



## BLUES NEWS

### “Tip-Off” Edition – October 2011

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

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.....yep, there’s a lot in this issue. Thanks all for the inputs. Go Blue. Go Sturt!

## Key Dates

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

Time	Event
<b>17 -22 October 2011</b>	<b>Summer Season Commences</b>
12-17 December 2011	Last Round Prior to Christmas
30 Jan – 4 Feb 2012	First Round after Christmas
26 Jan – 29 Jan 2012	Eltham - Dandenong 2012 Tournament



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# A New Season...A New Uniform

(Player Tip #73: Be dressed for success)

All Sturt Players are required to transition to the new playing uniform by the beginning of the summer season 2011/2012.

**So What?** At the beginning of our Summer Season the 2 years grace given by BSA to phase in our new uniform will be up! This means that ALL players should be in the new uniform by this time.

**But does it affect me?** If the umpires start to enforce breaches of this rule, it will mean that **each player wearing an incorrect (old) uniform will incur a personal foul and the opposition team will be granted 2 points for each infringement!** Could be costly in a close game!!

Uniforms are available from the Sturt Office – Tuesday to Friday between 2pm and 5 pm. Get in quick and get dressed for success in Summer Season 2011/2012.



## Club Notices

**Start of Season [Team Manager's] Madness:** - Remember to step up and volunteer to help manage your team. Anyone wishing to be a **Team Manager** please speak with your respective Coaches and Helen Creeper (Manager of the Team Managers). In fact, there is a **Team Manager's Meeting on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> October at 10am in the Clubrooms**.



Any TM not continuing is respectfully requested to return their TM Manual to the office by 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct for updating and redistribution to the new crop of TMs! Many thanks!

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



**Just a reminder about the "No Smoking Policy" @ Pasadena Sports Centre:** - All South Australian Government properties are non-smoking facilities. Pasadena High School is a South Australian Government property and as such **smoking is not permitted anywhere within its grounds**.



Please note that this includes all buildings, grounds gardens, car parks etc. **If you wish to smoke please wait until you have left the school grounds.** Thank you for not smoking while you are at Pasadena High School.



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# Winter Season Winners

Congratulations to all that participated in the 2011 Winter season. A list of all the Sturt Teams who were winners and runners up are below.

<b>Division</b>	<b>Winners</b>	<b>Runner-Ups</b>
U10B1	<b>Sturt Sabres</b>	Norwood Flames
U10B2	<b>Sturt Sabres 1</b>	Southern Tigers Black
U10G1	Forestville Eagles	<b>Sturt Sabres</b>
U10G2	Forestville Eagles Blue	<b>Sturt Sabres 1</b>
U12B1	Eastern Mavericks	<b>Sturt Sabres</b>
U12G1	Forestville Eagles	<b>Sturt Sabres</b>
U14B1	<b>Sturt Sabres</b>	Southern Tigers
U14B2	<b>Sturt Sabres 2</b>	Norwood Flames Blue
U14B5	<b>Sturt Sabres</b>	Southern Tigers
U14G2	Forestville Eagles Blue	<b>Sturt Sabres 2</b>
U16B1	<b>Sturt Sabres</b>	West Adelaide
U16B2	<b>Sturt Sabres 1</b>	Forestville Eagles Gold
U16G2	Norwood Flames Red	<b>Sturt Sabres 1</b>
U18B2	<b>Sturt Sabres 2</b>	<b>Sturt Sabres 1</b>
U23M1	North Adelaide	<b>Sturt Sabres</b>
U23M2	<b>Sturt Sabres 2</b>	North Adelaide Red
U23M4	<b>Sturt Sabres 1</b>	Uni SA
U23W1	Norwood Flames	<b>Sturt Sabres</b>
SM2	West Adelaide	<b>Sturt Sabres1</b>

## Fees – How to save \$50.00!

Your summer 2011/12 fees will be sent out approximately the first week of the new season. We email and post your fees to you. If your details have changed please send an email to Tim Shortt in the Sturt Office at [sturtadmin@internode.on.net](mailto:sturtadmin@internode.on.net) If you do not receive your fees by 30th October, 2011 please contact Tim on 8177 0463 so he can issue your fees and update your contact details.

