

A tribute to
GEORGE SOROTOS
(1984 to 2009)

We are saddened to report on the death of George Sorotos; an esteemed player, coach and friend of the Heathmont Hornets Basketball Club.

George commenced his association with Heathmont Hornets in winter 1994 as a U/12 player and continued until winter 2002 (a total of 15 seasons). He was a great point guard and shooter, and even a greater team player.

George then proceeded to coach a number of teams from 2003 to 2009 following in John, his father's, footsteps. This made a formidable trio of Heathmont Hornets coaches with George, John and sister, Maryanne, training our young players for many seasons.

George's dedication to basketball, and in particular to Heathmont Hornets, earned the respect, admiration and friendship of all players, parents and officials. Opposition clubs have expressed their sadness at this time and this is a testament to the respect George generated within the GEBC.

Even during his illness, George still managed to find time to coach his Hornets teams every Saturday and inspire his young players to achieve their best. There were times when George attended his matches with his hospital bracelet still attached.

Supported by John and Maryanne, George's teams continued to flourish winning game after game, but most importantly continuing to improve their individual basketball skills and teamwork due to the dedicated coaching from the Sorotos family.

George was awarded a Life Membership of the Heathmont Hornets Basketball Club in December 2008 in front of his two teams (Boys U/18 – 1 and Boys U/16 -3). He joined fourteen other members whose commitment to our Club deserved special recognition and acknowledgement of an outstanding contribution over a significant number of years.

To John and Helen, Maryanne and Carolyn, thank you for sharing George with us over the past fourteen years. Everyone who has known George has been enriched by his presence, and we will never forget his courage, loyalty and humour; and his commitment to the Heathmont Hornets Basketball Club.



George puts on a BBQ for his basketball teams



George with his Under 18 team (Summer 2008)



George with his Under 18 team (Summer 2008)



George with his Under 16 team (Summer 2008)



Presentation of Life Membership to George Sorotos