

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to season 2013/2014. We have four clubs up and running so far, and there may be a possibility of having some more in the new year.

For those who are not familiar with Boccia, it is a skillful, exciting and strategic sport that was developed specifically to cater to people with varying levels of physical impairment. Boccia provides pathways from club level through to Paralympic competition, it is a truly inclusive sport that can be enjoyed by all!

I recently attended the Boccia Asia & Oceania Regional Championships in Sydney. This is one step in the qualifying process for the 2016 Rio Paralympic games.

Australia had a strong team of 12 of the best in the country in all four classifications. This tournament was the first international event for many of the Aussie team members, and a return to international competition for others. With the world number one ranked players in three of the four classifications in our region, it was truly a world class boccia spectacle. The event was broadcast live online, however you can still check out some of the action 'on demand' via the specially set up website <http://boccia.para-sport-live.com/>

It was evident how much these elite players practise on and off the court. Although SA was not represented within the players, a few attended the championships in an official capacity. Brittany Crowden volunteered her time as an official. Her younger brother Caleb was invited as a member of the Junior Paralympic Preparation Program to attend a camp, where he was able to analyse the games and had workshops with the Australian coaching staff, including team physiotherapist and Skill Acquisition expert. SA Coach Zoe Dix travelled to Sydney as well, working with the Junior PPP camp and getting on court a few times as line judge. Cathy Lambert worked hard as the tournament Team Liaison Manager, while I worked with Zoe during the PPP camp, and had the chance to officiate a few matches (time keeping/scoring and line judging). It really was an extraordinary event to witness and I strongly encourage you all to check out the action online.

Emily Ayles



Zoe and Emily with Harvey, international referee

BOCCIA SA CLUBS

- **Salisbury Eagles** - Sundays 10.30am-12.30pm, Madison Park Primary School gym, Lincoln Ave, Salisbury East
Club Contact: Lisa Sparre lisa.sparre@yahoo.com
- **Marion Magic** - Mondays 4pm-5pm, Marion Bowling club, women's clubhouse, Sturt Rd, Marion
Club Contact: Emily Ayles emily.ayles@paralympic.org.au
- **Mitcham Boccia Club** - Tuesdays 5.00pm-6.30pm, Mitcham Primary School, Tutt Ave, Kingswood
Club Contact: Helen Oates helenoates@yahoo.com.au
- **South City Steelers** - Wednesdays 6.30pm-8.00pm, Reynella Primary School gym, Concord Ave, Reynella
Club Contact: Heather O'Malley smoothsmurf69@gmail.com

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BOCCIA SA NEWSLETTER

SALISBURY PAIRS CHALLENGE

The Salisbury Eagles Boccia Club are thrilled to be hosting the 2013 Boccia SA Pairs Challenge. So grab a partner, and come along to join in this great day of Boccia.

When: Sunday, December 1st, 2013

Time: 11am -2pm

Where: Madison Park Primary School, Lincoln Ave, Salisbury East

Cost: \$5 Boccia SA members, \$10 non Boccia SA members

Registration: Nominate your pair by Saturday, Nov 23rd to Lisa Sparre Lisa.Sparre@yahoo.com
or phone 0413363045

BBQ lunch and drinks will be available to purchase.



ROLLING OUT BOCCIA TO REGIONAL SA

Thanks to The Office for Recreation and Sports SDRIP funding, we will be taking the fabulous sport of Boccia to regional areas of SA.

If you know of a country area where people are keen to learn more about Boccia, please let Emily Ayles know emily.ayles@paralympic.org.au or phone 0417 286 613.

BOCCIA SA COMMITTEE 2013

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