Welcome to the sixth AVSC Newsletter for 2007.

45 DAYS TO GO!!!

Please keep checking the AVSC website www.avf.org.au/AVSC which is updated as news and information comes to hand.

As December rapidly approaches it is imperative you and all your coaches/managers are kept up to date with the information in these newsletters. If you would like additional people on the newsletter mailing list please email avsc@avf.org.au

AVSC ANTICIPATION

We know you come to play in the event but have plenty of fun side activities.

At the opening ceremony we have secured top Melbourne cover band METRICK to perform between 6.45pm – 7.30pm while the Technical Meeting is taking place. The band is a great opportunity for the students to mingle within the MSAC Show Courts, whilst a representative from each school attends the General Technical Meeting outside. Check out the band’s website www.metrik.com.au.

The AVSC idol and jumping competitions will be happening again. This year we are going to be running some sessions with both National Players and Coaches. Athletes can participate in training sessions with our most volleyball stars and coaches can attend seminars hosted by our National Coaches.

It is exciting to see how some of the past AVSC players have got to in our sport. This month we profile Ballarat superstar Tamsin Barnett. At a commanding 195cms, Tamsin is a force to be reckoned with on the international stage. Earlier this year Tamsin and her partner Nat Cook won a World Tour Beach Event and now have their sites set on the Beijing Olympics.

Later this month we will meet Australian Captain Ben Hardy and Gold Medalist Natalie Cook.

AVSC 2008 - 25TH ANNIVERSARY LOGO COMPETITION

Yes, believe it or not AVSC turns 25 in 2008 and we have lots of celebration plans in the works. It is an amazing achievement and the event has seen phenomenal growth over the years. As part of the celebrations we are running a competition to create the AVSC 25th Anniversary logo.

This competition is open to anyone from the volleyball community. First prize for this competition includes FREE entry for one eligible school team to AVSC 2008, a signed Australian team ball, gift pack and Volleyball Australian certificate.

So find the artist in your team or recruit your school design/art students and get creative. Click to download the Logo Design Brief and Competition Entry Form here or see links on the AVSC website.

OPENING CEREMONY – ANTHEM SINGERS WANTED

We are still after expressions of interest from any singers/groups out there who would like to sing the National Anthem at the Opening Ceremony. We know there are many multi-talented people out there who can play good volleyball and hold a tune. The opening ceremony is scheduled to commence at 6.00pm on Sunday 9th December. Please email avsc@avf.org.au if you have a student, teacher, coach or group interested.

ONLINE ENTRY

Nominations close this Friday 26th October. Please ensure that all student officials are nominated in the space provided, as well as any non-playing team members attending as officials and supervisors.

If you have not received a username & password, please contact Renae Maycock immediately.

If you have any problems at all with the online registration process please contact Renae on (02) 9439 4221.
EXEMPTIONS

The AVSC Events Commission will accept applications for exemption to eligibility criteria up to Monday 29th October. Please ensure any exemption requests are submitted before this date, otherwise they cannot be considered.

Please address exemption letters to Tournament Director, Michelle Slack-Smith and email to avsc@avf.org.au

AVSC LONG SERVICE AWARDS

Nominations are open for the AVSC 10, 15, and 20 year service awards. We recognise this outstanding effort by giving out special AVSC Awards at the Opening Ceremony. We’ve received 11 nominations so far, proving that the commitment of your school’s communities are passionate and unwavering when it comes to ensuring a quality experience for your students year after year.

If you, your school or anyone you know meets the involvement criteria please download the nomination form. These Nominations also close on Friday 26th October.

TRAINING COURTS

Don’t forget that MSAC courts are available for Training on Sunday 9th December. This is a great opportunity if you are keen to give your team the best preparation and have practice at the tournament venue. Please download the training court request form from the AVSC website.

SPIKE MAGAZINE

Did you know that Spike Volleyball Magazine has now been around for over two years? In that time they have published some great volleyball stories and spoken to some great personalities AND have bulk subscription discounts available to schools. Would you like all of your students to build their own volleyball heroes and learn more about what’s going on in the wide world of volleyball? Then why not contact Spike today and find out about the great discounts available.