We continue to implement the \$50 pay by due date for fees. **This summer season that date will be the Sunday 27th November, 2011.** Which means if you pay by this date you can deduct \$50 off the total of your invoice. We will have the office open on Sunday morning 27th November, 2011 so you can pay your fees.

But please also use our online payment system through our website <http://sturtsabres.com.au> which you can pay via Visa, Mastercard, Bankcard. Or contact Tim on 8177 0463 and make payment over the phone or call into the stadium during office hours. Sturt Office Hours are Tuesday – Friday 2.30 – 5.00pm



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# Awards and Achievements

**Congratulations to our CABL players – one and all. Here is the list of Trophy Winners from Season 2010/2011...**

TEAM AND DIVISION	AWARD NAME	RECIPIENT'S NAME
ABL Women	2011 Most Valuable Player	<b>Monique Bowley</b>
ABL Women	2011 Coaches Award	<b>Nicole Seekamp</b>
ABL Women	2011 Laura Summerton Perpetual Trophy	<b>Aneeka Smith</b>
ABL Women	2011 Halls Medal Highest Votes	<b>Tess Madgen</b>
ABL Men	2011 Most Valuable Player	<b>Jacob Holmes</b>
ABL Men	2011 Best Team Man	<b>Adam Gavranich</b>
ABL Men	2011 Steve Johanssen Memorial Trophy	<b>Jan Warbout</b>
ABL Men	2011 Woollacott Medal Highest Votes	<b>Jacob Holmes</b>
Perpetual Plaques	2011 Achievement of the Year Award	<b>Jacob Holmes</b>
State Players U 20's Men	Medallion	<b>John Marriott</b> <b>Nathan Spehr</b>
State Players U 20's Women	Medallion	<b>Nicole Seekamp</b> <b>Hannah Richards</b> <b>Aneeka Smith</b>

**Congratulations to our Seniors – one and all. Here is the list of Trophy Winners from Season 2010/2011...**

### WOMEN

#### Coach - Michael Cueves

Youth League Div 1 Women

Most Valuable Player

Nicole Seekamp

Youth League Div 1 Women

Best Team Player

Lauren Gibbons

#### Coach - Damien Eccleston

Youth League Div 2 Women

Most Valuable Player

Emma Grantham

Youth League Div 2 Women

Best Team Player

Emily Reid

### MEN

#### Coach - Nathan Vaughan

Division 2(1) Men

Most Valuable Player

Chris Donaldson



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Division 2(1) Men

Best Team Man

Adam Gavranich

#### **Coach - Nathan Anderson**

Division 2(2) Men

Most Valuable Player

Tom Dayman

Division 2(2) Men

Most Valuable Player

Marcus Hakendorf

#### **Coach - Nathan Anderson**

Division 3 Men

Most Valuable Player

Harry Einarson

Division 3 Men

Best Team Sabre

Simon Mew

#### **Coach - Nathan Anderson**

Division 4 Men

Most Valuable Player

Arthur Lynas

Division 4 Men

Best Team Sabre

Andy Hakendorf

#### **Coach - Scott Butler**

Youth League Div 1 Men

Most Valuable Player

Jan Warbout

Youth League Div 1 Men

Most Improved

Tim Klaosen

#### **Coach - Scott Butler**

Youth League Div 2 Sturt 1 Men

Most Valuable Player

Stefan Wright

Youth League Div 2 Sturt 1 Men

Best Team Man

Ky Meaden

#### **Coach - Dean/Tim**

Youth League Div 2 Sturt 2 Men

Most Valuable Player

Tom Dayman

Youth League Div 2 Sturt 2 Men

Best Team Sabre

Hadyn Grimmer

#### **Coach - Alex Wright**

Youth League Div 4 Sturt 1 Men

Most Valuable Player

Christie Brook

Youth League Div 4 Sturt 1 Men

Best Team Man:

Jarrad Braham

#### **Coach - Alex Wright**

Youth League Div 4 Sturt 2 Men

MVP:

Nic Davel

Youth League Div 4 Sturt 2 Men

Best Team Man

Luke Pringle

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### Senior's Awards – Happy Snaps!



