



INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Gaelic Football and Hurling Association of South Australia (GFHASA) Newsletter. This newsletter will be trialled in the remainder of the 2009/2010 season and be used to update players and interested parties with season results, updated ladders and fixtures, upcoming events, and other pieces of information from the GFHASA! It is hoped this newsletter will become a weekly fixture for the 2010/2011 season. Email info@gaelicfootballsau.com.au to join or leave this mailing list.

ROUND 5 STATE LEAGUE RESULTS

Mens - Hannigan Cup

Western Ireland 1-14 (17) defeated
St Brendan's 2-6 (12)

Flinders O'Neills 6.13 (31) defeated
Mitcham Hawks 5.6 (21)

Na Fianna defeated
Irish Australians (forfeit)

Womens – Tom Finn Memorial Cup

Onkas 2-9 (15) defeated
Western Ireland 2-4 (10)

Irish Rovers 4-3 (15) defeated
Irish Blues 1-4 (7)

Western Ireland 4.11 (23) defeated
Na Fianna 0.6 (6)

Visit our website at www.gaelicfootballsau.com.au for updated ladders.

Gaelic7s COMPETITION

Gaelic7s Grand Final

Wednesday night 10 February 2010 saw Onkaparinga defeat Western Ireland 5.20 (35) to 3.16 (25) to win their second Gaelic7s premiership in a row. In perfect conditions at St Marys Park Onkas proved again they are the benchmark in the shortened version of the game. A big thanks to all players and teams who participated in the Gaelic7s competition in 2009/2010, and we hope to see you all again next season. Another big thanks to the referees who controlled the games this season, and to Dave Floreani and Steve Ridley who did the lions share of the work to ensure the Gaelic7s competition ran smoothly!

UPCOMING EVENTS

GFHASA Annual General Meeting

21 February 2010 - St Marys Park - 1:30pm

Please find attached the agenda for the AGM and the motions for bye-laws that will be proposed.

At present there have been some, but not enough nominations to effectively run a state committee. To nominate between now and the AGM, please contact Caitlin Shooter (secretary@gaelicfootballsau.com.au) with your nomination and the position being nominated.

In regard to committee nominations, please read the attached motions as they refer to the nomination of committee members and penalties that will apply if this does not occur. If passed, these bye-laws will take effect immediately.

A reminder of positions and roles:

There are a number of officially elected positions that are voted for at the AGM. These are:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Registrar
- Public Relations (Website Administrator)

Plus, there are also a number of general committee positions available that can be delegated at a later time:

- Events coordinator
- Bar coordinator
- Underage development coordinator
- Sponsorship and grants coordinator
- Referees coordinator
- Coaches coordinator

In other words, there are many and varied ways in contributing to the running of our competition and everyone can find a role that suits them best. Please see Karen or David for the job descriptions for these roles.

Clubs are strongly encouraged to bring as many of their members along as possible, even if their team is not playing on the day. Up to six delegates (not including existing committee members) can vote from any club at the AGM.

If you have any questions about either nominating for a committee position or want to discuss the motions proposed, please don't hesitate to contact us on president@gaelicfootballsau.com.au.

Regards

Karen Rankin and David Floreani
GFHASA President and Vice President



2009/2010 Season Presentation Night

26 February 2010 - 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start
The German Club – 223 Flinders Street, Adelaide

As the 2009/2010 season winds to a close, the Presentation Night is upon us! This year's presentation night will be held at the German Club (223 Flinders street) in the City, on Friday night 26 February 2010. This night will see such awards as the Best Players in the men's, women's, and Gaelic7s competitions given out, as well as the announcement of the Team of the Year for both the men's and women's competitions.

The German Club has a wide range of quality beers and food available for purchase on the night (see www.thegermanclub.com.au) and is located in the centre of the City. Cost of admittance is \$15 per person, with all proceeds going to the South Australian State Teams competing at the 2010 Australasian Championships in Auckland. Tickets can be purchased over the bar at St Mary's Park on match days, or at the door on the night.

The Presentation Night is a top night to get together with the Gaelic Football community, and a great way to meet and mix with members from other Clubs and codes. The night falls in the middle of the Fringe Festival so the City is where the action is, put this date in your social calendars!

Australasian State Trip Bottle Drive Fundraiser

GFHASA is running a bottle drive in order to raise money for South Australia's three teams competing in the 2010 Australasian State Gaelic Football Championships in Auckland. If you have any cans or bottles that you do not plan to recycle yourself, please bring them down to St Mary's Park on any match day and leave them in the designated collection area near the St Mary's Clubrooms. Every little bit helps!

State League Grand Final Day

St Mary's Park - 7 March 2010

The grand finals to determine the winner of the Hannigan Cup (men) and Tom Finn Memorial Cup (women) will be held on 7 March 2010 at St Mary's Park. Grand final day is the pinnacle of the State League season, and often sees displays of Irish Dancing, all teams introduced by a pipe band, a big crowd, and of course the two best teams in each code playing off for the premiership! Times (and of course the teams playing) will be finalised closer to the date.

St Patrick's Day - Parade and Festivities

St Patricks Day – Wednesday 17 March 2010

St Patricks Day is coming up, and the Irish Club is organising a parade and other festivities to celebrate the day. The parade is going to be held on Saturday 13

March 2010 and will be marching through the City from St Marys College on Grote street to the Irish Club on Carrington street. The Irish Club has extended an invite to all members of the GFHASA to participate in this event! If you or your club would like to participate in this parade, please contact Kevin Neeson from the IAA on kneeson@surmed.com.au. Visit the Irish Club website www.irishclub.org.au to check out what else the Irish Club is planning for St Patrick's Day!

ROUND 6 STATE LEAGUE FIXTURES

Friday Night 12 February 2010

Bar Duties: Onkas

6:45pm Onkas vs Western Ireland (men)

8:00pm Onkas vs Irish Blues (women)

9:15pm Na Fianna vs Rovers (women)

Sunday 14 February 2010

Bar Duties: St Brendan's

3:45pm Na Fianna vs Mitcham (men)

5:00pm Irish Blues vs Western Ireland (women)

6:15pm Irish Australians vs St Brendan's (men)

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Regards

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