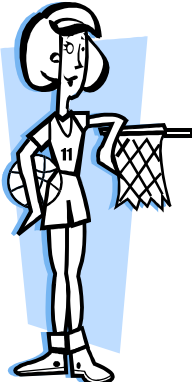
Nando's requires approximate numbers for the evening so could you please email the club sturtsabres@internode.on.net and confirm how many people are attending by **5 Nov**. For further information contact Matthew Cutts 0438007769.

SENIOR PROGRAM REPORT

Well, the presentations have been done, the awards handed out and the thankyou said. It was a fantastic year for the senior teams both men and women but new challenges await....

With BSA introducing a new U23 youth league, it has necessitated a big change in how we structure our senior program. BSA have published a ‘Youth League Transition Plan’ which can be found on the Sturt website. **I highly recommend you read this if you are a senior player.** I believe this change is a change for good and will provide a better pathway for juniors into seniors.

Congratulations must go to Paul Mesecke and Scott Butler and the other senior coaches who reacted quickly to this change and put the necessary strategy in place to cater for our players. We currently have nominated:

	Women’s Team	Men’s Teams
	1 x Div 4	2 x Div 2
	1 x YL D1	1 x Div 3
	1 x YL D2	1 x YL D1
	1 x YL D3	2 x YL D2
		1 x YL D3
		1 x YL D4

Time will tell how successful this major change to basketball in SA is, but I’m confident with the large number of talented junior players Sturt possesses, it is a change that will benefit our club.

Lastly, **congratulations must go to the players invited to train/play with our respective WNBL and NBL teams and U.S colleges.** To be considered worthy by these organisations is an honour in itself.

There is a LOT of hard work ahead for these players but with the right attitude and desire they have a great opportunity for their basketball careers.

Graham Kubank
Senior Program Manager

Discounted Uniforms

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AWARDS and ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to our CABL players – one and all. Here is the list of Trophy Winners from Season 2009/2010...

TEAM AND DIVISION	AWARD NAME	RECIPIENT'S NAME
ABL Women	Most Valuable Player	Monique Bowley
ABL Women	Most Valuable Player	Caroline Burgess
ABL Women	Best Team Player	Conor Holmes
ABL Women	Laura Summerton Perpetual Trophy	Bree Farley
ABL Women	Halls Medal Highest Votes	Monique Bowley
ABL Women	Halls Medal Highest Votes	Caroline Burgess
ABL Men	Most Valuable Player	Jacob Holmes
ABL Men	Best Team Man	Adam Gavranich
ABL Men	Steve Johanssen Memorial Trophy	Tom Daly
ABL Men	Woollacott Medal Highest Votes	Jacob Holmes
Perpetual Plaques	Achievement of the Year Award	Darren Ng
	Service Awards	Andy & Giulia Kareta
		Daryl Simmons
		Marilyn Gliddon
		Liam Flynn
		Michael Humphrys
		Melissa Braham
	20 Year Player Awards	Monique Bowley
		Mark Bauer
		Caroline Burgess
	Hall of Fame	Michelle Gillings
		Rod Bauer
State Players U 20's Men	Medallion	John Marriott
		Nathan Spehr
		Jan Warbout
		Tom Daly
		Corey Maynard
State Players U 20's Women	Medallion	Emma Hooley
		Nicole Seekamp

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Congratulations to our Seniors – one and all. Here is the list of Trophy Winners from Season 2009/2010...

