



BASA SUMMER

2009 – 2010

PRESIDENTS VIEW SUMMER 2009/10



We have reached the end of another season and I would like to thank all players, referees and committee members for all your efforts over the season. Without all your input both on and off the ice and behind the scenes BASA would not be able to operate as well as it does. Without players we obviously wouldn't have a competition but without the help and drive of everyone that continues to keep BASA going we wouldn't even have an association of which to be a part off. We are in a very strong position with a Committee that has the commitment and willingness to work together for the optimal benefit of our association. All committee members give up their own time to ensure that we have a game to turn up to each week and for that I thank everyone who gave up countless hours once again this season.

Thank you also to those of you who have put your hands up and have been nominated and voted onto the Committee for the coming year.

This season saw our contact league grow in teams and saw the competition grow in intensity and skill which can only help our efforts at Nationals. The 'Chicks' team that plays in the contact league is really improving and the girls are grateful to have the opportunity to play as a team and thank the guys for allowing them to do this. Unfortunately this season we also lost the Polar Bears in our mixed League but after taking out the Contact Grand final I hope to see them continuing through that division instead.

This season also saw one of Kim Shapleys visions come to fruition with the running of our first 'IRONBROOMBALLER' tournament. While the team names were questionable (Insomniac Iguanas, Midnight Monkeys, Mooning Meercats, Late night Lamas, Starforce Sloth's, and the Squirrels of Darkness) the quality and success of the tournament certainly was not. After many hours of continual games the tournament ended up in a draw after both of the teams who made the mixed final mutually agreed that they couldn't go into overtime as there was very few players left standing. Due to the success of the night and the interest from the players at BASA and interstate it would be great to see this become a yearly event. Thank you to Kim and all those involved for bringing the IRONBROOMBALLER to Adelaide.

The Winter Season sees us moving back to an 8pm start on Tuesday nights so in order to eliminate a series of late nights it is of utmost importance that we are all on time and ready to go at our allocated time slots. Please check the web site regularly for schedules and up dates.

Thanks again for a great season and I look forward to another great one to come.

Ceitlin Walker
BASA President 2009/2010

SUMMER 2009/10 AWARDS

Most Improved – Maddy Riley and Matt Harder

Best Rookies – Chelsea Dahlenburg and Harry Perks

Golden Whistle – Nush Hight and Alan Jabs

MIXED DIVISION

Male MVP – Kim Shapley

Female MVP – Ceitlin Walker

Highest Points Male – Ben Ziesing

Highest Points Female – Danusia Hight

Best Goalie – Danusia Hight

Best Defender – Alan Jabs

CONTACT LEAGUE

Male MVP – Mat Irvine

Female MVP – Chelsea D

Highest Points Scorer – Mat Irvine

Best Defender – Bidds

Best Goalie – Meagan Mcphee

TEAM MVPS

Assassins – Glen Broad

Camels – Meagan McPhee

Coyotes – Paul Neighbour

Destroyers – Ceitlin Walker

Foreign Invaders – Mat Irvine

Polar Bears –

Sled Dogs – Dainel Cutting

Slipstreamers – Tim Clark





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Having been involved with the sport for over twenty five years it has become clear to me that we are certainly developing as a broomball nation in leaps and bounds. Clearly the skills and team ethics have improved as has the dedication and commitment to the sport. AS the national president I am thrilled to note that here in South Australia serious moves are well under way to gain an advantage over the east coast adversary. The move to training for Nationals in the past few years is a positive Broomball Australia whole heartedly endorses and not for the most obvious reasons. The knock on effect of fitter well drilled teams at our premier events will not only be a benefit to the individuals who take the time and make the effort to play but will go a long way to promoting the sport as a serious, healthy sport to all those thinking of giving it a go.

I can attest to the fact that not so many years ago the SA team would consist of maybe five persons who traveled needing to pick up 'anybody' just to play. Now we see that all our member associations take the sending of teams as a serious business with a view to winning and not just making up the numbers. There have been many other vast improvements over the years which include looking at tactics and the sport science side of the game along with rest and recovery to benefit all that play.

Officiating has also come a long way and with more time this too will go even further to the point where we can see semi professional referees turning up at major tournaments coming out of the grass roots programs we are currently facilitating.

All Associations are working through the complex issues they face including how to increase numbers as well as ice time. Broomball Australia is also looking at this as an issue but from the more political viewpoint of the federal level.

It is necessary to have government recognition and most importantly the right recognition as this assists with securing grants and means to overcome issues.

2010 is a big year for Broomball as we face the exciting trip to Europe for the next Worlds. This year we convene in Innsbruck to celebrate the 2010 World Broomball Championships. The team from Australia looks like it will be the largest we have taken off shore which clearly shows the sport is reaching out to all and offers a level in the game we just cannot replicate here yet.