Email Spike today at subscriptions@spikemag.com.au for more information.

Also make sure you check out www.spikemag.com.au.

THINGS TO DO IN MELBOURNE……..

Crown Entertainment Complex
The Crown complex which is only 10 minutes from MSAC includes the 10 Pin Bowling, Arcade Games and Laser Skirmish. They have offered all AVSC participants the following deal:

- 2 hrs of Arcade Games for $10
- 1 game of M9 Laser Skirmish for $8
- 2 for 1 bowling at Kingpin Bowling

Check out the AVSC Special Offers page on the website for further details on this and other entertainment discount offers.

Taco Bills
Dining vouchers for the Taco Bills Restaurant situated on Clarendon St, a 5 minute walk from MSAC, will be included in each team bag. Taco Bills has supported this event for a number of years in the past, so look out for their specials.

Dandenong Markets
These markets are located at on the corner of Clow and Cleeland St in Dandenong. With over 300 stores including food, clothing and souvenirs they are a fun place to visit. The markets are open from 7am to 4pm on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. Visit www.dandenongmarket.com.au for further information.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

1) Nominations are now invited from any coach, manager of parent of a team participating at this years event to serve as a member of the AVSC Event Commission for the next 2 years. Nomination forms and further details of what is involved is available on the website. Nominations close on Friday 9th November 2007 and will need to be counter signed by the school principal.

2) Are all your players registered with a State Volleyball Association?? Any unregistered player will not be allowed to compete in the tournament. Registration numbers must be completed during nomination process.

REFEREE ACCREDITATION OPPORTUNITIES

Time is running out to get your referees accredited. It is important to remember that fines will be deducted from your Duty bond if referees are not appropriately accredited for duties performed. If you are unsure about the AVSC referee system and your responsibility please check out the ‘AVSC Refereeing Requirements Explained’ form on the website. You will find contact details for the Chief Referee on this form who can answer any further queries.

Below are the contacts for any referee course requests for each state:
ACT
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Email: manager@volleyballact.com.au

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Carla Hoorweg.
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South Australia
Simon Phillips Phone: (08) 8124 9100
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Victoria
Terry Jones Phone (03) 9521 4800
Email: terryjones@volleyballvictoria.com.au

Queensland
Teresa Henderson Phone: (07) 3367 1991
Email: dm@qva.org.au

Western Australia
Marta Makuch Phone: (08) 9228 8522
Email: development@volleyballwa.com.au

Please contact the AVF Head Office on (02) 6247 6633 with enquiries regarding referee education in Tasmania and Northern Territory.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GOOD WORK

FREE RETURN SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE
NOBLE PARK TRAIN STATION TO STATE VOLLEYBALL CENTRE, DANDENONG

Volleyball Australia will again provide a shuttle service to assist transporting participants competing at the secondary venue, the SVC at Dandenong.

The safety of AVSC participants is paramount and it has been recommended to us by a number of sources to consider a train station other than Dandenong as the shuttle collection and drop off point. As such we have investigated other options and concluded that the AVSC shuttle service will operate from nearby Noble Park station. Michael and his team from Executive Coaches will again provide this service free of charge to AVSC participants.

Teams are required to telephone or visit the tournament office the night prior to travel, and book your group onto the shuttle which runs in hourly cycles between the station and venue.

Trains run between Noble Park and the City Centre every 10-20 minutes in both directions. The train trip takes approximately 30 minutes.

The shuttle between Noble Park Train Station and SVC will operate Monday to Friday between approximately 7.30-11.00am.
The return services between SVC and Noble Park will operate Monday to Thursday between approximately 4.30pm – 9.15pm. The Friday return shuttle will depart at approximately 4.30pm and return direct to MSAC for the Closing Ceremony.

Exact shuttle times will be available on registration day and in the tournament office.

The Metlink Melbourne website is excellent and provides all information on buses, train and trams in Victoria. There is also a journey planner that will give you exact directions of how to get from A to B. If you are going to be using public transport in Melbourne we encourage you to have a look at this website. We will be releasing the draft draw one week before the event so you be able to plan your teams transport schedule.

www.metlinkmelbourne.com.au
If you have any questions please contact either
Renae or Michelle on (02) 9439 4221