TEAM AND DIVISION	AWARD NAME	RECIPIENT'S NAME
Division 2 Women	Most Valuable Player	Katrina Fitzpatrick
Division 2 Women	Best Team Player	Lauren Gibbons
Division 4 Women	Most Valuable Player	Merridy Lithgow
Division 4 Women	Coaches Award	Genny Jong
Division 5 Women	Most Valuable Player	Roxanne Crawford
Division 5 Women	Best Defensive Player	Danielle Sammon
U21 Div 1 Women	Most Valuable Player	Mia Grantham
U21 Div 1 Women	Most Valuable Player	Stephanie Langford
Division 2 Men	Most Valuable Player	Tim Klaosen
Division 2 Men	Club Award	Andrew Braham
Division 3 Men	Most Valuable Player	Tom Dayman
Division 3 Men	Best Defensive Player	Mitch Simmons
Division 4 Men	Most Valuable Player	Scott Fenwick
Division 4 Men	Best Defensive Player	Harry Einarson
U20 Div 1 Men	Most Valuable Player	Tom Daly
U20 Div 1 Men	Club Award	Jan Warbout
U20 Div 2 Men	Most Valuable Player	Lachlan Ward
U20 Div 2 Men	Best Team Man	Taylor Renshaw
U 20 Div 3 Men	Most Valuable Player	Casey Blatchford
U 20 Div 3 Men	Most Consistent	Oliver Garrett

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Orders by Friday 12 November 2010.

JUNIOR PROGRAM REPORT

(Extracted from the August AGM)

This was another year in which the clubs junior program has taken slow steps forward. We have again been successful in winning the State Championships as well as consolidating the City South competition as an alternate competition with some players now opting to participate in it as well as the district competition. **We currently have approx 51 junior teams in the club** and with constant promotion and the Aussie Hoops program running again at Pasadena, I am hopeful that we are able to increase that this coming year.

Junior District

Our district program is again leading the Adelaide competition. This year we have had more teams in finals for both the summer and winter seasons than all other clubs, along with winning the Overall State and Reserve Club Championship. Our U14 Boys and Girls team have qualified for the National Championships again and we won multiple medals at the National Junior Classics in Melbourne including a Grand Final berth for our U12 Boys.

The club had 25 State representative players, along with 5 coaches. We also had 4 Australian representatives and 2 AIS scholarship holders over the year.

I would like to thank those coaches who assisted the club this year. With the increasing number of players coming out of U16's and U18's in our club we have continued to struggle to find coaches for all teams. Next season we will be decreasing the number of teams the club enters into the district competition at the U14 level with 4 girls and 5 boy's teams and with some more new coaches, and some returning, I hope that this becomes less of an issue, than in previous seasons. As we continue forward we will aim to have 40 teams in the BSA competition.

City South

Our City South competition had increased to 16 teams from U10's through to the U14 age group, over the summer competition. However over the winter season we have seen a drop in attendance to 8 teams. This left us short in the U16 grade and forced us to decrease the number of grades in the competition. I feel that this competition without assistance from BSA or another club will slowly diminish.

We have recently spoken to **Unley 'Life Be In It'** about entering teams into their competition. After meeting with BSA and their lack of assistance with regards to the Saturday domestic, we have decided to move our City South competition as well as those new players from trials into teams that will play Saturday afternoons at Unley. These will be Sturt teams and we will be looking at having as many District players entering this competition as possible of the coming season.



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Aussie Hoops

This Year we have had an overall increase in the participation of Aussie Hoops. We now are running 4 time slots, and have had a maximum of 100 players in term 2. We have moved a number of these players into District and City South each term.

Finally, I would like to thank the committee and especially Donald Rodman for their support over the last year. There have been numerous times they have given their support and assistance and made the running of the junior program easier.

We have been in somewhat of a stand still over the past year with BSA struggling to move the sport forward, we are in a good position to react whatever they do. More importantly we are looking at further programs to improve the revenue streams of the club and decrease its reliance on fee's.

Paul Mesecke
Junior Program Manager

Congratulations to our Junior's – these are the Hero's of today and tomorrow!

Here is the list of Trophy Winners from Season 2009/2010...

For all of our **Under 10 Players**, congratulations! Trophies were awarded to:

Girls Division 1: Sarah Sheedy, Nicola Gordon, Erin Blake, Elizabeth Williams, Jasmine Rigoni, Ashley Thornton, Hannah Prenzler and Jamie Walker.

Girls Division 2: Kahli Lanthois, Paige Ridley, Grace Balfour, Darcy Munchenberg, Darcie Gleeson, Brianna Tulla, Olivia Renshaw, Izabel Colton and Kristiana Colton.