**STADIUM AND CLUB OFFICE:** Office Open Tues – Fri 2.00pm - 5.00pm  
Pasadena High School Basketball Stadium Daws Road, Pasadena, PO Box 163 Daw Park SA 5041  
TELEPHONE 8177 0463, EMAIL [sturtsabres@internode.on.net](mailto:sturtsabres@internode.on.net) or [sturtadmin@internode.on.net](mailto:sturtadmin@internode.on.net)



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

**Here is the list of Trophy Winners from Season 2010/2011...**

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

**Girls Division 1:** Ashley Thornton, Hannah Prenzler, Ella Johnson, Brianna Tulla, Olivia Renshaw, Madison Hornabrook, Mikayla Tatarelli and Ashleigh Buck.

**Girls Division 2(1):** Kaitlin Rowe, Grace Balfour, Zoe Stopford, Sophie Paterson, Jewel Ramintas, Tayla Brazel and Kahli Lanthois.

**Girls Division 2(2):** Paige Ridley, Cazna Adams, Grace Tibalt, Ella Peacock, Violet Malzard-Moody, Amy McDonald, Jade Pearson-McKenzie and Margot Hall.

**Boys Division 1:** Chase Meuris, Jed Dunn, Ben Griscti, Bailey Wells, Seb Griffin, Joel Dyer, Nic Sibly and Thomas Edson.

**Boys Division 2:** Harry Leaker, Luke Delbridge, Curtis Scott, Jackson Allen, William Wilkinson, Kye Roberts, Reilly Pratt, William Cranna and Ned Reemst.

## **Training Squads for Summer.....**

**.....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.

**Be "mindful" of what this means to players, parents and coaches through this summer season.**

It is perhaps easier and **'diplomatically more appropriate'** to say a player has been **"rotated"**, rather than **"delegated, relegated, promoted and/or demoted"** as Players move in and out of Teams.



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#### Trophy Winners from Season 2010/2011...

##### Under 12 Girls

Division 1	MVP	Juliet Gordon
	Most Improved	Sophie Aldridge
Division 2	MVP	Annabel Gordon
	Coaches Award	Sarah Sheedy
Division 3	MVP	Darcy Munchenberg
	Most Improved	Jessica Mc Donald

##### Under 14 Girls

Division 1	MVP	Nicola Mathews
	Best Team Player	Lilli Vagnarelli
Division 2(1)	MVP	Hannah Griffin
	Coaches Award	Elizabeth Petrie
Division 2(2)	'Rock Solid' Award	Charlie Bampton
Division 3	MVP	Georgia Pasculli
	Most Improved	Sophie Darmody

##### Under 16 Girls

Division 1	MVP	Maeve Young
	Most Improved	Brigitte Murphy
Division 2(1)	Most Improved	Courtney Gutschmidt
	Most Consistent	Jo Guthridge
Division 2(2)	Referees MVP Award	Julia Nowecki
	Referees MVP Award	Kiana Bartlett
Division 3	MVP	Jessa Kloeden
	Coaches Award	Julia Meaden
Division 4	MVP	Bridgitte Syrus
	Most Improved	Ashleigh Webster-Marr

##### Under 18 GIRLS

Division 1	MVP	Amy Shaw
	Coaches Award	Esther Young
Division 2(1)	Most Athletic Player	Azzurra Cisternino
	Most Determined Player	Chantelle Valente
Division 2(2)	Most Consistent Effort	Danika Hunt
	Coaches Award	Maisie Brown

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#### Trophy Winners from Season 2010/2011...

##### Under 12 Boys

Division 1	MVP	Elliot Bolaffi
	MVP	Christian Artacho
Division 2(1)	Coaches Award	Patrick Wallis
	Coaches Award	Uzo Dibiamaka
Division 2(2)	MVP	Thomas Lanthois
	Most Consistent	Jacob Miller
Division 3	Most Consistent	Julius Ramintas
	Coaches Award	Samuel Luckman

##### Under 14 Boys

Division 1	MVP	Isaac White
	Best Team Player	Jacob Rigoni
Division 2(1)	Coaches Award	Harrison Thornton
	Coaches Award	Liam Gleeson
Division 2(2)	MVP	Alex McDonald
	Coaches Award	Sam Westcott
Division 4	MVP (Winter)	Connor Abley
	MVP (Summer)	James Sheedy
Division 5	MVP	Kris Fuller
	Most Improved	Sam Handshin

