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Fine Wine: Touch Wine 2010

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After being defeated in November 2009 by an unseasonal heatwave, Touch Wine 2010 - The Rematch was successfully held on Monday 26th April with some 1500 people attending the annual charity event.

38 winery teams entered the event and we're told the competition was fierce on the field as teams battled it out for the touch wine championship. However the real winners from the annual event are Adelaide's homeless. Through the wonderful work of the Hutt Street Centre the event raises much needed funds for the vulnerable. TFSA is a proud supporter of this event especially given many of the Hutt Street Center's clients "live" in and around Park 17 and our clubrooms. We are proud to help those in need on our doorstep.

A highlight of the event was the traditional celebrity match, which this year was expertly

commentated by iconic media identity, Bruce McAveny. The match featured many Australian sporting stars with 2010 proving to be Rachael Sporn's year with her pink team winning the match.

The opportunity for us to play round 3 of the CMI Toyota State League at the event also drew large interest from patrons with both games held on field 1 drawing a large number of spectators.

Touch Wine enables us an excellent opportunity to showcase our sport to the wider population. In 2010 we were fortunate to work with the Hutt Street Centre and implement the following at this years event;

* Display our branding throughout the venue (marquee & flags)

* Hand out where can i play flyers (over 300 distributed on the day)

* Hold 4 games of our State League competition on the day (check the SA State Teams & League Tab for the results)

* Conduct a junior come and try clinic on the day

* Hand out winter competition nomination forms from all affiliates

With an event this large, it is easy for things to go wrong, however the day could not have run more smoothly and that is a credit to both TFSA and Hutt Street Centre staff and all participants who truly embraced the spirit of the day.

TFSA would like to thank all those who donated their time in making this event such a big success, in particular the referees and those who assisted with the junior come and try clinics etc. **check out our photo galley online.**



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2010 Junior State Team Trials

TFSA would like to advise that trials for our Junior State Teams (12s, 15s & 18s) are occurring on Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th June at the TFSA Fields, located on the corner of Greenhill & Beaumont Roads, Eastwood.

Trial Information

12s Boys & Girls

Trial Time: 2pm-5pm

Cost: \$5 per child

15s Boys & Girls

Trial Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm

These trials will occur on both Saturday & Sunday at the times specified

18s Boys & Girls

Trial Time: 10.00am– midday (Sunday Only)

For further information & to download a trial form please visit the TFSA website: www.touchsa.com.au

18s Teams are participating in the 2010 National Youth Championships held in Caloundra Queensland from September 15-18.

Whilst the 12s & 15s are participating in the National School Sport Championships held in Canberra from October 24th–29th 2010.

We wish all those who attend the trials well.

For further information on junior state teams, please contact Bri Wyatt at TFSA.



18s Coaches Announced

TFSA would like to congratulate Jason McNamara & Mark Jones on their appointment as State 18s Girls & 18s Boys Coaches respectively.

Both coaches bring a wealth of knowledge to their positions with Jason a former Australian representative & Mark Jones our current Women's Open Coach. We are excited to be working with them to develop & lead our youth teams into the future.

The coaching appointments & management teams selected to lead our 18s ath-

letes at the 2010 National Youth Championships (September 15-18) in Caloundra Queensland are;

18s Girls

Coach: Jason McNamara

Manager: Sharlene McNamara

18s Boys

Coach: Mark Jones

Manager: Male Manager
TBC

With the coaching positions

announced attention now focuses on selecting squads for our 18s SA Teams.

TFSA would like to acknowledge the work of outgoing 18s Girls Coach, Bec Stacey and her management team who have looked after the 18s girl program since 2008.

CMI Toyota State League Update

Heading into Round 5 of the 2010 CMI Toyota State League, the competition could not be tighter with the upcoming Carnival Day set to decide the Grand Finalists in both divisions.

In the Men's Division, last years Runners Up, The Eastern Stingrays, currently sit one game clear on top of the ladder from last year's champions the Defence Eagles. In the R5 match of the round both sides are set to play each other in the top of the table clash on Sunday.

