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Fundraising: Touch Carnival Catering

We have been given the unexpected opportunity to provide the catering for the Trans-Tasman Touch Footy Carnival being run at Thomas Dalton Park on the 25th and 26th of April. Despite the short notice, the committee has graciously accepted this challenge on behalf of the club. The challenge now is to ensure that the day runs smoothly, both for the Touch Association, but primarily by & for us. The smooth running of the carnival presents a number of financial incentives, which in turn will help ease some of the club's budgetary issues (as well as Col's blood pressure), and will also allow the club to invest more money for the betterment of the playing group. We are awaiting final details from the Touch Association as to exactly the roles we will be expected to perform, at which time the committee will finalise a roster for the days. As the senior group is playing on Anzac Day this year, the committee, with help from the junior committee and parents will run things on Saturday the 25th. This means that the senior

group will be primarily responsible for the activities Sunday the 26th. Tasks will include running a bbq, serving at and restocking of the canteen, cleaning, and other general duties around the grounds. The carnival will run from approximately 8:00am til 3pm on Sunday, and as I've mentioned before, many hands make light work. Please let either Wooma, Ian Ferguson, Steve Rowland, Col Bartlett, or any other member of the committee know what time and for how long you are available for, and if you have any preferences in relation to tasks on the day. Additionally, game-day roles normally carried out by committee members who will be running the Touch Catering on Anzac Day will need to be carried out by players on this day (ie. time-keeping, team management etc). Steve, and game-day leaders, will advise players on their roles for this day.

Club Working Bee

The working bee held on Good Friday was an outstanding success, with an unprecedented turnout from the playing group from all grades to pitch in and lend a hand. Almost all of the 30 jobs on the list were completed, meaning we are ready to go for our first home game this weekend.

Highlights of the day included:

* The great upper and lower body strengthening training by Matty Adamson, Macca (as if he needed it!), Morgs, and Richard Oehme, while carrying numerous cases of drinks up the stairs;



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- * Boony, Vin Vin, Henry, and Wooma cleaning out the store-rooms;
- * Ray Dubber trading in the massage oil for a cordless drill to great effect;
- * Gus and Cam & others re-inserting the goal posts;
- * Club legend Warnie for surveying the oval set out once again;
- * Pete V acting as Warnie's assistant with sometimes questionable goal post location;
- * Simmo and Gus re-painting the wooden seats;
- * Aidan and Cookie assisting with the line marking;
- * El Pres changing the sponsor's signs, repairing signs, and re-tightening the green plastic seats in the grandstand;
- * Barb B restocking and re-ordering the canteen, plus providing morning tea;
- * Mike Christie for pristine cleaning the chairs and grandstand;

And finally, Post the working bee, thanks to Moose for the "warranty repair" fixing the busted goal-post top again, plus Jaydo for sourcing the welder so Moose could do all the repair work.

Well done to everyone involved again this year; it's great to see some new faces getting involved especially with the notable absence of some long-time working-bee enthusiasts. Yes including Jimmy & Dave G who were chilling out planning their second recording contract (they have given up hope for their first one).

Fees!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Another reminder that playing fees are now due for season 2009 as follows:

Seniors (non-student): \$200

Seniors (student): \$150

We are only approximately 60% paid in the Seniors and it's already round 2!

See Steve Rowland or Col Bartlett to discuss an instalment plan if once off full payment will be an issue.

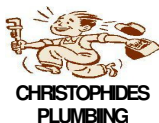
Lions Singlets

Apparently, the failure to wear a Lions training singlet to training on Thursdays is now a fineable offence enforceable by Kenny. All fines go towards the end of season shenanigans, so particularly for those not intending to go on footy trip get your singlets on, otherwise you're just paying for someone else's Red Bears and fruit tingles!!

Round 1: Game Day Support

Team Goodley made a very impressive start to conducting the Player Game Day Support activities for the 2009 season. All roles were filled and undertaken very well, already setting the bar at a high level for the next game day teams.

Get on board with Team Boonie for this week's game day support and keep the support ball rolling for us all.



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Round 2 Preview: Sydney University

The 1st Div and Seniors take on our old nemesis Sydney University under lights at North Dalton on Saturday night. Our clashes with the students are always tight affairs, so the night should be a beauty, and is a great chance for us to notch up our first wins for the year in both grades. The 1st Div starts at 4:00pm, with the main game kicking off at 6:10pm. Also, it is Hally's last game before embarking on an overseas trip, so hang around for the seniors and on into the night. Spread the word to your mates and get them down. The more people we get down from outside the immediate playing group the better for the entire club so do your best!!

Also, student beverage discounts will be run (student cards are essential).

\$1000 Draw

Just another quick reminder that the \$1000 draw will be run on May 9 in the clubrooms. It is always a sensational night, so start talking it up to your mates etc. This year, Doug Sweeney (Wooma), Daniel McClure (Boony), and Jimmy Weavers (Jimmy), are in charge of the night, so it promises to be an amazing night!!! As with all club functions the more people we get involved the easier it is for everyone, so if you would like to volunteer to help out on the night, or even help out with the promotion and setting up beforehand please see one of the aforementioned players, or any member of the committee. The format of the night will be similar to last year's massively successful event, with some additional prizes planned. Get your tickets early to avoid the disappointment of missing out.

Go Lions!!!!

Jimmy the Weaver, on behalf of your Club.



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