I urge all to seriously consider this trip as it will be well worth the time money and effort.

I have already alluded to the fact we are looking to secure the right recognition and that is a major issue for Broomball Australia. Other programs we are working with are the update of the current rule set as well as a series of policies that firstly need to be in place at the peak level but more importantly will be able to be utilised by member associations for their operations which will include when submitting for grants or funding.

We will be meeting at the upcoming nationals and will be drawing a plan for the next 12 months. This will include input from the member associations.

As innovated here in Adelaide at the last Nationals there will also be a women's forum which I personally endorse as not only a great idea but a vital and positive move for all the women that play (and watch) our great sport.

The target of hosting a worlds here in Australia is still the goal. We are a long way short of any financial assistance necessary to make it happen but true to any Aussie spirit we have not given up looking and planning.

The same goes for the sport being included into the Winter Olympic Games. It is not a case of if it will happen but WHEN.

As always the positive outlook will be a guide and with the right people all our plans will come to fruition.

As the President of the sport here in Australia I congratulate BASA as a leader in the sport with the right people guiding it along the path of success.

Sincerely,

Alan Jabs
President Broomball Australia



DESTROYERS

Destroyers again had a season in two parts. (Becoming a habit for us now!)

Before Christmas we ran a lot of people in new positions where though we played well and were competitive we couldn't actually win games!!

A couple of changes from the season before with Simon Dawson off to the Coyotes and Brian Plush coming back to the fold may not have helped our average age (Ben pointed out an average centre player age of 45+ when Ceitlin was playing elsewhere) or speed at the ball

Then we woke up to the fact that we only had two rounds in the season forced the Team Strategy sessions to focus our season. So with much plotting at the Wheatsheaf late at night on Tuesday before Xmas led to settled team plan structure leading to results after Xmas being fantastic, but 1 game too late to allow us to defend our unexpected Grand Final triumph from last season. (The forces of good (ie Destroyers) couldn't triumph over the forces of darkness cos we didn't make the grade)

Without looking at the table we had about the second best attack and defence and third best percentage but somehow managed to come fifth. The coach may have to be sacked!

We tried a lot of things this season Ceitlin was good in centre but better on wing (she was another of our centre rotation players until she had to cover for my bad back after Xmas!) , Craig and Darren came out of defence a lot more. Pete was seen lurking around goal as was Sam. Matt was great in goals again. Mike and Ben did great in centre and along the Darren and Craig did a lot of running. (well some one has to run) Captain was sacked out of wing to defence by the coach as he wasn't scoring goals – I had a long chat with myself.

Cameos again by Meagan and Massie in goal through the year much appreciated.

A few changes for the next season some good, some bad.

Bad news is Sam Plush is leaving in May to go to work in Orange. Say goodbye over the next few weeks. Gavin is retired due to unavailability

Good news is our average centre player age may be less than 40 due to Massie coming onboard (hope you are fit and like running !) and we have a new female player starting along with Simon coming back to the fold before he buggers off to the US again.

List management will be the issue for Destroyers this season as we have Mark reappearing, Sam and Simon disappearing and the usual ins and outs. Don't be surprised if we have three lines early in the season and struggle for numbers later!

Last mention for the team is the best team player. Normally we run a week by week vote but this season is different. Voting for best player recognises those who have a good night but often misses a player who sacrifices their play for the team. We had a secret ballot at the end of the season. This player sacrifices their game to fill any role anywhere on the field. Over the last five or so seasons she has been happy to play whatever we thought she would help best on the team. As she reads this she will already know who she is (as she organises the trophy engraving so no surprises) picked as our Best Team Player for Destroyers Congratulations Ceitlin!

Cheers
Graham Elix

Coyotes

This season the Coyotes have settled into a regular line up which has allowed us to work on improving our teamwork, game play and consistency. This paid off and saw us finishing the season strongly, and securing a position in the mixed Grand Final. We put up a good fight on the day but unfortunately we came second in a close game, thankful that the Camels didn't give us a spanking like they did a few weeks earlier.



The Coyotes welcomed new players Tracey Hawkes and Keith Ankor into the team, both of whom have become integral parts of the line up. Tracey has quickly advanced into a skilful, reliable defender and Keith working up forward has been consistently putting the ball in the back of the oppositions net. Simon, one of the big guns from the Destroyers migrated over for the season and played some great broomball. We will be sorry to see him go next season. On the bright side we are glad to welcome back Malcolm with his wife Kwan after four years Melbourne. We are looking forward to seeing them both on the ice next season.

Plenty of the Coyotes took part in the Ironman Tournament and apart from the soreness in the following days, thoroughly enjoyed it. We would like to thank the organisers for putting it together and hope to play again soon in the next one. Unfortunately only a few of us can make it over to Canberra for the Nationals this year, good luck Kim and Maddy.