Boys Division 1: Liam Mathews, Mitchell Bray, Jack Athanasopoulos, Joel Dyer, Luis Garcia, Mark Fulton and Blake Cranna

Boys Division 2: Nicholas Sibly, Chase Meuris, Fraser Nikitins, Kane Harwood, Max Doherty-Kenny, Josh Verstegen, Murray Grummett and Will Smith.

Boys Division 3: Jackson Allen, Luke Delbridge, Harry Leaker, Reilly Pratt, Kye Roberts, Curtis Scott, Bailey Wells and Will Wilkinson.

Pictured at right is young Patrick Wallis, Under 12 (Div 2) with Jacob Holmes and Darren Ng after the 36'ers Training session held recently at Sturt's own, Pasadena Stadium.



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Trophy Winners from Season 2009/2010...

Under 12 Girls

Division 1	MVP Coaches Award	Sophie Horvat Elizabeth Petrie
Division 2	Most Improved Coaches Award	Kate Angley Jessica Tulla
Division 3	Coaches Award	Phoebe Edwards & Natasha Beal

Under 14 Girls

Division 1	MVP Coaches Award	Nicole Scholz Jessica Mikulcic
Division 2(1)	MVP <i>Most Improved</i>	Courtney Gutschmidt Julia Meaden
Division 2(2)	MVP Coaches Award	Paige Keenihan Lilli Vagnarelli
Division 3	MVP <i>Most Improved</i>	Rebekah Reardon Jessa Kloeden
Division 4	MVP Coaches Award	Lydia Grigg Lisa Goodfellow

Under 16 Girls

Division 1	MVP <i>Most Consistent</i>	Tamara Brine Sylvia Garula
Division 2	MVP Coaches Award	Maeve Young Elise Gordon
Division 3	Outstanding Season Rising Star	Maisie Brown and Bec Ford Kiana Bartlett and Annabel Franklin
Division 3(2)	MVP <i>Most Improved</i>	Danika Hunt Taylor Artacho

Under 18 GIRLS

Division 1	MVP Coaches Award	Aneeka Smith Taylor Falting
Division 2	Most Consistent Coaches Award	Samantha Scholz Tayla Wachtel
Division 2(2)	MVP Coaches Award	Emma Simmons Lauren Broadbent

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Under 12 Boys

Division 1	MVP	Maris Colton
	Most Improved	Ben Carter
Division 2	Most Consistent	Mathew Rule
	Coaches Award	Thomas Sibly
Division 3(1)	MVP	Jacob Miller
	Most Improved	Joshua Cranna
Division 3(2)	MVP	Patrick Templar
	Coaches Award	Jared Kloeden

Under 14 Boys

Division 1	Coaches / Club Award	David Angley and Matt Simmons
Division 2	Coaches Award	Lewis Young
	<i>Most Improved</i>	Tyson Brazel
Division 2(2)	MVP	Billy Braidwood
	Coaches Award	Austin Blake
Division 3	MVP	Jordan Davis
	<i>Most Improved</i>	Matthew Kelly
Division 4	MVP	Joseph Couzner
	Coaches Award	Lachlan Verrall

Under 16 Boys

Division 1	Coaches Award	Cohen Creeper
	<i>Best Team Man</i>	Tom Fitzpatrick
Division 2	MVP	Elliott Richardson
	Coaches Award	Jack Turnbull
Division 2(2)	MVP	Henry Carey
	<i>Best Defensive Player</i>	Kyle Harrison
Division 3	Coaches Award	Matthew Segat
	<i>Most Improved</i>	Michael Warn
Division 4	MVP	Sam Martin
	Coaches Award	Ben Bleckly

Under 18 Boys

Division 1	MVP	Dylan Rawson
	<i>Most Improved</i>	Ky Meaden
Division 2	<i>Most Improved</i>	Jordan Noble
	Coaches Award	MacKenzie Sexton
Division 3	MVP	James Galpin
	Coaches Award	Scott Johnson

**...and where would we be without the talented and dedicated folk we call ‘Coaches’?
Congratulations to all our Coaching staff, with notable commendations to:-**

2010
Coach of the Year - Boys
Harry Einarson

2010
Coach of the Year - Girls
Marcus Wong

2010
Rookie Coach Of The Year
Blake Sutherland

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Congratulations to our State Rep’s.....well done on having your efforts rewarded with a State Uniform....