Just outside the top 2 are the SW Wolves who hold onto to 3rd place with one win, one loss & a draw.

In the Women's Division last years champions, the Central Scorpions are continuing their good form, sitting a game clear

on top of the ladder from last years runner up the Northern Vipers, who they recently drew with.

The Eastern Stingrays are currently a game and percentage outside of the top two after defeating Vipers in round 4, which indicates the tightness of the competition.

A highlight so far was round 3 action played during touch wine. A large crowd was treated to a good spectacle with players enjoying the concept.

The CMI Toyota State League Carnival day will see Rounds 6-10 played on Sunday 16th May at Greenhill Road. The Grand Final will occur the following

Sunday between the 2 highest finishing teams in both divisions.



Masters Games to become annual occurrence

Over the weekend of April 17/18th, Seven teams of fine athletes traveled to Port Pirie to compete in the 2010 State Masters Games

The 2 day event was a big hit with players and organizers, and although there were some sore heads on Sunday & sore bodies Monday all enjoyed the "relaxed" competition.

Masters Games organizers were thrilled with the response from the touch community, with touch having the third highest participation rates of all sports on offer at the event.

In a tightly contested event, Masters Games debutants That Yellow Team claimed

Gold defeating spirited local outfit Port Pirie in the final 10-5. Pirie of course claiming the Silver for their efforts.

In the Bronze Medal match Masters veterans The Spitting Camels held off a fast finishing Western Districts team 7-6 to claim Bronze.

Following the success of Touch's return at the 2010 State Masters Games in Port Pirie, **we are pleased to announce Touch Football has been included in the 2011 Regional Masters Games to be held in Naracoorte from April 1-4 2011.**

For more information on the 2011 Naracoorte Masters Games please visit their website:

<http://www.naracoortemastersgames.com/>

In further good news the 13th Australian Masters Games are being held in Adelaide from October 7-16th 2011. Stayed tuned for further updates on this event.



Alliance Road Show & State Coordinator

TFA Alliance Manager, Garry Lawless & TFA Regional Manager (West), Matt Bamford will be attending State League Carnival Day (May 16th) as part of the Alliance Roadshow.

The Alliance Roadshow, is an information session designed to explain the concept of the Alliance and enable potential players, coaches etc the opportunity to find out more information on the program.

In addition to the roadshow, TFA is currently seeking applications to fill the roll of SA Alliance Coordinator.

To find out more about this position please visit our website: www.touchsa.com.au or contact Tim Wyld in the office.

Further information regarding this information session will be distributed to Regional Coordinators in the coming weeks



Around the Grounds...

City & Flinders Touch Nominations Closing Soon!

Nominations for both City & Flinders Touch, 2010 Winter Competitions are closing soon.

Nominations for City Touch close: **Wednesday 12th May @ 5pm.**

Nominations for Flinders Touch close **Friday 14th May @ 5pm.**

Make sure to get your nomination in before these dates to avoid disappointment. Spots are still available at both competitions.

To nominate download a nomination form from either the City Touch or Flinders Touch websites completed an either

Fax forms to TFSA (08) 8402 4199, email forms to Renee (rbyrant@touchsa.com.au) or post forms to TFSA, 400 Gilles Street, Adelaide 5000.

CLOSING SOON!!!

STATE CUP 2010

As announced in January, TFSA is re-establishing annual State Championships—The State Cup.

The event is being held from Friday 29th-Sunday 30th October at the TFSA fields on green-hill Road, Adelaide.

This event will provide players with an opportunity to represent their affiliate in the following divisions;

Mens & Womens Opens,
Womens 27s & Mens 30s.

In addition to the numerous participant benefits the event will

also enable referee's, coaches and selectors to be assessed, coached and upgraded locally which will improve the standard of competition across SA.

The Conditions of Entry and further information will be released Mid May 2010.

We look forward to seeing your affiliate represented at this years State Cup!



