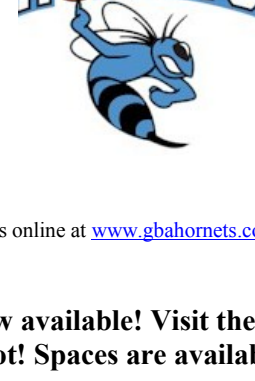




## Meet the 2011-2012 Executive!

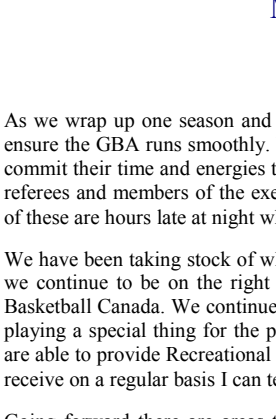
President—David Byck  
 VP Rep League—Scott Nystedt  
 Dir. Of Communications—Dee Whitmore  
 Dir. Of Equipment—Manon Miron & Marc Chartrand  
 Dir. Of Facilities/Scheduling—Kim Currie  
 Dir. Of Finance—Sandra Smail  
 Dir. Of Membership—Juan Fino  
 Dir. Of Uniforms—Karen Mount  
 Chief Referee—John Badger

## Summer 2011 Issue



Visit us online at [www.gbahornets.com](http://www.gbahornets.com)

**Spring registration has begun! Online registration is now available! Visit the GBA website at [www.gbahornets.com](http://www.gbahornets.com) to secure your spot! Spaces are available dependant on coach availability so register early!**



The GBA's Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday June 29, 2011 and the Executive members for the 2011-12 year were elected. Thank you to all who attended the meeting. Contact information for the GBA executive members and non-executive members can be found on the GBA website at [www.gbahornets.com](http://www.gbahornets.com)

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we wrap up one season and open the books on a new one I want to start by thanking all those who work tirelessly to ensure the GBA runs smoothly. While I won't mention any names we should be thankful for the range of volunteers who commit their time and energies to making ours an association to be truly proud of. From our coaches and managers to the referees and members of the executive who spend hours ensuring that everything goes smoothly come game time. Many of these are hours late at night when they could be doing something else I am sure (like sleeping perhaps!)

We have been taking stock of where we are as an association and what the future holds for the GBA and we believe that we continue to be on the right track. Our guiding philosophies are strong and in concert with Basketball Ontario and Basketball Canada. We continue to be in good financial shape and are able to invest in equipment and facilities that make playing a special thing for the players. As mentioned before we have a wonderful group of dedicated volunteers and we are able to provide Recreational and Representative teams for boys and girls from ages 5-18. From the positive feedback I receive on a regular basis I can tell you that the GBA is an admired organization in our region.

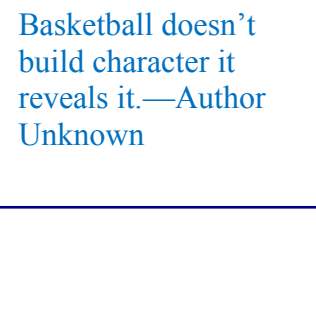
Going forward there are areas that we know we need to strive to improve. One such area is coach training. With the retirement of John Scobie we witnessed a year without a Technical Director and that resulted in less than optimal amounts of on-court development sessions for our Rec coaches. We realize that being this far west it is sometimes not easy to find a replacement for someone like John but we will work to be creative this year to give our coaches what they need in terms of training. We continue to need new volunteers to step up to roles on the executive and within the various leagues and teams. We have seen a number of long time volunteers step down only to be replaced by a new and enthusiastic group who bring great ideas and a fresh perspective to the GBA.

I look forward to the 2011-12 season being a great one for all participants. Registration is open (for players and volunteers) and we are actively preparing ourselves for another great year. I welcome all feedback about how we are doing and what we can be doing better. All the best!

Dave Byck  
President  
Goulbourn Basketball Association

## ATOM PLAYER RECOGNIZED FOR SPORTSMANSHIP

*Letter received Feb. 29, 2011*



My name is Elsa Donovan I am an assistant coach with London Ramblers basketball club here in London Ontario. This past weekend we had the privilege of playing against your club's Major Atom Girls team 2 times and both were close games. The reason for my e-mail is to have you send along my thanks to one of your competitive players. Her name is Nicole Murphy #13. During the game one of our players #7 Sarah went down with a knee injury in the 8th quarter. Nicole and she were guarding each other at the time and also most of the game when they were on together. Sarah was unable to continue in the game however and after the game and handshakes Nicole made her way over to Sarah who was sitting with her leg elevated up to shake hands and congratulate her. As a coach I was so impressed with her sportsmanship. At our post game talk both of our coaches mentioned the fact she made the effort to go to Sarah to shake hands.