UNDER 16 GIRLS METRO	UNDER 16 BOYS METRO	UNDER 18 GIRLS METRO	UNDER 18 BOYS METRO
Christine Obermeier Kayla Mathews Sylvia Garula Tamara Brine	Sam Daly Cohen Creeper Jake Szabo Rick Szabo	Ashley Fitzpatrick Amy Shaw Ashleigh Bow Ashleigh Greaves Madeline Forster	Kenneth Wills Dylan Rawson

....and special mention also goes to:-

R S Mehrstens Trophy – Most Co-Operative U14 Player: Boys	Billy Braidwood
R S Mehrstens Trophy – Most Co-Operative U14 Player: Girls	Anna Broadbent
Under 16 Girls Neil Gliddon Award	Tamara Brine
Under 16 Boys Neil Gliddon Award	Sam Daly
Under 18 Girls - Encouragement Award	Ashley Fitzpatrick
Under 18 Boys - Encouragement Award	Andrew Thomas

And finally, the Sturt Sabres Basketball Club - Service Award, presented to **Melissa Braham, Michael Humphrys, Daryl Simmons, Marilyn Gliddon and **Liam Flynn** in thanks for your outstanding contribution to the club.**

Also:

- "Achievement of the year award" to **Darren Ng** and **Giulia** and **Andy Kareta**.
- Life Membership to **Dani Warbout**.
- Hall of Fame Inductees - **Michelle Gillings** and **Rod Bauer**.
- 10 year badge for players - **Adam Gavanich, Tim Klaosen, Tom Daly, Rhys Kubank, Sam Hussey, Elloitt Womersley, Oliver Garrett, Will Mildren** plus **Peter Lleys & Max Calligeros**.
- 20 year badge for players (a new tradition!) - **Monique Bowley, Caroline Burgess** and **Mark Bauer**
- Service award - **Michael Humphrys**

.....pew !! What Champions! What a Club of Champions!! What a Champion Club!!!

....but wait, there is more.....

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Well done Sabres @ SAPSASA

Congratulations to the following Sturt Juniors who played in the Under 12 SAPSASSA Teams that played in Darwin in August. For those that did not know. **SAPSASA** is the **South Australian Primary Schools Amateur Sports Association**. Overall the SA U12 Girls Team came 2nd and the SA U12 Boys Team came 4th.

Boys	Girls
Isaac White Angus Rodman Xavier Owen – Thomas Jacob Rigoni	Alana Creeper Nicola Mathews

Well done Sabres @ Nationals

Congratulations also to the following Sturt Juniors who played in the Under 14 Nationals in Tasmania (Girls) and Canberra (Boys) in September.

Boys
Matt Simmons
Nick Fassos
Isaac White
Jacob Rigoni
Shaun Pontifex
Xavier Cisternino
Cale Matthews
Robert Colton
David Angley
Mitchell Brown
Billy Braidwood

Girls
Alana Creeper
Brittany Mashado
Lilli Vagnarelli
Nicole Scholz
Nicola Mathews
Jessica Mikulcic
Lauren Brannan
Grace Gava
Rachel Reeve
Molly Dumican

Coach: **Ben Gliddon**

Coach: **Katherine McPhail**

Assistant Coaches: **Dean Nyberg and Nathan Vaughan**

Assistant Coaches: **Matthew Gliddon and Tess Carey**

Managers: **Brenton & Wendy Angley and Paul Rigoni**

Managers: **Margy Mathews and Jill Forster**

Congratulations to the Teams, Coaches, Assistance Coaches, Team Managers and supporting families. Overall **the Sturt U14 Girls Team** came **21st** and the **Sturt U14 Boys Team** came **4th**.

Well done Sabres @ U17 World Championships

Congratulations must go to **Aneeka Smith** who was selected and played in the Australian team for the Under 17 World Championships.

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Club Notices



Start of Season [Team Manager] Madness

Remember to step up and volunteer to help manage your team. Anyone wishing to be a **Team Manager** please speak to your respective Coaches and Dani Warbout (Manager of the Team Managers).



