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# Dragon's News

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## President's Report

Well Chalice and State Championships are over. Life has never been more hectic. It is absolutely fantastic to see so many attend these events and such great results achieved.

**State Championships** (formerly known as State Titles) were held over the Easter weekend this year (moved from the normal Queens birthday weekend in June). This new placement made things very hectic indeed. April-May is normally a very busy time with the commencement of Premier League, the change of a Metro Season, the Chalice and the normal running of club. Amongst all of this the Australian Masters also landed itself on the Easter weekend (normal for this event). Quite fascinating that in a two-week period we sent three teams to Townsville for State Championships, two teams to Sunshine Coast for Australian Masters and eight teams to Chalice.

**The Premier League** season has been exceptionally good so far this year. It was a nervous decision to field two reserve grade men's teams this year but things seem to be going very well with one team undefeated so far and the other has lost only one game to date. This demonstrates the strength of our current men's program as we line up with what looks to be our strongest line up ever. On the women's court we are seeing a really good build on last year. From what started as looking like a troublesome year with players injured or absent, we have seen the women's teams dominate the competition. All around this

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season looks good from the current perspective, keep up the good work everyone.

On other movements off the court we have appointed Susan Hay as club secretary (congratulations and thank you Susan). We have also accepted Roy Stevens's offer to be Tournament Director (again thank you Roy). We are still looking for members to join the committee in the roles of Promotions Officer, Junior Development Officer, VIP Coordinator, Competitions manager, Chief Referee, Equipment Officer and Fund Raising. Naturally if you are interested in helping with any of these roles please let me know.

In other areas we have decided to give up the Credit Card payment facility. As I am sure you are all very aware; Banks like to make unbelievable profit margins. The fees we paid to provide the credit card facility weren't justified based on the small amount of use of this facility and recently the fees were almost doubled.

Next on the horizon is several V-League rounds (Beenleigh, Rockhampton, Gold Coast, Gympie and Bundaberg, Maryborough, Gladstone and the finals

again in Noosa). If you are interested in attending any of these events please let us know either by e-mail or by phone or by filling in the appropriate paper work that is floating around. Tournaments are fun. Both junior development programs have kicked off over the last couple of months and it is good to see them start to grow towards where we were two years ago. Much thanks to Gary Smith and Tim Walker for getting these programs running again. If you know any one in the 13-16 year age bracket please send them along to either Wednesday nights at MacGregor High School from 5pm - 7pm or to BBC on Sundays from 10am-12pm.

Don't forget the Dragons members can get discounted access to the Internet (\$85 for 100 hours), for further details contact the office.

Well that wraps it up for a couple of months, everything appears to be running. Enjoy yourselves, train hard and play well, I'm going to sleep now.

David Kelly

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club secretary**

### V-League Beenleigh

The next round of V-League is being held nice and close at Beenleigh. This is your opportunity to qualify for the finals, without having to travel the State. Nominate on our Web site at [www.dragons.org.au](http://www.dragons.org.au) or by contacting Dave Kelly.

## Tournament Results

### State Titles

Division 1 Men - 2nd  
 Division 2 Men - 1st  
 Division 2 Women - 4th

### Chalice

#### Division 1 Men

Gold: Dragons  
 Silver: Mongrels  
 Bronze: Dragons  
 MVP: Steve Moore (Mongrels)

#### Division 1 Women

Gold: Dragons  
 Silver: Qld U19  
 Bronze: Dragons  
 MVP: Bernadette Geary (Dragons)

#### Division 2 Men:

Gold: Kawana Ghosts  
 Silver: EDZ  
 Bronze: Qld U17 White  
 MVP: H. Catts (U17 White)

#### Division 2 Women

Gold: Dragons  
 Silver: Met North  
 MVP: Vicki Hickling (Dragons)

#### Under 16 Men

Gold: Met West  
 Silver: Dragons  
 Bronze: Sunnybank  
 MVP: Michael Van (Metwest)

#### Under 16 Women

Gold: South Coast  
 MVP: E. Clark (South Coast)

## Sponsorship

Dragons have just arranged a sponsorship arrangement with Zupps car dealerships across Brisbane. Help us maintain our Sponsorship (and hopefully increase it) by visiting a Zupps car yard (when you are interested in buying or selling a vehicle of course) and don't forget to mention you are visiting because of Dragons Volleyball.

## Junior Coaches

The club is currently seeking coaches to appoint to several schools to coach senior teams. If you are interested please contact David Kelly as soon as possible. Most of these positions involve contact between 3:30pm and 5:30pm once or twice a week plus attending games on Saturdays. Please step forward, I have no time left.

## Fun Navigation Trial

So you think you know Brisbane. Well have we got a test for you. The next social event for Dragons to look out for is the Navigation Trial which is being held on the 17 June.

Michelle Norris will be organising this fun event so keep your eyes and ears open for more details.

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### State Championships Division 2 Men

Well after a wonderful 14-hour trip we arrived in wondrous Townsville with a whole 3.5 hours spare to actually get some sleep. The first game was against Vulture Street and it appeared that 3.5 hours isn't enough sleep as we went down in straight sets with some pretty awful volleyball all round.

