

## **VALE**

### **BASILE (BILLY) PORIAZIS**

**09/06/1944 – 05/02/2008**

SBL Referees' Program Manager sadly passed away in Sutherland Hospital on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2008 after a short period of illness.

Billy commenced his involvement in basketball at City of Sydney before he moved to Sutherland.

Bill became involved in the management of Sutherland as a Director and in the development of referees for many years in the 90's. He also contributed to the Heathcote / Helensburgh Basketball Club as a coach.

Bill was instrumental in referee appointments / management and rostering of many NSW events. Bill, through his involvement in the referee ranks, also fulfilled the role of Director on the SBL Committee / Executive. Through his involvement with the Country Tournament, Billy's famous line "check the roster" came to prominence and became affectionately known with the by-line.

There would be few referees that would not have been touched by Bill's sense of humour, knowledge and straight talk. A mentor to many; a friend to a lot.

Basketball NSW would like to express its gratitude for the work that Billy did on its behalf and pass on to Bill's wife Kathy and his extended family and friends our deepest and sincere sympathies.

Billy will be sadly missed.

#### **FUNERAL DETAILS:**

Friends and family are invited to attend the funeral service at

St Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church

Livingston Rd,

Marrickville

Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

Following the service the cortege will proceed to Woronora Cemetery, Linden St Sutherland