Well done to everyone who played with the Coyotes this season, a solid performance by everyone which was reflected by the position in the Grand Final. It was a fantastic result for us and hopefully next season we can take it to the next level and bring home the cup. Finally, Paul Neighbour had a great season playing in the centre, his speed over the ice, determination and consistency throughout the season gained him the votes and he is the deserved recipient of the Coyotes MVP.

CAMELS

Congratulations to all the Camels! After 3 seasons of nearly getting there, we finally cracked the big one and won the final. Last season an undermanned crew was desperately close, only to lose in a penalty shootout. From memory the year before we went out in successive shootouts. Thank goodness we were able to get through this years finals series without a shootout.

Not that we worry about our goaltending if forced into a shootout. The problem usually comes back to our ability to hit the post more times than we ever score. Our goaltending has been magnificent this year, as usual. Meg has been the foundation for our success over the life of the Camels, and justifiably has been voted the Team Trophy winner. Thanks Meg for all your efforts, and for putting up with all those nail-biting finishes. Meg topped off the season with some magnificent saves in the final, including one off her outstretched foot in the last couple of minutes of the game.

In front of Meg we have one of the strongest defences in the competition all season long. Rod has had another miserly year, and Tom has made his mark as a defender as well as causing opposition defenders and goalies some nightmares. Matt has played with his usual flair, blending defence into attack- the Andrew McLeod of the ice rink.

Up in attack we have had good seasons from Ria, Warren, Harry, Lewis, Tim and Kieran. However there is plenty of room for improvement. We have seen many games with lopsided possession stats, but the forwards need to find ways to make that possession count – by scoring more goals! Hopefully we can qualify all of our forwards for the finals next year too (hint, hint Kieran). With good calendar management, perhaps we won't go into a qualifying final with 2 players on the beach in Hawaii and one still trying to dry the glue on new fingernails.

The only disappointment of the year was the fact that the Wheatsheaf was out of stock on their premium beer – Deux – on grand final night. On second thought, maybe that will be our inspiration for trying to repeat in the coming season.



The summer season for the Sled Dogs saw us gain new faces and skills and also loose a few players too.

Due to our enlargement of numbers sadly the Sled Dogs had to say goodbye to Shaps as a player. Kim started playing for us when we where down in players and continued when we started to gain a few more, but sadly when we had enough players that we had an entirely new line up on the bench, we had to say goodbye to our only marquee player but at the same time we said hello to our new coach. Kim started coaching for us last season and we are slowly improving our game to his direction. Thank you Kim, by taking the role to help us throughout the season and the next one.

New faces that we've gained this season... There has been a few, some who haven't stayed with us but will still be remembered. Those being Michael Sobey, he played a few games with us but decided not to continue playing. Daniel Cutting, who turned out to be a good addition to the team, he gives us a little insight into what we should be doing and doesn't expect us to do everything his way. He's been a great help and very understanding. Tim was with us for only a few games and then decided that broomball wasn't for him, which is fair enough. Anton is our youngest and brightest player. He joined us because Trish invited him along and he seems to love the game and tries his best. He is improving in leaps and bounds.

Now, time for the awards... This season was a surprising season for MVP points. We had a close first few games but as the season went on the points changed considerably to show the winners change in his performance. He constantly throws himself out there each game and tries the hardest he possibly can. So I'm glad to say that this year our MVP award goes to Dennis Russell. Congrats Dennis for a great season, we're sad to loose you for this coming season due to medical issues and Football...

The Dogs this season consisted of Luke Jabs (C), Adam Lane (VC) Alan Jabs, Greg Fopp, Anthony Habets, Phil Hancock, Danushia Highet (G), Trish McHendrie, Kim Shapley (Marquee and Coach), Dennis Russell, Daniel Cutting, Anton Farrell and Tim Hogden.

Thank you all for a great season, I look forward to this coming one.



Well what can I say we had fun!

The Assassins saw the close of the season and landed squarely in the bottom position, proudly winning the wooden spoon, hey it happens!

This season was quite a messy one for the Assassins, new players finding their feet and other players seeming to never fire at the same time as anyone else but we came through and are ready to face another season.

Again we lose a few players, seems to happen every season...

Ants will no longer be keeping for us and Andrew Sinclair is taking some time off to see the birth of his first child, look out only 16 years till we have another Assassin.

From all the Assassins we wish Andrew and Tess a happy, healthy, beautiful baby and all the best for the new parents.

Gerry 'Tarz' McCaffery makes a stunning return to the Assassins this season; we welcome him back with open arms, as long as he has beer in his ☺ GREAT TO HAVE YOU BACK TARZ!

Josh the traveller will be making a cameo appearance with us until he leaves to travel the world with his lovely other half Corrine.

And on that note we wish Josh and Corrine a wonderful, safe journey with many adventures and stories to tell upon their return.

