

COACH'S CORNER

With the season being over, I have had time to sit back and reflect on the last few months. While we all wanted to win more, I'm thrilled with the progress that this team has made. The coaching staff and players have committed to working hard and trying to get better every day. It really is amazing how much we have grown since I met them in the summertime, and how determined they are to keep improving.



My proudest moment of the season did not happen on the court. It was an hour after our final game, and I walked into the Fire-side Lounge to have a reception for Joe Mancini's last game. We were together as one big Bobcat family. I caught myself looking around and feeling lucky for all the great people that surround this program and how much they enjoy it as well.

I want to thank the MBAC members and players' families for contributing to the purchase of the shooting machine. It arrived in January and has been a great addition to our practices. The teams have benefited from the equipment. We are grateful to have the support of the alumni and families.

I want to thank everyone for their help and support. I look forward to making new memories in the future and keeping this program going in the right direction.

MBAC HELPS ACQUIRE SHOOTING MACHINE

A partnership of basketball alumni and current players' parents teamed up recently to purchase a new shooting training machine for the Pitt-Greensburg Men's and Women's Basketball programs. The machine is called the "the gun," and it is manufactured by a company called Shoot-a-Way from Ohio. These machines are used by the biggest basketball programs in the country including most Division One colleges. Visit the Shoot-A-Way website to learn more. The MBAC at Pitt-Greensburg hopes to engage in other projects and to offer further help to the Pitt-Greensburg Basketball programs.



Far left: The teams have been using "the gun" since January, and it has boosted practice morale.

Left top and bottom: Labels on the machine recognize the groups who made this generous gift.



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Luncheon Honors Early Team and Top Scorers



On Sunday, October 22, 2017, the Men's Basketball Alumni Club (MBAC) held its first annual luncheon at the Westmoreland Country Club. The event, which was attended by 78 people, recognized Pitt-Greensburg Men's Basketball program's first 1,000-point scorer Jim Kubicek, the 1971-1972 Championship Men's Basketball Team, and the program's career 1,000-point scorers. The event further introduced the new Men's Basketball Head Coach Brody Jackson, who along with Pitt-Greensburg President Dr. Sharon P. Smith spoke to the gathering. Those in attendance included the 1971-1972 Men's Basketball team alumni players Jim Kubicek, Jerry Fedele '75, Gene Brisbane '74, Andy Garsteck '74 and Alan Hudock '74, and the all-time leading scorer Jason Trout. He and Kubicek represented the career 1,000-point scorers. In addition to the members of the MBAC and the former players who were recognized, special guests included long-time coach Dave Washburn, and retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Donald Ficco, who managed the Greensburg Armory, the basketball program's first practice facility. The interaction between the former and current players, their families, and the representatives of Pitt-Greensburg created a family atmosphere which left everyone anxiously awaiting the next MBAC luncheon.

Top (l-r): Gene Brisbane '74, and Fred Charles '72 present first 1,000-point scorer James Kubicek with a ball.

Middle (l-r): Gene Brisbane '74, Jim Kubicek, Andy Garsteck '74, Alan Hudock '74, and Jerry Fedele '75 represent the '71-'72 team.

Bottom: Rich Hardway '73 (left), Harry Bowser '72 (center), and Bernie Cobetto '73 (right) present all-time leading scorer Jason Trout with a certificate.

How Can You Get More Involved with MBAC?

The MBAC Officers welcome you to participate in all activities. There are different ways to become more involved.

- You can invite alumni to join. Let MBAC know about alumni who they haven't contacted.
- You can share your ideas for an upcoming project.
- You can give a meaningful gift to MBAC to assist them with activities/events/projects.

For more information, please contact Harry Bowser at harryb@zoominternet.net.

MBAC LUNCHEON MEMORIES



MBAC MEMBERS PLAY SANTA AT LOCAL SHELTER



Clockwise from top:
 Fred Charles '72, Father John Nosal, Bernie Cobetto '73, Tom Jollie '73, and Rich Hardway '73 take a break from handing out gifts for a group picture. Men's Basketball Head Coach Brody Jackson plays cards with a youth. Father John Nosal does the chicken dance. A parishioner from St. Michael's Orthodox Church dressed as an elf to add some holiday cheer.

In addition to preserving Pitt-Greensburg's Men's Basketball history, encouraging comradery between former players, and supporting the current basketball program, the MBAC is also involved in community service. On Thursday, December 21, 2017, the MBAC in conjunction with St. Michael's Orthodox Church sponsored a Christmas party for a western Pennsylvania shelter. The Christmas party included caroling, children's skits, food, refreshments, and Christmas presents, which were delivered on behalf of Santa Claus by the members of the MBAC. Those in attendance included the Pastor of St. Michael's Orthodox Church the Very Reverend Father John Nosal, parishioners of St. Michael's, Pitt-Greensburg's Men's Basketball Head Coach Brody Jackson, members of the MBAC, and their families. A fun time was enjoyed by all.

**ARE YOU
 A PLAYER FROM THE
 1990S OR 2000S?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO
 RECONNECT WITH
 YOUR TEAMMATES?**

If you are an alumni player looking to find your past teammates, then let the MBAC help you. With a growing membership, the MBAC Officers have access to players from past teams, and can be your starting point. If you are interested, please contact Harry Bowser at harryb@zoominternet.net

On the Bench
 T. Jollie - F. Charles

Coffee and donuts after morning practice, great idea Coach Winmore. I know. It was the first time I got to see you dunk anything!!

art - R. Hardway 11/17