STATE CUP

OCT 29-31



TFSA Annual Dinner—Awards Function

TFSA is pleased to announce the creation of an annual dinner, held in association with the State Cup, to recognize outstanding achievement & contributions within the SA touch community.

This years event is being held on Saturday 30th October at the Saracen's Head Tavern. Cost is \$45 per person which includes a 3 course meal and drinks on arrival.

During the evening we will announce several awards including:

- The TFSA Volunteer of the Year Award
- The Affiliate of the Year Award
- The Affiliate Administrator of the Year Award
- Our Kildare Reick Scholarship Winners.

The dinner will be a chance for the entire SA touch community to come together during the State Cup and celebrate our sport.

Keep an eye on the TFSA website for further updates soon!

Nomination forms & guidelines for awards will be distributed soon along with further information on the dinner.

Border Challenge Revival

Touch Football SA & Touch Football Victoria would like to announce the return of the Border Challenge.

The Border Challenge has long been a favorite tournament of players in both states, and we are excited to be able to revive the concept.

The tournament will operate differently than its traditional origins however.

This years event is occurring on Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th July in Mildura.

The event will involve SA State League Regions competing against Victoria's VT League clubs as well as State League teams from the ACT & TAS..

Teams will be competing for cash & prizes which will be confirmed shortly.

In addition to our state league regions, our recently selected 18s and possibly our 15s squads will also travel to Mildura to play matches against their Victorian counterparts in the lead up to National Youth Championships.

To top it all off , there will be a social drop off tournament open to all at the conclusion of the weekend.

Further details will be released shortly. However thanks to the significant support of the Mildura Council, this event promises to be very cost effective & an excellent experience for all participants.



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Upcoming Referee Courses

TFSA in conjunction with our State Referee Panel has two upcoming Referee Courses.

Level 1 Referee Course

When: Saturday 19th June

Where: City Touch Clubrooms

Time: 9.30am Start

Cost: \$50 per person (inc all course material & whistle)

To register please email twyld@touchsa.com.au and quote course number **L1R002**

Level 2 Referee Course

When: Saturday

Where: City Touch Clubrooms

Time: 9.30am Start

Cost \$ 38 per person (includes all course material)

To register please email twyld@touchsa.com.au and quote course number **L2R001**

Please visit the TFSA website for the full list of technical courses for 2010. These are located under the technical tab.



Upcoming Events & Important Dates

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME & VENUE</u>
9th May 2010	CMI Toyota State League R5	TFSA Fields—Greenhill Rd (3pm & 4pm)
12th May 2010	City Touch Winter Nominations Close	5pm
16th May 2010	CMI Toyota State League Carnival Day	TFSA Fields—Greenhill Rd (tbc)
23rd May 2010	CMI Toyota State League Grand Finals	TFSA Fields—Greenhill Rd (4pm)
2nd/3rd June 2010	SAPSASA Championships 2010	City Touch (8am—3pm)
5th/6th June 2010	U12/U15/U18 Jnr State Team Trials	City Touch (9am-12noon)
19th June 2010	Level 1 Referee Course	City Touch (9.30am—4.30pm)
17th/18th July 2010	Border Challenge	Mildura Vic
7th August 2010	Level 2 Referee Course	TFSA Clubrooms (9.30am—4.30pm)
26th August 2010	All Schools Mixed Championships	TFSA Fields (8.30am –3pm)
4th /5th September 2010	Referee Recruitment & Retention program	TBC
15th—18th September 2010	National Youth Championships	Caloundra QLD
16th October 2010	Level 1 Referee Course	TFSA Clubrooms (9.30am –4.30pm)
24th—29th October 2010	National Schools 12s & 15s Champs	Canberra, ACT
29th-31st October 2010	TFSA State Cup	TFSA Fields

For a comprehensive list of all upcoming events please visit the events calendar on the TFSA website

www.touchsa.com.au

Top Tips for Affiliates & Competitions

Whyalla Touch Association are this season scheduling a “weekend round” of games allowing the TFSA referee panel to assess and provide feedback to referees and run a course. It also is a great initiative to raise extra funds through a bbq etc



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