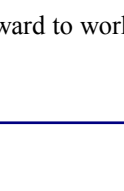
As a mother (it was my daughter Sarah who became injured) but also as a basketball coach, the sportsmanship she showed in a close loss to acknowledge a competitor should be acknowledged. This is what I strive my players to achieve to play hard, have fun and above all else be gracious winners and good losers is the right approach to sportsmanship. Far too often our young people today are not acknowledged when they do good deeds and I felt it necessary to let you know about one of your players. Please share this e-mail with both of the coaches and with Nicole if you see fit. Looking forward to playing your team again in the future.

Sincerely,  
Elsa Donovan  
Assistant Coach London Ramblers Major Atom Girls

Goulbourn Hornets' Nicole Murphy and London Ramblers' Sarah Donovan.

Basketball doesn't build character it reveals it.—Author Unknown

## VOLUNTEERS



The Goulbourn Basketball Association is looking for a number of dedicated volunteers for the Executive committee as well as **coaches, assistant coaches, conveners and referees**. If you enjoy basketball and would like to get involved with the GBA, please contact Dave Byck at [president@gbahornets.com](mailto:president@gbahornets.com) for further information on our Executive positions or complete our online referee/coach registration at [www.gbahornets.com](http://www.gbahornets.com)

The GBA Executive is currently looking for:

**VP Recreational Program**—this position could be shared by 2 people

**Secretary**

**Technical Director**

**Rec Referee Scheduler**

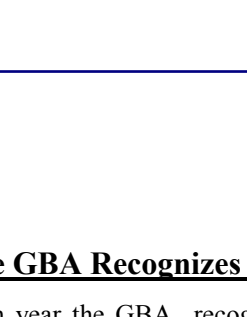
**Director of Special Projects**

Descriptions of these positions can be found on the home page of our website at [www.gbahornets.com](http://www.gbahornets.com).

It takes a number of dedicated volunteers to run our Executive and our basketball programs. Please consider joining the club and lending your time and expertise to the GBA!

Thank you for your support! We look forward to working with you!

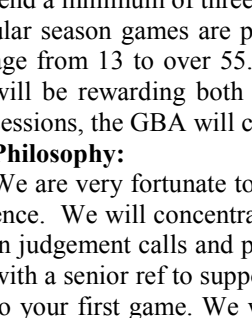
## A MESSAGE FROM THE VP OF THE RECREATIONAL PROGRAM



The GBA Recreational Program for the 2010/2011 season was a great success, with the participation of over 400 players on 36 teams. As always, our focus was on the FUNDamentals of basketball, offering a positive atmosphere for players to develop their basketball skills and become team players. Many of our teams made a marked improvement over the season, finishing in the top three of their division. Way to go!!! Many thanks to our volunteer coaches, conveners and managers, who helped to make this basketball season a great one for all of our players. Our season could not have happened without your countless hours of volunteer work! After three years as the VP of the Recreational program, I bid "adieu" to the GBA executive. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with such a great team of volunteers, including members of the executive, and the coaches and conveners. It has been a privilege to be a part of such a fantastic organization!

*Submitted by Linda Gibson*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE VP OF THE REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM



The 2010 – 2011 season was well represented by the GBA rep teams. The boys' programs supported teams at the Novice, Bantam, Midget and Juvenile levels while the girls had rep teams at Atom, Bantam and Midget. Every team enjoyed a successful season improving player's skills and their ability to compete at the highest level possible. Some of our teams were ranked at the top of the Eastern Ontario Basketball Association and in the top 20 provincially. All teams were fortunate to have experienced coaches that created a positive experience for everyone. Several rep players went on to compete on All Star teams within the EOBA and across the city of Ottawa.

2011 – 2012 promises to be another promising basketball season in the GBA as we have a lineup of experienced coaches secured to coach and mentor the players.