Sam Martin our mystery defender will remain a mystery and make it when he can... hopefully!

Business end now, MVP award for the Assassins goes to someone who we feel has improved ten fold. We became somewhat slackish at our weekly MVP votes due to so many players having other commitments on a Tuesday night so myself and vice captain Kate decided to make an executive decision and we both felt like this person had really changed as a player.

We decided Glenn Broad deserved the MVP this season for his hard work, and his dedication to getting things together and becoming a much improved Broomball player.

Glenn always gave it his best and when he didn't get it right kept trying until he did.

Congratulations Glenn!

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, Thank you.

Look out for the new look ASSASSINS next season GO ASSASSINS!

Danusia Hight Assassins 2009 Summer Season

FOREIGN INVADERS

Season Review

The past season has been the Foreign Invader's best to date, even though this had also been the most disrupted season. Throughout the season the team continuously broke milestone after milestone. Last season the Foreign Invaders beat the Polar Bears for the first time and this season proved that it was not just a one off, by coming out victorious for the majority of times they clashed. Not only were they now able to beat what they all thought of as their "parent", team they were also able to stand up to adversaries such as the Assassins and the Camels. For the first time in the team's history they have made the A grade finals, not only this but they were able to progress all the way up to the semi finals.

Despite all of the success there were very few games where the foreign invaders were actually able to have a full team. This was either due to work as with Steph Boyd or study at stupid times in the case of Jackson Renshaw. Even with this going on other problems occurred with injuries in the case of Brett Atkinson with an injured elbow, Harry Perks with a broken thumb and Luca Obbiettivo and Andrew Masson both battling reoccurring knee problems. However, on a more pleasant note Matt Irvine was able to play a greater amount of games for the season.

This season also brought much improvement in the team as a whole, and saw many personal victories achieved for individual players. Our star defender Jackson Renshaw was able to finally do something useful up forward by scoring his first goal. After five or so seasons he was definitely due for some sort of improvement on his game and everyone was happy he was finally able to catch up to Steph. On a serious note, our actual star defender Adam Collins greatly improved his all round game by proving he could hold his own in the forward lines; this was done through sheer determination and drive that was far beyond anyone else in the team. Luca Obbiettivo has much improved his abilities in switching from offence to defence and has become one of the team's most valued members. Brett Atkinson remained our prime forward player with his speed and unpredictable movements in the forward lines. Matt Irvine continued to bewilder his fellow teammates though this year with his sheer talent and ability to put the ball through the net at seemingly impossible angles. Steph and Alessia have truly found their roles up forward, and now are truly able to capitalise on deflections and shots in close to the net. Harry Perks continued his improvement as the newest addition to the team. Although beginning as a defensive player he has now proved himself as a forward player and has become highly valued all over the field. Andrew Masson continued his reign as one of the league's best goalkeepers, and if it were not for his persistence in the net many of our victories would not have been achieved.

The invaders are now keen to welcome new additions to the team Chris and Wickam and look forward to the new season ahead. Although last season was their best to date the team and its latest additions are still looking to do better again and make the winter season of 2010 the best yet.

Slipstreamers

We set out 12 months ago to start a broomball team that enjoyed playing the game above all else. We got new uniforms, and some new players, and set out for our second season! Our attack was bolstered this season with the addition of Josh Reynolds, who provided some confidence, experience, and a focal point for our attack. When Josh wasn't scoring goals, he certainly distracted the opposition defence enough to allow our other forwards to score! Tim Clarke was a welcome team-member in the forward line, scoring goals, and positioning himself very well. Both Ben Castle and Arnie showed great experience and ball-handling skills that were very handy getting the ball forward. Shanni Muller's skills and fitness increased a heap through the season, and she has become increasingly potent forward. We will certainly miss Michelle when she leaves the State next season – her speed and attack were very valuable. Marty showed his skills and experience both in attack and defence.

With a very experienced defence line made up of Keith Thomas, Wayne Ritchie, Kim Thorpe and Harry Macris, the defence was quite strong. The most effective defence was when the whole team played a moving zone defence. Our structured play as a team earned us many comments and respect from other teams.

One of the lessons that we learned from this season is not to pigeon-hole players into set positions. For example, Wayne Ritchie proved to be a game-breaker in the forward line, and Marty and Tim proved valuable in defence when required. Harry Macris played in both lines, where his experience, and level-head was valuable.

I regard the season as a successful one for the Team, because we beat every other team in the league at least once during the season including the Camels, Coyotes and Invaders, and were within a game or two of second position on the ladder most of the season.

Thanks to Harry for managing the money, and Michelle for collecting the votes.

Congratulations to Tim Clarke – taking out the team MVP by a healthy margin this season.

We welcome Matt, Matt and Bidsy onto the team for next season, and say goodbye and best wishes to Josh and Corrinne!

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

