

# Touchies Voice

## The Touch Fraternity's Newsletter

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### EDITORIAL

Hi Folks – hope this first issue finds you fit and healthy and that it will be a fore- runner to many more in the future.

The background behind such a newsletter is to simply allow the park player in a far away place somewhere in Tasmania to be able to get a message to every other touch player in any other part of Australia.

It is not designed to rival or compete with the CB's or ATA's affiliate circulars – and definitely not with anyone's chat site or home pages – nor the In Touch Magazine.

This Touchies Newsletter is one where any article can be written about a competition or a team's victory in a local competition, a personality or a knock out comp being held somewhere with details being published across Australia.

The idea is for information to flow from the bottom up and out and across etc. – not from the top downwards all the time - more like a bulletin board delivered to your door.

No need to log on and search for news – it comes to you direct

Any items of news in your local team, park, and district will be emailed via this document to all and as many touch enthusiast who has an e.mail address.

So don't be backward in coming forward – lets have those news items, comments, complaints etc !

### 2001 INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

#### Youth World Cup

Next year is a very busy year for international touch competition. In January the Inaugural Youth World Cup is being contested in Auckland.

Thirty (30) teams will be playing for the coveted trophy and tile of the Best Youth Touch Country in the world. We wish the Aussie good luck.

#### World Club Masters

In July 2001 the Second World Master Club Championships are being held in Singapore. It is open to all teams from anywhere in the world who meet the age criteria.



*Touch of the Tropics*

The tournament is open for age categories from 30 years – in 5 year increments – to 50 years and over.

The divisions available are men, women and mixed in all age groups. The tournament will be held from 23rd July to 29<sup>th</sup> July.

For information, entry forms or any enquiries – contact Singapore Touch Association - (Bryan O'Connor) at [eventsasia@pacific.net.sg](mailto:eventsasia@pacific.net.sg)

#### World Schools Championships

This inaugural event is being held on the Gold Coast next October 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>.



It is open to any school team from anywhere in the world and has two age categories of 15 years and under and 19 years and under.

Divisions available will be Boys, Girls and Mixed. Details of the championships or any enquiries can be directed to Patrick Carroll on 07 3824 7899 or at

[sqtouch@qldtouch.com.au](mailto:sqtouch@qldtouch.com.au)

#### World Beach Touch

Another inaugural F.I.T. event next year is the World Beach Touch - this tournament is being conducted by the Northern NSW Eagles.

It will be held at Forster over the 29/30 September 2000 long weekend. Details can be obtained by contacting Ron Hanson 02 6554 6297 or Matt Wood 02 6654 1449. Details at [vintage86@hotmail.com](mailto:vintage86@hotmail.com)



### **Future F.I.T Events**

The European Championships are set to be held in Wales in July 2002.

This follows on from the very successful tournament played in Edinburgh this year where the touring Australian Masters teams participated.

The Aussies came away with several Invitational Trophies (only a European Country can win the main event).

Any team (club or otherwise) wishing an invitation to attend the tournament in Wales can contact the Editor.

In 2003 the Fifth World Cup and Third Masters World Cup will be held in Japan.

Australia will again be there, defending its titles as World Champions.



### **N.S.W. SCHOOLS CALANDER FOR 2001**

11<sup>th</sup> May: NSW Catholic Colleges – Coffs Harbour

Mid May - NSW Independent Schools – T.B.A.

19/21 June – NSW Combined High Schools Girls – Wallsend

31<sup>st</sup> July / 2<sup>nd</sup> August – NSW Combined High Schools Boys – Cabramatta

### **PEAKHURST TOUCH**

Peakhurst had its “baptism of fire” recently when they sent their first ever team to contest the NSW State Championships.

The event was played at Port Macquarie and the team consisted of raw recruits who won one, drew one and lost three games.

The guys learnt “heaps” and in the true tradition of all touring teams established their own set of “Tourist Rules”

This tradition will now be passed down other generations of tourist from Peakhurst

### **LETTERS**

Can a referee allow a quick tap to be taken before he indicates the mark ?

*Rule 15 Player Note A states; “..... a player may take a quick tap providing the referee acknowledges such a request and providing the tap is taken at or beyond the correct mark”*

I qualified as an ATA Level 1 Touch Coach at a course held in Singapore in 1999.

Do any of the accreditations from Coaching carry over to the Referee Course ?