##### Under 16 Boys

Division 1	Coaches Award	Sam White
	Most Improved	Jack Turnbull
Division 2 (1)	Best Team Man	David Angley
	Most Improved	Billy Braidwood
Division 2(2)	Best Team Player	Nick Jennings
	Most Improved	Lorenzo Vezzosi
Division 3	MVP	Jake Harwood
	Most Improved	Jacob Clement
Division 5(1)	MVP	Sebastian Vozzo
	Coaches Award	Liam Thiele
Division 5(2)	MVP	James Hoskins
	Coaches Award	Will Colenso-Wallace

##### Under 18 Boys

Division 1	MVP	Sam Daly
	Most Improved	Tom Fitzpatrick
Division 2	Most Improved	Tom Kubank
	Coaches Award	Ben Owen-Thomas
Division 2(2)	Most Unselfish Team Player	Kyle Harrison
	Most Improved	Daniel Osborn
Division 3	Best Team Player	Daniel Stanley
	Most Improved	Ben Bleckly



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

2011  
Coach of the Year - Boys

**Michael Chrisan**

2011  
Coach of the Year - Girls

**Katherine McPhail**

2011  
Rookie Coach Of The  
Year

**Tess Carey**

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

UNDER 16 GIRLS  
METRO

**Maeve Young  
Rebecca Wells**

UNDER 16 BOYS  
METRO

**Jack Turnbull  
Sam White  
Nik Fassos  
Brett Turner**

UNDER 18 GIRLS  
METRO

**Taylor Falting  
Ashley Fitzpatrick  
Ashleigh Bow  
Amy Shaw**

UNDER 18 BOYS  
METRO

**Sam Daly  
Hamish Burns  
Cohen Creeper  
Max Wellington**

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

R S Mehrtens Trophy – Most Co-Operative U14 Player: Boys

**Tyson Brazel**

R S Mehrtens Trophy – Most Co-Operative U14 Player: Girls

**Nicola Mathews**

Under 16 Girls Neil Gliddon Award

**Rebecca Wells**

Under 16 Boys Neil Gliddon Award

**Brett Turner**

Under 18 Girls - Encouragement Award

**Tamara Brine**

Under 18 Boys - Encouragement Award

**Max Wellington**

And, the Sturt Sabres Basketball Club 2011 – Jack Gliddon Award presented to **Lynn Scholz** for your outstanding contribution to the club.

Also:

- "Achievement of the year award" to **Jacob Holmes**.
- Life Membership to **Andy Osborn, Andy Kareta, Guilia Kareta, Nathan Vaughan, Mark Bauer, Todd Smyth, Marcus Hakendorf, Jane Hodgson, Todd Gower and Marcus Wong**.
- Hall of Fame Inductees - **Lynette Parnell and Neil Gliddon**.



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- 10 year badge for players – **Ashleigh Greaves, John Marriott, Ky Meaden, Stefan Wright** and **Matthew Russo**.
- Service award – **Anne Einarson, Louise Gibbons** and **David McPhail**.

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

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

## Well done Sabres @ SAPSASA

Congratulations to the following Sturt Juniors who played in the Under 12 SAPSASSA Teams that played in Canberra in July. 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
<b>Harry Reemst</b> <b>Uche Dibiamaka</b>	<b>Emilie Windsor</b> <b>Erina Marafioti</b> <b>Juliet Gordon</b> <b>Sophie Horvat</b>

## Well done Sabres @ Nationals

Congratulations also to the following Sturt Sabres who participated in the Under 14 Nationals in Darwin (Girls) and Brisbane (Boys) in October.

Boys	Girls
<b>Angus Rodman</b> <b>Josh Galpin</b> <b>Tyson Brazel</b> <b>Lewis Young</b> <b>Austin Blake</b> <b>Xavier Owen-Thomas</b> <b>Reece O'Brien</b> <b>Isaac White</b> <b>Will Gleeson</b> <b>Jacob Rigoni</b>	<b>Paige Keenihan</b> <b>Alana Creeper</b> <b>Lilli Vagnarelli</b> <b>Anna Broadbent</b> <b>Nicola Mathews</b> <b>Issy Schwab</b> <b>Hannah Stewart</b> <b>Erina Marafioti</b> <b>Sophie Horvat</b> <b>Cara Gordon</b>
Coach: <b>Dean Nyberg</b>	Coach: <b>Katherine McPhail</b>
Assistant Coaches: <b>Ben Gliddon and Harry Einstein</b>	Assistant Coaches: <b>Damian Ecclestone and Tim Shortt</b>
Managers: <b>Donald Rodman and Sharon Rigoni</b>	Managers: <b>Helen Creeper and Margy Mathews</b>