*Submitted by Scott Nystedt*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD REFEREE



The 2010/11 basketball season has been an excellent season for development as we attracted new refs and enhanced the training of our current ones. Our age spread is 13 years to 60+ years with more emphasis on beginner to intermediate trained refs. The pilot project whereby senior refs are mentoring less experienced refs during a game has been so successful it is now built into our training program. We will also continue to work closely with Kanata, sharing refs as tournaments dictate to insure we have a consistent approach to the WEBL rules and sufficient coverage. The theme from last year of whistle loud and whistle often (mechanics) will continue this year with additional training on the rules (theoretical) aspects of the game. Again, as Head Ref I will be spending a fair amount of time with the coaches to solicit their support in the development of the refs and will be floating from gym to gym on Saturdays. See you at the gym!

*Submitted by John Badger*

## GBA NEWS!

### The GBA Recognizes Athletes in our Community

Each year the GBA recognizes athletes in our community by awarding athletic awards to students at Sacred Heart High School and South Carleton High School. These award recipients are chosen based on criteria put forth by the schools and the Goulbourn Basketball Association.

This year's winner of the **Steve Thompson Memorial Award** was **Eric Smail of South Carleton High School**. The winners of the **Goulbourn Basketball Association Awards** were **Emily O'Connor and Sean Stoqua of Sacred Heart High School**.

Congratulations to this year's award winners!

### Online Credit Cards Payments are now Available

The GBA has now added online credit card payments to registrations! Parents will now have the options of mailing a cheque or simply paying by credit card. We are also working on offering the same service for rep fees, team wear purchases, etc... Stay tuned!

### Another Successful Year for the GBA's Referee Program

If you are interested in joining a dynamic team, earning good money and interacting with basketball players and coaches at all levels, consider becoming a Goulbourn Basketball Association referee. You will join and be mentored by experienced referees and earn \$12 to \$30 per game based on your experience. Training will be provided at several levels, offered over five sessions and you will need to attend a minimum of three sessions planned for mid October to early November to referee. Regular season games are played on Saturdays between Nov/11 and May/12. Our refs range in age from 13 to over 55. If you are dependable and enjoy working with people this challenge will be rewarding both financially and personally. Once you have completed the necessary sessions, the GBA will cover the fee to have you become a certified referee.

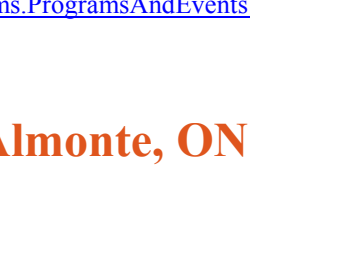
**Philosophy:** We are very fortunate to have a solid base of referees with at least two and three years experience. We will concentrate on the fundamentals for new refs and fine-tune the more senior refs in judgement calls and positioning. For first time referees, we will start you at the novice level with a senior ref to support you at all games and you will be properly trained and prepped prior to your first game. We will continue to work closely with the coaches to reinforce the fundamentals of basketball by taking the time to explain calls to novice and atom level players, as we find that "instant feedback" resulted in players quickly correcting their errors. The more senior levels of refs will concentrate on consistency of calls and the application of rules.

To register for Referee Training Program or to find out more information, email the GBA's Head Referee at [thebadger@rogers.com](mailto:thebadger@rogers.com).

## MEET SOME OF OUR PLAYERS!



**Bantam Boys and Bantam B Girls**



**Bantam A Girls and Juvenile Girls**



**Atom Girls and Small Ball Boys**



The 2010-2011 season was very busy with 7 competitive teams and 36 recreational teams! Players from 5 years old to 18 years old played weekly having fun and all the while, developing their basketball skills! Our competitive teams were very successful in tournaments that took them to various parts of the province and even into the U.S.



We're looking to hear from you! Send us your photos and include a few words about what your team is doing! We want to hear from all divisions of GBA teams! Send your photos and articles to me at [deecandlorne@rogers.com](mailto:deecandlorne@rogers.com). Then watch the website for your team info! If you have any suggestions, stories or ideas you would like to see covered in upcoming newsletters, please contact me.

## UPCOMING BASKETBALL EVENTS



Deaveiro Hoop Skills camp information can be found at <http://deaveirohoopskills.com/index.php/the-deaveiro-team/dave-deaveiro>



Rautins-House Basketball School Camp information can be found at [www.continuingeducation.ottawacatholicschools.ca](http://www.continuingeducation.ottawacatholicschools.ca)



## Naismith 3 on 3 Basketball Festival

<http://www.naismithmuseum.com/main.php?action=cms.ProgramsAndEvents>

**Saturday August 6, 2011 in Almonte, ON**