All Players need to complete a **Medical Information Form** – please get these in asap ! Team Manager's will provide blank forms



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Carnivals and Tournaments

Here is the list of Carnivals for the Season ahead! But first, a couple of things to note:

Eltham/Dandenong Tournament. There has been a change of date for the Eltham/Dandenong Tournament it will now commence on the 27th January 2011 (Thursday for Melbourne teams only) Friday 28th , Saturday 29th concluding on Sunday 30th January 2011. Most Sturt teams will be programmed to have their first game on Friday evening so please make sure you are there with plenty of time to play the first game. Finals are on Sunday and may be late afternoon on Sunday, so if booking flights please make them for late Sunday evening to avoid the disappointment of missing out on playing in a Grand Final.

The Club encourages teams to attend the Eltham/Dandenong Tournament in January and has had much success at this carnival. All carnival entries must be approved by the Junior Programme Manager Paul Mesecke in conjunction with your coach. All entrance fees are to be paid to the Sturt Office with your team sheet. More information will be available on the website as soon as the information comes to hand.

Please see Eltham/Dandenong website link for accommodation ideas <http://www.elthamtournament.com.au/> If you think you may be going it would be wise to start sourcing accommodation now.

Please be aware that any Carnivals that you attend must be authorised first by the Sturt Office, otherwise your team will not be covered by BSA insurance.

It is compulsory for Sturt players to wear the full Sturt uniform to carnivals and no street gear is allowed or permitted in stadiums.

2010/2011	Carnivals	Dates	Location	Closing date for Nominations Note #1
Oct 2010	Bullets Junior Carnival		Murray Bridge	See Note #2 below
Dec 2010	Basketball Sa @ St Clair Annual Christmas Carnival	10-12 December 2010	St Clair Recreation Centre	See Note #2 below
Jan 2011	Starplex Australia Day Carnival	Australia Day Long Weekend	Starplex Gawler	Friday January 7 th See Note #2 Below
Jan 2011	Eltham/Dandenong Junior Basketball Tournament	27 th - 30 th January 2011	Eltham Basketball Centre/Dandenong Basketball Centre	
Feb 2011	Australian U20 Ivor Burge Championships		NSW	
Apr 2011	Australian U18 Championships	9-16 April 2011	Tasmania	
Apr 2011	Norwood Easter Classic	Easter	Various Adelaide Venues	

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2010/2011	Carnivals	Dates	Location	Closing date for Nominations Note #1
May 2011	SA Junior State Champs		Various Adelaide Venues	
Jun 2011	Melbourne Classics	Queens Birthday Long Weekend	Dandenong/MSAC	
Jun 2011	Nunawading Spectres Tournament	Queens Birthday Long Weekend	Nunawading And Various Melbourne Venues	Tues 17 th May 2011
Jun 2011	Mildura/Irymple Basketball Association	Queens Birthday Long Weekend	Mildura Stadium	Tues 17 th May 2011
Jun 2011	Ballarat Junior Tournament	Queens Birthday Long Weekend	Ballarat, Vic	Friday 6 th May 2011 See Note #2 Below
Jul 2011	Australian U16 Championships	9-16 July	Victoria	
Jul 2011	Barossa Basketball Tournament		Tanunda	See Note #2 Below
Jul 2011	West Adelaide Bearcats Carnival Mid Year Carnival		Port Adelaide	See Note #2 Below
Sep 2011	U14 Boys Club Championship	26 Sept – 1 October 2011	Queensland	
Oct 2011	U14 Girls Club Championship	3 rd – 8 th October 2011	Northern Territory	
Oct 2011	Bullets Junior Carnival		Murray Bridge	See Note #2 below
Dec 2011	BSA @ St Clair Annual Christmas Carnival	December 2011	St Clair Recreation Centre	See Note #2 Below
Dec 2011	Australian Schools Championships	5-9 December 2011	Bendigo	

Note #1. Sturt's nomination are required in advance of these dates. If your thinking of playing in any of these tournaments, please liaise with the Sturt Office (Paul Mesecke) and Leanne Noble (Tournament Co-ordinator) well in advance.