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### Starting 5 with Rod Bauer - our new Senior Program Manager



**Q1. So what can you tell us about yourself?** Other than perhaps that I was born in Kadina, SA last century, or was it the century before that? Actually, I studied at Flinders University and UniSA for a B.Ed and M.Ed.Man. and had a 35-year teaching career, before working for the SACE Board for the last 7 years (semi-retired now). Lived in Blackwood for 25 years, married to Cheryl, Principal of St John's Grammar School in Belair. Two children, Mark (28) and Kate (25), both of whom played all their junior basketball for Sturt, and Mark continues to play ABA for Sturt.

**Q2. So how did it all start?** Started playing basketball at Clarence Park Church (following two older brothers) in 1960, a couple of years before Neil Gliddon did the same. Joined the very new United Church Club in the district basketball association (now BasketballSA) in 1963 in Under 18s.

**Q3. And with “Sturt”?** Through 1969-70 Captain of Senior District team (ABA), winning the Club's first grand final, and selected in the All-Australian University team of 1969. Club MVP 1970. Played 13 years of ABA basketball, and a Life member of Sturt and the Basketball Association of SA. Coached Sturt Div 1 Men 1980-81 and Sturt Div 1 women 1989-93.

**Q4. And more recently?** President of Sturt Basketball Club 1997-2002, the period in which we decided to replace the old and somewhat scorched stadium at Mortlock Park with a new one at Pasadena High School. Still playing something vaguely resembling basketball (plodding, anyhow...). Other hobbies: Outback and overseas travel, painting (not the house), playing guitar, classic cars, good food. Member of Sturt's Hall of Fame - awarded in 2010.

**Q5. So what will be you be doing in your role as Senior Program Manager?** Provide support for the head coaches in further developing the senior program across all grades; assist the club in maintaining and further developing the transition for players from junior to senior basketball at Sturt; and be a conduit between the Committee and the senior teams and coaches.

**Sturt welcomes Rod in the role of Senior Program Manager!**

### All Star 5's @ the U12 TI Camp

In the recent U12 Talent Identification (TI) camp held during the October school holidays, **Taylor Prenzler** and **Mitch Wellington** were selected in the All Star Five Girls and Boys Team respectively.



Well done Taylor – Well done Mitch – Well done Sturt Sabres!!



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# Rotation of Squads as we moved into Summer ...Why do it? What does it mean?

Some of you new to the club may have noticed that the upper ages (typically the Div 1 Players) started to train with the Div 2 teams in the upper age group. Why does Sturt do this toward the end of the Winter Season? What does it all mean?

During Term 3 the Club starts to "rotate squads" with regards to their Sunday trainings, and in some instances their midweek trainings. As a club we have been doing this for a couple of seasons now.

We do this because we see that coming into the next season, players can benefit from new challenges, and also, Coaches can better judge which training squads player 's should be in for the new season. It is done with an eye towards the next State Championship and helping players into the following season. We try as much as possible to move full teams so that each team remains training together, however, this is not always possible.

We feel that the long term benefits and the second training where teams stay as they have been for the season far outweighs any disruption to training squads as finals approach.

We are also careful which teams we pair together due to age gaps which can cause unworkable training situations. We are reluctant to have teams train together who have players with a four (4) year difference in age, unless we are sure the players are capable of dealing with it. This could happen where we have someone who is still relatively immature (physically) teamed up against someone more than three (3) years older who is larger, more mature yet, still to fully master their coordination.

## Sturt U10 (Boys) – Division 1 Report

Coached by Martin Hinton (Marty), our team was confident going into the winter season after taking out the summer title and also the St. Clair carnival last December.

The team could not be luckier than having Marty as coach, so first and foremost we would like to thank him for the time and commitment he has given to the role. The continued development and composure of the boys has been incredible to watch. From all the families - Much appreciated.

At the end of the minor round of the winter season, our team narrowly missed top position by one game. Going into the Finals, the boys knew they would have to be playing at their best and that is exactly what they would produce.

Starting off with the semi final against Southern Tigers who finished the year top, our boys were magnificent, comfortably winning by 19 points to advance directly to the Grand Final.



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Fittingly, we were to play Norwood who had always given us tough opposition and close games over both the summer and winter seasons.