After a good nights sleep we were able to start the day a little better against Gladstone and defeated them 3-0. Torres Straight Juniors were next. There were some great rallies and good play in that match and we did well to beat them 3-1. The team was now functioning well.

Sunday morning and it was time to meet the Torres Straight Seniors. Another impressive jumping team but fortunately for us their teamwork wasn't building nearly as fast as ours was. We were devastating, they were devastated and we were victorious at 3-0. Next on the agenda was the Townsville Juniors, a heated 5 set battle. We grabbed an early lead in the fifth set that we held through to the end when we slammed a heated final point past the helpless block for victory.

Having one bad loss and one narrow win we faced a situation where we were up against the top team, Norths, they were undefeated, we needed a win to make the final or be relegated to third or fourth. If

we thought the Townsville game was fiery we were about to reach another level of applied aggression. With some stupendous stuff blocks from Nick Carman, Tim Walker and Bruce Kelly we dampened Norths attack enough to allow our attack to dominate. And dominate we did, we took that match 3-1 (much to the disappointment and surprise of Vultures).

Finals Day. We watched our division 1 boys go down 1-3 to Norths. We are out for revenge. Prepared to furiously battle out five sets, we were pumped. Over pumped it appears as we blasted Norths off the court in the final. They had no answer for any of our attack, they had no attack that could beat our defence, we had reached a plane of unstoppableness. We were determined, we were unbeatable and we were an awesome team. We hosed them 3-0. We remain division 2 champions.

Its not often one gets a chance in sport to play in an event where the team just gets better and better every game. It happened for us at State Championships 2000. I hope it happens again some other magically year and I pay many thanks to all the players who made up the team, who made it great and made it happen. They listened, they learned, they applied and they conquered.

David Kelly, Tim Walker, Nick Carman, Luke Toombes, David Swan, Andrew Ewan and Bruce Kelly.  
"We are the champions" .... and it feels good.

**"We are the  
champions"**

**Dragon's News****Treasurer's Report**

I have to report grim news on the finance front. The Flaming Chalice tournament, at this stage looks like running at a \$1,200 loss. This is primarily due to the fall in the number of participating teams from last year. State Titles and Easter being on the previous weekend obviously did not help, however it is also obvious that other local Brisbane volleyball clubs are not supporting our tournament. This may be because we have not supported their tournaments. Food for thought.

Our bank balance has fallen from \$16,000 at the start of the year to around \$6,000 at the moment, while players debtors have risen from \$11,000 at the start of the year up to \$19,000 now. While many players are good at paying their fees on time, there are a significant number who do not, and this adds tremendously to the amount of time and effort required to run the Club. Time and effort that too few players want to contribute. So please, if you do owe the Club money, organise to pay it off as soon as possible.

If the Club had not had the reserves from previous years, we would be bankrupt now, and I would have more time to enjoy life.

**Good Neighbour Games**

I hate to sound like a broken record, but we need more assistance in organising the Good Neighbour Games Tour for 2000.

As anyone who has been on this tour will tell you, if you only participate in one event for the year, you have to make it this one. The cost will be around \$300 for travel, accommodation and playing fees.

Please let us know if you can help.

**Volleyball Rules**

Each newsletter we will be bringing you some interesting or lesser known rules. Today's rule is that play continues until the ball is dead eg it hits the floor or an antenna or 4 players etc. This means that even though the opposition may have shanked the pass, you are not allowed to touch the net or move into your opponent's court space until the ball becomes officially dead.

## Chalice Dragons Team Photos



Womens Division 1  
Bronze medal winning team

Mens Division 1  
Bronze medal winning team



Mens Division 2  
Obscene Gesture winning  
team



Mens Division 2  
Diversity winning team





Womens Division 2  
Gold medal winning team

Mens Division 1  
Gold medal winning team



Mens U16  
Silver medal winning team

Womens Division 1  
Gold medal winning team



**Dragon's News****Dragons Event Calendar**

Metro Winter begins	ANZ stadium	10 April
V-League round 5	Beenleigh	27-28 May
V-League round 6	Rockampton	10-12 June
Fun Navigation Trials	Brisbane	17 June
V-League round 7	Gold Coast	24-25 June
V-League round 8	Maryborough	15-16 July
V-League round 9	Townsville	29-30 July
V-League round 10	Bundaberg	19-20 August
V-League round 11	Cairns	21-22 October
V-League round 12	Gympie	28-29 October
Asia-Pacific Masters	Gold Coast	28-30 October
Jacaranda Festival	Grafton	5-6 Nov (tentative)
V-League round 13	Gladstone	11-12 November
V-League Finals	Noosa	25-26 November
Good Neighbour Tour	Canberra	Late November

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**Birth Notice**

Dragons wish to congratulate Dean Bielanowski and Patricia Unkles on the arrival of their first child Jessica. May she bring you many years of happiness and joy, and bring the Club another active member.