Note #2. Please note that Stuart Sabres 'practice' is that we attend the other tournaments and generally do not attend the ones 'noted'. That said, we wouldn't discourage a team from entering any of these carnivals – but as a Club we attend the others. Make sense? Anyway, attendance at any of the carnivals needs to be ok'd first by the Sturt Office (Paul Mesecke) and Leanne Noble (Tournament Co-ordinator) also needs to know about it.

As an aside, generally the Carnivals we attend are the main ones for the Div 1, 2 and 3,s and 4's if interested. For example the Club has no issue with any of our teams attending the Eltham/Dandenong tournament – and they have C grade and sometimes multiple divisions, in fact we encourages it. For the Div 1's and 2.1's this has historically been a compulsory carnival, and then the "Classics", if teams qualify BUT if for any reason a team couldn't attend it will always be in consultation with Paul Mesecke, if they didn't qualify and were a Div 1 team he may like the team to

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go to the Nunawading Tournament also in June in Melbourne, but again it is with consultation. But bearing in mind that travelling to these carnivals are expensive and not only are there team entries accommodation and travel to pay but also teams are expected to contribute to coaches costs, especially if a younger coach with no children playing. Clear? If in doubt, ask Leanne Noble or Paul. Cheers ☺

From the Desk of the President (Extracted from the August AGM)

When committing to the role of President at the 2009 AGM I suspected that I would be exposed to new challenges and situations that would test my abilities as a manager and as a person. To say that this has **not** been the case would be a gross understatement. I have certainly experienced a steep learning curve, albeit a positive and rewarding one.

The Sturt Basketball Club is the premier district basketball club in this state and its history and continued success proves this, not just to me but all of our basketball peers, here in South Australia and also interstate. Sturt's continued success, both on and off the courts is proof that our philosophies and policies continue to be administered.

Success in a club such as ours does not just happen; it is **made** to happen by people who are committed and passionate about their roles within our organisation. Our success at Sturt is a true reflection of the unified belief of our team of Program managers, coaching staff, team managers, players, committee members and the general Sturt community, most of who act in a volunteer capacity. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for the enormous commitment that they have given this club.

With much hard work already completed in the areas of account and data management, we now find ourselves in a position to present an accurate account of where our club is financially and structurally. This has been a long and arduous task for our Treasurer, Lynn Scholz, over the past twelve months. That being said, I acknowledge that Lynn and I still have a long way to go before it can be said that all is fully resolved.

There are areas that Lynn and I will continue to work on into the future to ensure that as a club, structures are implemented and in place so that we can review our programs to see what is and what isn't viable. We can then make informed decisions about any future financial directions we should take.

On the court we will continue to strive for continuing and further success through our junior and senior programs. Off the court the goal remains the same as it did last year and that is to fully integrate our financial systems for all areas of this club. This is our number one priority in this new basketball year. I have had meetings with several banks, speaking at length about a seamless banking system that will not just benefit our administration but also our broader community. We will be looking at MYOB, further expanding its use and its purpose within the club in relation to real reporting, and incorporating the full integration of the bar and canteen.

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Change is coming to all clubs in the district competition with the introduction by BSA of the new Youth League next season. Also the State Champs review is underway as well. Change is often seen as the enemy and I can assure you all that any changes that we as a committee and executive agree to, will only be implemented for the betterment of the game and the long term security of our club.

You would all be aware that 2010 marks the 50th anniversary of our club, and to celebrate this momentous occasion a gala dinner was held to help celebrate one of the most successful basketball clubs in South Australia. The evening was most enjoyable and it was an excellent opportunity for past and present members to get together and discuss many a memory and success story over dinner and a few drinks. The evening had guest speakers with many a funny story and one of the highlights was the attendance of the very first under 10 boys' team. We had Olympians and champions attend on the night. What a privilege it was to be amongst such basketball royalty. Our 50th year continues with great success including being crowned State Junior Champion Club for yet another year and as recently as last Saturday night, our ABL men's team became 2010 ABL champions.

