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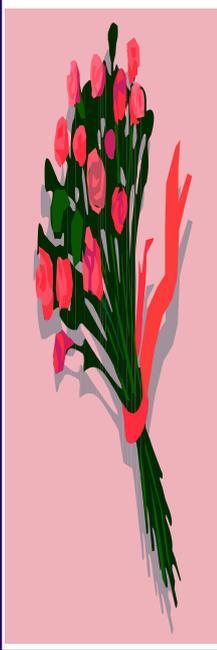


Special points of interest:

- April 25 Anzac Day
No Junior Girls will be played.



- May 12 Mothers Day



Former Australian NO 1 referee Rick Borg said he was honoured to have a medal recognising the top referee at the 2013 X-Blades National Touch League named after him. The inaugural medal will be presented to the number one whistle-holder of the tournament at the conclusion of the Elite Eight men's opens final tomorrow. In the past, only the leading female and male referees were recognised. This year, however, Touch Football Australia have included the Rick Borg medal as well. "I want to thank TFA and the TFA board for giving me this recognition. I'm just really stoked and humbled and honoured to have this award," Borg said. The Queenslander began refereeing in 1989. He was Australia's number one man in the middle from 1993 until his retirement in 2004. These days he is on the referee's coaching panel and oversees the next generation of whistle blowers. He said returning to Coffs Harbour was special for him. "Being at Coffs Harbour on this field [field one] is where I retired so it has brought back memories and it is so great to be back here again." He has many career highlights but there are a few that stand out. "Probably refereeing the Trans-Tasman Test Series. It is probably the ultimate goal in touch football," he said. "I've been to four World Cups but there is nothing better than refereeing Australia and New Zealand. "And probably the inaugural State of Origin Series where that all-in brawl happened. That was a bit of an eye-opener." Borg has 2 other awards named in his honour that being the Rick Borg Trophy for Ipswich Touch Referees and last year Queensland Touch honoured this champion referee with the Rick Borg Award. A very stoked Borg came to tears when he was had to present the inaugural award to Dale Lawrence.

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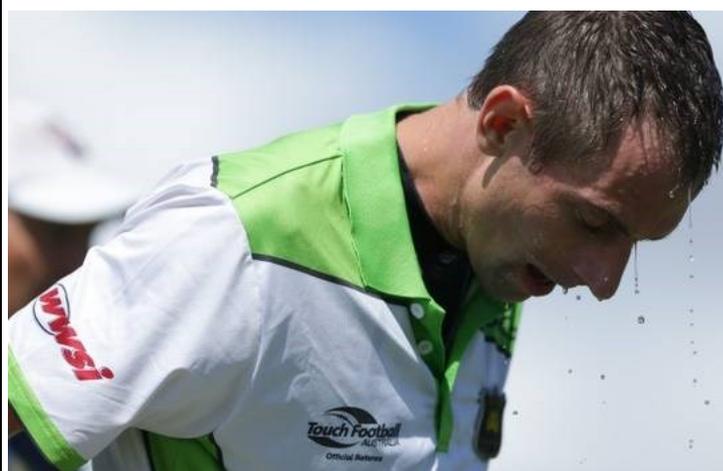
Baggio Awarded Rick Borg Medal

The 2013 NTL/ Elite series was a great success for BMTA referees. Luke McKenzie has ranked No 2 in the country and was appointment to the Men's Elite 8 open final. **What an outstanding achievement Luke.** Matt Lavery has come away ranked 6 and was award the Women's Open Elite 8 final. It is very pleasing to see two of BMTA referees ranking in the top 6 whistle blowers in the country. Michael Landsberg our regional referee's director was awarded the Women's 27 final. This is Michael's first NTL final. Congratulations. Ken Chan and Brian Hayes have done us proud and unfortunately have to wait another year to gain there next level badge. Brian and Ken I'm sure next year will be the year and hopefully the badge will change colour. The big winner was the flying red head Tom Polkinghorne with an outstanding performance on field and he was honoured on Thursday morning with his Level 5 referee badge. WELL DONE Tom. Liam and Rob Cooper I'm sure you have come away with more experience and a wealth of knowledge and look out for the next NTL. Paul Stewart had a great tournament and on the last day of play Paul received the Referee team award. Paul you are a true ambassador for this sport. Well our own Kate Lavery was their to assist Megan and Mel in the tent what a mighty fine job Kate and a big thank you from all referees. At the referee's dinner on Tuesday night the following referees were rewarded with service awards.

10 years: Sam Clark, John Frost, Peter Gregory, Jon Hall, Clint Jory, Peter Millington, John Salisbury, Chris Schwerdt, John Turnbull.

15 years: Peter Cominos, Joe Lo Grande, Darryl Serrurier, David Field.

25 years: Ian Matthew



Australia's number one referee, David Baggio has been awarded the Rick Borg Medal for the being the top referee at the 2013 X-Blades National Touch League.

It was the first time the medal has been awarded at the NTL.

It is in honour of Rick Borg, a former Australian number one referee and current member of the referee's coaching panel.