This Grand Final game was no exception, a tight tussle early, pulling away slightly in the third quarter to eventually finish with a five point win and the title.

In the pressure of both finals, it was a pleasure to watch the boys confidently executing the plays they had learnt throughout the course of the year.

The boys have deserved their every success and are to be congratulated on all that they have achieved together. They are certainly ready to move on to the challenges that await in U12's.

Thanks for a great season and all the best in your basketball careers. You are a great bunch of kids!

Also to be mentioned are the fantastic contributions from Jon Dyer and Paul Griffin who assisted at trainings and coached the occasional game when Marty was unavailable and to Sue Sibly who scored throughout the finals and tutored the new parents on the scorer's table who were learning the ropes. Thankyou.

Finally, thanks to all of the parents who have taken the time out each week to get the boys to training and the games and your support throughout 2010/2011.

Your Sturt U10 - Div 1 boys are Chase, Jed, Ben, Seb, Joel, Nic, Bailey and Tom.

Brenton Dunn (Team Manager)





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### Congrat's Sam Daly and Simon Mew

Congratulations **Sam Daly** for making the National U17 Boys Squad. Sam went to Oceania Championships last month.



Congratulations also to **Simon Mew** who polled 33 votes to take out Senior Men Division 3 MVP for the Winter Season.

### U10(2) Boys – Back 2 Back Premierships!

The Under 10 Div 2 boys finished off a great season with a premiership, making it 2 premierships in a row.

The boys had 1 loss all season which was against Southern Tigers who they would meet in the semi- final and then again in the Grand Final. It was an extremely tense Grand Final which finished with us winning by 2 points, 24 – 22. We had a strong first half but Southern Tigers are an aggressive team and managed to claw their way back into the game with the ¾ time score being 18-17. Our boys stood strong under the pressure even though we were on 5 team fouls for the quarter with still 3 minutes to play.

The boys deserved the win as they were the strongest team all season scoring far more points than any other team.

With only 2 of the 9 boys going up to Under 12's next season the next 12 months are looking good for the Summer Div 1 team.

Lily Leaker (Coach)





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### Hell hath no fury like a Sturt team scorned!

Congratulations to the Sturt Div 2 (2) Under 18 boys for securing the Winter Season Championships. Through no fault of their own, relegated to the Div 3 in the summer season, these boys played with a determination and motivation to prove their worth. Comprised of second years Matt Jeffery, Scott Johnson, Mitch Kirkham and Daniel Osborn, and first years Andrew Gibbons, Kyle Harrison and Ned Morcom and coached by Sturt newcomer Jamie Drumm, they completed the Summer season undefeated.

With team changes in Div 2 in the Winter season, they were afforded a much desired opportunity to move up into this more competitive territory. A successful season ensued with losses only to the Norwood and top Forestville side. Finishing third, they cemented their position in Div 2. A depleted team faced the First Semi-final against Norwood, but they emerged against all odds as victors with a comprehensive win.

The Preliminary Final set them up against Forestville 1, a previously undefeated side, who had fallen only to the Sturt 1 team in the prior week. Concluding this final, the Forestville coach had shaken the hand of the Sturt 1 coach, declaring that he would see him in two weeks time in the grand final.

Little be known to him that his team would fall to the sheer persistence of this Sturt 2 team to create a Sturt vs Sturt Grand Final. Competitive right into the dying minutes, the Sturt 2 boys emerged victorious with a 2 point win.



**Underdogs...  
...they were.**

**Undeserving...  
...they were not.**

**Sometimes good  
things come to  
those who persist!**



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## proudly supported the U14 Girl's Team @ The Nationals

Sturt's U14 Girl's Team would like to formally thank Bendigo Bank (Unley Branch) for sponsoring the team in their recent quest at the Nationals in Darwin.

Bendigo Bank is committing to supporting communities in which it operates, and believes if the community is successful, the bank will also share in that success. To set them on their journey to victory, the Branch donated \$2,000 to purchase the team's uniforms and travel bags.

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Many thanks Bendigo Bank.





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And on a related matter...

# An Open Letter to Sturt Management

Hi Donald and Paul,

I have just returned from Darwin where I had the wonderful experience of watching the Sturt Under 14 girls basketball team compete in the National Club Championships. As you would be aware the girls were very competitive and finished high in the final rankings, in sixth position. I didn't want to let this moment pass without writing to acknowledge the outstanding performance of the coaching team led by Katherine McPhail.