With such a strong history and the hard yards completed by so many people, the foundations are almost set, and I have absolute confidence in the future direction and success that our club will now embark on for the next 50 years.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Executive and Sturt committee for their support and guidance over the last twelve months. I know it's been challenging and hard work at times but without you we just would not be here tonight. I would like to make a special mention of Melissa Braham. Melissa has been an integral part of the committee for a number of years now and her contribution over this time has been immeasurable. Melissa often took on the role of coordinators helper and team manager when no one else would; the amount of time and effort that Melissa has made to our club often came before her own personal commitments. Her knowledge of our club and it's very proud 50 year history is incredible and she was often called upon throughout the year to recall specific information. I personally am very thankful that I have had the pleasure and opportunity to be part of a committee that has had Melissa serving on it and we wish her all the very best with whatever she decides to do from now on. And who knows, maybe we might be able to convince her to put her hand up again in the near future.

Thank you
Donald Rodman



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Training Squads.....What does it all mean?

Training squads are not necessarily indicative of the final team each player will play throughout the year. Players may be moved up or down depending on performance and need. This will be assessed on a weekly basis by the coaches over the summer season. **Please be "mindful" of what this means to players, parents and coaches through this summer season.**

Groups/Phases/Promotion/Relegation... What does it all mean?

When looking at team fixtures you may notice that some divisions have several groups and phases. To someone entering the world of district basketball this may seem a little confusing. **There is a reason behind all of this!**

Often in these divisions there are too many teams to create a fixture where all teams will play one and another during the season (particularly the shorter summer season).

So teams are firstly placed into groups (of anywhere between 5 to 8 teams), which then play each other for 5 rounds (a period which they term a 'phase'). At the end of the 'phase' the top 2 teams in each group are promoted to the higher group (if there is one) and the bottom 2 teams are relegated to the lower group (if there is one).

Movement of players between teams during these 'phases' is restricted and at this point we refer to Basketball SA Bi laws:

2.5. Transfer Between Teams in Same Division

- a) During the Winter Season a player cannot play for multiple teams in the same division in the same season.
- b) During the Summer Season and where clubs have multiple teams in the same division, a player may play in more than one team in that division only as follows;
 - i) In competitions which do not use promotion /relegation, a player may not move between teams in the same division after round six (6).
 - ii) In competitions which do use promotion /relegation, a player may not move between teams in the same division within any of the five-round phases. However a player may move to another team between the end of one phase and the beginning of the next phase.

So in divisions where teams are placed in groups and phases: movement of players can only occur at the end of a phase (i.e. the first game of the next phase).

In divisions where there are no groups or phases: movement of players can only occur (between teams & divisions) in the first 5 weeks – as long as it does not involve a team in a promotion / relegation phase.

Phew.....

2011 Talent Identification Camp

(Player Tip #15: There is no “I” in “TEAM”)

For the past couple of years we have run the TI Camps in April, July and Sep/Oct for U16, then U14 and finally U12 age groups respectively.

However, the camps for 2011 need to be adjusted because there is simply no time suitable available at Wayville in the July holidays. There is a major outside event booked into the venue one week and the Under 16 Nationals are on the other week.

Accordingly, the camps have been scheduled as follows:

Under 16	18 th – 21 st April
Under 14	27 th – 29 th April
Under 12	4 th – 7 th October



Stay tuned for more details

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Tuesday to Friday 2:00 pm - 5.00pm
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Admin Officer - sturtadmin@internode.on.net

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STURT SABRES FUNDRAISER

Sturt Sabres in conjunction with Nando's Edwardstown are having a fundraiser!!

Come and dine at Nando's South Road Edwardstown (across from Castle Plaza) between 6-8 pm on Monday 15 November and the profits go to the club !!!

This is an excellent opportunity for Sturt and we thank owner Jimmy Shepherd for the opportunity and his continual support of the club.

Don't forget to support the businesses that support us !!

Nando's is an excellent healthy eating option for game nights.....

Nando's requires approximate numbers for the evening so could you please email the club sturtsabres@internode.on.net and confirm how many people are attending by **5 Nov**.

For further information contact Matthew Cutts 0438007769.

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