*No. The Rules component from the Coaching Course no longer gain you credits for the Level 1 Referee’s Course. Contact the Touch West State office for details of courses at [info@touchwest.asn.au](mailto:info@touchwest.asn.au)*

### **BASIC COACHING MANUAL**

The final draft of the new Basic Coaching Manual is in its final stages of editing. It is expected the new Manual will be published early in the New Year.

### **NSW COACHING FORUM**

The year 2000 New South Wales Touch Annual Coaching Forum was conducted over the weekend of 16/17th December and was attended by State and regional coaches and coaching directors.

### **AUSTRALIAN SPORTS MEDAL**

The Australian Government recently presented as a one off citation, an awards to sports people all over Australia in recognition for their many paid and unpaid hours of service to their chosen sport.

Touch were the recipient of one hundred of the Australian Sports Medal with players, officials and administrators from all corners of the touch society receiving this great Honour.

Congratulations are extended to all those hard working “touchies” who were awarded the Australian Sports Medal (ASM).

### **NSW STATE CUP**

Winners of the recent NSW State Cup were:

Mens: Easts 4 Canterbury 1  
Womens: Cronulla 3 Westmead 2  
Mixed: Kiama 7 Hornsby 3

Men 23: Lismore 6 Wests 5  
Womens 23: Maitland 5 Cronulla 2

Mens 30: Canterbury 5 Manly 3  
Womens 30: Maitland 4 Hornsby 3  
Senior Mixed: Port Macquarie 7 Lismore 3

Mens 35: Canterbury 4 Manly 3  
Women 35: Wollongong 5 Parramatta 2

Mens 40 (6 a side): Wests 2 Port Macquarie 1  
Mens 40 (7 a side): Cronulla 2 Campbelltown 1  
Women 40: Canterbury 4 Wallsend 2

Mens 45: Newcastle 2 Port Macquarie 2

Mens 50 (6 a side): Canterbury 4 Penrith 2  
Mens 50 (7 a side): Central Coast 2 Taren Point 1

Club Champions: Canterbury

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

17/20 January 2001	World Youth Championships – Auckland
27/28 January 2001	Yass Touch Knock Out – Walker Park Yass
4 <sup>th</sup> February 2000	Sydney Rebels Junior Gala Day - Campbelltown
10/11 February 2000	Golden Oldies tournament – Milton / Ulladulla
11 <sup>th</sup> February 2001	Hunter Hornets Junior Gala Day - Parkes
11 <sup>th</sup> February 2001	Sydney Mets Junior Gala Day – Five Dock
11/13 March 2001	NTL (Opens/20's) – Coffs Harbour
15/17 March 2001	NTL (Seniors) – Coffs Harbour
4/11 May 2001	Broome Masters Games – Broome
11 <sup>th</sup> May 2001	NSW Catholic Colleges – Coffs Harbour
Mid May 2001	NSW Independent Schools – T.B.A
TBA May 2001	State of Origin (NSW v QLD) – NSW
19/26 May 2001	ARAFURA Games – Darwin
19/21 June 2001	NSW Combined High Schools Girls – Wallsend
20/22 July 2001	QLS Secondary Schools Trials – North QLD
TBA July 2001	Trans Tasman Tests – TBA
26/29 July 2001	World Clubs (Masters) Championships – Singapore
31 July/2 Aug 2001	NSW Combined High Schools Boys – Cabramatta
20/23 Sept. 2001	Australian 18 Years Championships – Coffs Harbour
28/29 Sept. 2001	Yass 1975-2001 Reunion
TBA Sept. 2001	ATA Annual General Meeting
29 Sept/1 Oct 2001	World Beach Touch (Clubs) – Forster
18/21 October 2001	World Schools – Gold Coast
17/18 November 2001	Southern Suns Regional C'ships – Wollongong
TBA March 2002	NTL (Opens/20's) – Coffs Harbour
TBA March 2002	NTL (Seniors) – Coffs Harbour
TBA 2003	FIT World CUP - Master
TBA 2003	FIT World CUP - Opens

If you wish to have any Touch event listed here then please provide details and it will be published in the next issue.



## YOUR NEWSLETTER

Remember this newsletter belongs to YOU - the players, officials, and all members of the touch fraternity throughout Australia.

Send me your snippets, your events calendar or any other article you wish published.

The success of this newsletter will depend upon you submitting articles but more importantly helping in the circulation of each issue to as many “touchies” as possible.

**Please e.mail this on to all the addresses in your address book**



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