Katherine, with assistants Damian Ecclestone and Tim Shortt, has worked tirelessly to prepare the individuals and the team, to ensure that they had every opportunity to perform at their peak level over the week of competition. They have continued the excellent Sturt tradition of presenting a formidable basketball opponent at National competitions.

This was particularly evident in their first half performance in the quarter finals against Bulleen Boomers, the ultimate National Champions this year. They played some exceptional basketball to go into the half time break with a lead of eleven points, leaving the tournament favourites wondering what had hit them. Unfortunately for our girls, Bulleen were too strong and were able to turn the game around and eventually won. However, this did not go unrecognized, with several Bulleen supporters going out of their way to approach myself and other Sturt supporters to commend the team on their performance.

The way our club approaches these important competitions is excellent. It not only gives our teams the best opportunity to perform at a high level but also helps the individuals develop and mature as basketballers. From my observations, it would appear that all of the girls have benefitted from the experience and I am sure they have had some very powerful and positive experiences that they will remember and value for the rest of their lives.

I want to thank the coaches, the managers and the Sturt Basketball Club for the development of our girl's basketball and commend the Club on its approach and support of such competition. I also want to thank all of the parents that trusted in the coaching team and the competition approach taken by the Club, as well as the support they have provided for all of the team.

Well done by all. Regards, Dean Mathews



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### Under 14 Boys @ Nationals

The **Sturt Sabres Under 14 Boys** reinforced their position as 2011 South Australian Club Champions in the U14 Boys Club Nationals in Brisbane in September 2011.

The boys and coaching group arrived in Brisbane as best prepared as they could be, the boys quickly settled into a routine with a training session and getting used to the environment that would be home for the week. The boys took a quick trip on the River Cat and enjoyed the sight s of Brisbane, Dinner at Sizzler and an early night to bed ready for whatever came our way in the week ahead. The Sturt team was by far the stand out group at the opening ceremony dressed in a range of sensational Sturt outfits. The success of this group over a few seasons certainly had some of the more fancied teams on notice, The Sturt boys confidently started their Nationals campaign by winning all three games in their pool beating Perry Lakes Hawks (36), Brisbane Capitals (4), and Newcastle Hunters (1).

Unfortunately, in the first game of the cross overs the boys game structure and discipline deserted them and eventually went down by three points to Geelong a game that should have been yet another box ticked, in the next crossover game the boys were up against the eventual winners, Hills Hornets, - Sturt Sabres losing by the least margin of the whole contest 17. These two losses meant that the boys would finish in the top twelve.

As with most national competitions, it is no so much as if you win or lose but when you win or lose. So, in reality, these boys could/should have finished in the top 4, but because of circumstances/draw, they finished ninth! (The other two SA teams finished 20 and 21 out of 24 teams). These boys and coaches can hold their heads up high and be reasonably happy with the efforts that were put in over the week.

Without doubt the Sturt Sabres Cheer squad was the best, biggest, loudest and the most encouraging of the entire competition. Thanks to **Penny Young** for bringing along the voo voo zellas, bongo drums, clappers, etc., and for making the Sturt signs for the blue glittery hats.



Your Sturt U14 Nationals Team are Angus, Josh, Tyson, Lewis, Austin, Xavier, Reece, Isaac, Will and Jacob.



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# Shootin’ Hoops 4 Hope

The Shootin Hoops 4 Hope fundraiser clinic was a huge success in raising nearly \$3000 for the Lugongwe Community College in Uganda, East Africa. The players were fantastic and enjoyed a challenging but fun basketball session and a feast afterwards too!

Thanks has to go to Renee Hackendorf (flyers and media), National Foods (600ml milks for EVERYONE!), Sturt Basketball Club (Andy Kareta and Donald Rodman for the sausage sizzle, Dani Warbout for her help in organising), Basketball SA (for the court hire) and all of the Sturt ABL Men’s and Women’s players who helped out with coaching (too many to name here)! There was also a fair number of my family who helped out on the day and they deserve a thank you as well!

The money that was raised from the camp will go towards health and welfare, nutrition and education for the children of the Lugongwe Community College. Caron Brown was at the camp on Saturday as a representative of the college and wanted me to pass on a HUGE thank you to all of the players, parents and helpers for what she described as an 'incredible effort'!