TOM POLKINGHORNE AWARDED



Tom Polkinghorne was awarded a Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship at QUT for high academic performance and leadership qualities. The criteria was an OP1 or 2.

Tom achieved an OP1 and was named DUX of the COLLEGE after attending St Laurence's college in 2012. Tom will be studying Business and Law which will take him 5 and half years to complete.

The scholarship will cover 5 years of his attendance at QUT. Tom this is truly amazing effort and BMTA is proud to have you as one of our referees.

Tournaments for 2013

APRIL: SWQ Swan's Junior Cup (Toowoomba) 28 April

MAY: All Hallows Day Sunday 05 May (BMTA) Cobras Junior Cup (BMTA) Sunday 19 May. All Hallows Corporate Day Sunday 26 May

JUNE: Arthur Davis Tournament (Redlands) Sunday 2 June.

JULY: Junior State Cup (Hervey Bay) 5-7 July

AUGUST: Qld State Champs (Gold Coast) Metricon Stadium 2-4 August

Cobras Cup (Whites Hill) 9 August

SEPTEMBER: National Youth Champs (Kawana) 18-21 September.

OCTOBER: Queensland All Schools Thursday 10 - Sunday 13 October (BMTA)

OCTOBER: 2013 School Sport Australia Touch Nationals (Darwin) Sunday 13 - Friday 18 October



TOUCH HEADS TO METRICON STADIUM

Queensland State Championships

Queensland Touch Football is pleased to announce the Metricon Stadium at Carrara has been secured for the 2013 & 2014 Queensland State Championships.

This year's event will see Men's, Women's and Mixed Open, Men's and Women's 20s, Women's 27s, Men's 30s, Women's 35s, Men's 40s, Men's 50s & Men's 55s. The event will be held 2-4 August 2013.



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Queensland State Secondary Touch Information

Planning and organisation is well underway for the following QSST events in 2013:

15s Boys State Secondary Schools Championships **Mt Isa – 31st May – 2nd June**
Student Official Manager – Brett Freshwater (Brisbane City/Redcliffe Touch)
Student Official Manager – Jenny Madders (Sunshine Coast Touch)

15s Girls State Secondary Schools Championships **Roma – 31st May – 2nd June**
Student Official Manager – Terry McSweeney (South West Touch)

18s State Secondary Schools Championships Boys and Girls **Cairns – 10th May – 13th May**
Student Official Manager – Krista Dalamaras (Cairns/Peninsula region)

Student officials will be required for all of these events, some of you may have already nominated or have been selected to represent your region at the above Championships.

Could ALL please note and respond to the following points

Already nominated: If you have already nominated or been selected to attend one of the above events as a Student Official could you please inform me of your selection.

2013 School Sport Nationals requirements: This year's 2013 School Sport Australia Touch Nationals are in Darwin 13th to 18th October. Selection as a QLD School Sport Student Official will be awarded to those student officials who have represented their region at one of the above QSST events (Mt Isa, Roma, Cairns). Performance at QSST events and the Qld Touch Junior State Cup will be taken into account. The final number of students to be selected for Darwin and the amount of funding available to those students for travel is still being finalised. I anticipate that QSST will send a strong contingent to this event.

Travel subsidy for QSST 15s Boys, 15s Girls and 18s Boys and Girls: Student officials intending to travel to Mt Isa, Roma or Cairns are entitled to travel funding in 2013. This funding is intended to cover your transport costs to and from the events below.

Mt Isa PRIORITY EVENT: This year Mt Isa is a priority event for Student Officials and QSST. Up to 12 student officials and adult referees are required for the event. We have already appointed Brett Freshwater (Level 6 and international referee) and Jenny Madders (Level 6 and international referee) as Student Official Managers for the event. Brett and Jenny are highly qualified and experienced referees, and have been appointed to provide leadership, organisation and coaching to Student Officials in Mt Isa.

Student Officials for Mt Isa will need to nominate immediately to ensure that flights can be booked in a timely manner. In addition, a number of adult referees will be required as well. I am presently contacting referees within my network, however, if you would like to forward contact details for family or friends who might also be interested please do so.

Roma: Student officials wishing to nominate for Roma will receive funding for bus transport (as part of your regional girls team attending the event) or for petrol costs for those who may be carpooling from South West region (Toowoomba Student Officials). South East Queensland student referees (Not restricted to but mainly Met East, Met North, Met West, South Coast, Sunny Coast).

Cairns: Student Officials from Townsville will receive funding for bus transport (as part of your regional boys/girls team attending the event) or for petrol costs for those who may be carpooling. Other student officials wishing to attend from other Qld regions need to speak to Scott Campbell as soon as possible.

Billeting: Standard billeting arrangements are available to Student Officials in the same way that players from each region are looked after. Your request for billeting needs to be made as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made. Where possible, student officials will be billeted with local student officials and their families. (Mt Isa billeting unlikely to be with local student officials)

What to do from here:

Discuss and distribute the above information with parents, friends, fellow referees.

Call Scott Campbell on 0408 727 048 with any questions

Nominate for the above events by email. Please include your Parent contact details so I can contact them directly.