



The month of July has been a busy month for the High Desert Heat Basketball Club. Having completed one of the busiest spring campaigns with 17 teams from 1st grade through 8th, you'd think it would be time for a break but while some of our teams did take the summer session off. The tournament and travel teams kept playing. Our 10U thru 13U competed in GCC Gaucho tournament, the Cinco de Mayo tournament and the Southwest Showcase tourney all by the end of May. June was also busy participating in the Beat the Heat tourney in Flagstaff, the Summer Sizzle in Phoenix while kicking off the summer YMCA league with competitive team in 1st the 4th grade. We also had tryouts for a second 11U tournament and travel team, which has now participated in 4 tournaments.

With the gracious help of the volunteer parents the club hosted a wonderful fundraiser on July 11th to help raise money for the club. Held at Ebisu Sushi & Grill restaurant the evening consisted of a Silent Auction and exciting raffle full of great prizes and an evening of socializing and dancing to the DJ styles of DJ NIZ. It was a blast. I want to take this chance to give a special thanks to Marci Cohn for her tireless effort to secure and bring in most of the items that were auction or used as part of the raffle items and to Roger and Andreana Daniels for coordinating & managing the event at the Ebisu Restaurant and DJ NIZ (Mark Patton) for donating his time and talent to spin the sounds of the evening and of course thank you to all that attended this great event and won auction items and purchased raffle tickets. Your support means so much to the club.

In late April Joe and I decided the club would take on the task of hosting a big tournament. With the help of Boulder Creek High School coach Randy Walker and the many volunteer parents on July 17th thru the 19th we successfully hosted 36 teams from Tucson to Flagstaff with over 72 games played at Boulder Creek High School, Desert Mountain Middle School and the Anthem Community Center. The Heat had a great showing, representing teams in each category 10u thru 14U and even introduce our new 9U tournament team which participated in a exhibition game on the main court of the high school gym. The 11, 12 and 13 U team all made it to the Championship games with all three finishing as runner up. It was an outstanding showing by all team and it show how well they have developed and the direction that these teams are headed in.

To all the volunteer parents and friends who took money at the door, worked the concession stands, managed a gym or helped clean up. Thank you. Without the volunteers that gave of their time the tournament would of never happened.

You're the best,

Homer & Joe