Well done everyone and thank you! Jacob





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### Responding to a “Call to Arms”

On Saturday, Aug 6 we held a “CALL TO ARM’S” game to raise awareness to men’s cancer. Both Southern and Sturt ABA men’s teams wore yellow arm bands as did the referees for the women's and the Men's game.

As well as the wearing of Yellow arm bands the U12 Div2.2 team collected money for Cancer research and raised a total of \$130.

Thanks go to Jarrod, Cooper and Jacob for collecting money during the games, also thanks to Craig for arranging the Boys for me.

Thanks to all those who donated, Ian Blatchford

### A Short Report from the World Masters



The Masters Games were held in Adelaide Oct 9th to 15th

Basketball was played over the week at Pasadena and Wayville Stadiums....

Sturt's Senior Program Manager. Rod Bauer (past President, Coach, Player and father of ABL Player Mark) captained the "Adelaide Vintage Reds" and Dave Smyth (past Player and father of ABL Player Todd) played and coached this team to win the Gold Medal in the A grade over 55s!

Other Club stalwarts spotted around the stadiums and on court in various teams were Margy Mathews and her sister Vicki, Rachel Tobin, Leanne Terrett, Michelle Martin, Glenys (Willi) Bauer (overs 60s), Mike Rule, Mark Lovell, Graham Lees and Graham Kubank.

Hall of Famer Michelle Gillings was a keen spectator and was heard lamenting that she wished she was back on court, having competed in previous Masters!

#### Editor’s Note

We are interested in replacing the “Smiley-face icons” with some ‘Sturt Sabre-icons’ for Blues News.

If anyone has any **Graphic Artistic** skills, and would like to offer some free support, could they please contact the Editor on 0408-826-487 or [david.j.gordon@baesystems.com](mailto:david.j.gordon@baesystems.com).





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## Club Notice

The Sturt Sabres Management Committee gives notice of the recent passing of two past members of our Club Community, Jo Heard and Shirley Pearce.

Jo was the wife of our inaugural Hall of Famer Mal Heard and mother of Alison and past player Stephen.

Shirley was the wife of Life member, ex Secretary and U10 Boys Coach, Jim Pearce and mother of Dianne, Jennifer and past players Ray and Stephen. For several years she sewed all the boy's teams' singlets, after the club changed name from Uniting Church to Sturt Sabres and the colours changed from green and gold to double blue!

Both were, in their day, active members of the Club Community, attending games and club events, volunteering in the canteen and supporting fundraising activities.

Our sincere condolences are extended to both families.

## Re-appointment of our Club Ombudsman



Sturt is pleased to announce the re-appointment of **Steve Bowley** in the role of **Club Ombudsman**....Congratulations Steve.

Should the need arise, and you wish to contact the Club Ombudsman, please address all correspondence to **STEVE BOWLEY – CONFIDENTIAL** and deliver to Sturt letter box.

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# Carnivals and Tournaments

**Another season starts, so it is only natural that there is another list of Tournaments and Carnivals ahead.** The next two big ones are the BSA St Clair Christmas Carnival and the Eltham/Dandenong Tournament.

**BSA St.Clair Christmas Carnival:** - The carnival this year will be conducted over the weekend of 16th 17th & 18th December 2011 and nominations close 4th November 2011. Information has already been sent out via Team Managers, but if you need it resent please email Leanne Noble via [leannenoble@optusnet.com.au](mailto:leannenoble@optusnet.com.au).

**Eltham/Dandenong Tournament:** - Yes, this one is further afield, in Melbourne! Please ensure you pencil in the following dates for the upcoming Eltham/Dandenong Tournament, again we will request that all our teams play at the Dandenong side of the tournament.

The 2012 January Tournament dates are Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> (evening – optional to play), Friday 27<sup>th</sup> (evening), Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>. It is only **three months away** so teams should be looking at securing accommodation in or near Dandenong for these dates.

2011/2012	Carnivals	Dates	Location	Closing date for Nominations Note #1
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	
Jan 2012	Eltham - Dandenong 2012 Tournament	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Melbourne	TBA

Note #1. Sturt's nominations are required in advance of these dates. If you're 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 Sturt 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.



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No need for a form, template or any structure – just email and perhaps a quick call to discuss.

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