

2010 Bondi Tens Tournament Report

Woollahra Colleagues hosted another very successful Bondi Tens competition on 12/13th February. Twenty eight teams in the Open competition and three teams in the Over-35's made for a very busy schedule.

- ❖ Some of the photos from the Tournament can be downloaded (by right clicking on the image and saving) for free, or purchased for \$5 in full resolution. Proceeds from any sales will go to Bondi Tens charities. See - <http://www.snaproom.com/bondi/>

In time, all the photos will be uploaded to the site, categorised into "Team Photos", "Day One" and "Day Two".

On Day 1, the seven pools of four teams contested a round robin. In Pool A, **NSW Country Barbarians** were quietly confident of repeating last year's Cup win after they disposed of the **NSW Fire Brigade**, **Team Ramrod** and **Wagga Waratahs** to gain maximum points. In Pool B, newcomers **Gregorians** from Campbelltown claimed maximum points after beating **Cairns Trinity Bulls**, under the weather from a big night, **South Sea Flyers** from Fiji, and **Mosman Whales**. In Pool C, newcomers **Scots OB's** were too strong for an ageing KB's, newcomers **Jet81** (sporting a strong RL influence from Newtown) and a **Colleagues2** team pulled together at the last minute. It was a mixed bag of results in Pool D, with **UTBNB** from Cowra finally prevailing by beating **Colleagues** and **Iggies OB's** but going down to **Bali Legends**. A UTBNB player collapsed during a game and was medivaced to hospital by helicopter; thanks to swift attention by the doctors, paramedics and referee in attendance he has recovered well.

In Pool E, **Tattersalls** looked strong by beating **Leatherhead Hammerheads** (who get the prize for being most organised team), **Twocans** and **British Lions**. In Pool F **Brothers** from Other Mothers, last year's beaten finalists, again looked strong by beating **Toucans**, **Knox OB's** and struggling **Silver Bullets**. In Pool G, newcomers **Creepy Pigs** looked good, getting maximum points against **Hilton Racing**, **Cougars** and old faithfuls **BOBS**, Spanners team from QLD.

Day 2 was the knockout competition. Pool winners **NSW Country Barbarians**, **Gregorians**, **Scots OB**, **UTBNB**, **Tattersalls**, **Brothers**, and **Creepy Pigs** were joined by top- ranking **Mosman Whales** in the **Bondi Tens Cup**. In perhaps the match of the tournament, **NSW Country** met **Tattersalls** in the opening round. Tatts were 12-0 at half time and looking strong. However, Country fought back to 12-12 at the end of normal time and



won with a Golden Point. **UTBNB** brought **Creepy Pigs** down to earth, **Scots OB** were too strong for **Mosman** and **Brothers** eliminated **Gregorians** in a close

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Winners
NSW Country Barbarians**

match. In the semi finals, **NSW Country** beat (7-5) a **UTBN** team who felt that they had been hard done by the ref, while **Brothers** brought **Scots OB's** first visit to Bondi Tens to an end with a convincing 19-0 win. The final was a re-run of 2009 and again **NSW Country Barbarians** prevailed against **Brothers**, 12-0, to win the **Bondi Tens Cup**.

In the Plate, **Hammerheads** beat **NSW Fire Brigade** and **Iggies** beat **Hilton Racing**, who struggled for players throughout the tournament. **Wagga Waratahs** progressed further than last year with a win over **Kokoda Barbarians**, while **Knox OB's** sent **Cougars** thro to the Challenge Plate. In the semis, **Hammerheads** perhaps surprisingly lost to **Iggies** and **Knox OB's** beat **Wagga** by the single try. **Knox OB** beat **Iggies OB's** in a close final to win the **Bondi Tens Plate**, for the second year in succession.

In the Bowl, **Team Ramrod** from Quirindi were too strong for **Toucans** first team, but the second stream, **Twocans**, beat a depleted **Colleagues** team. **Cairns Trinity Bulls** started to look good against **Colleagues2**, but **South Sea Flyers** continued to disappoint, this time by turning up Fiji time for the match against **Bali Legends**. In the Bowl semis, **Ramrod** beat **Twocans** by a couple of tries and **Bali Legends** beat fellow travellers **Cairns Trinity** in a tightly fought game in the best spirit of the Tournament. In the final, **Team Ramrod** were too strong for **Bali Legends** and so took out the **Bondi Tens Bowl**.

The **Challenge** competition was a popular initiative last year, whereby the losers in round one of the knockout played off in a mirror of the Cup, Plate and Bowl. In the **Challenge Bowl** final, **Toucans** were too good for **South Sea Flyers**; in the **Challenge Plate**, **Cougars** beat **Hilton Racing**, who had rounded up enough players to reach the final. The **Bondi Tens Challenge Cup** was comprehensively won by **Tattersalls**, who took out their disappointment at their first round elimination from the Cup with big scores over **Creepy Pigs** in the semi and **Gregorians** in the final.

In the **Biggest Loser** competition, introduced to accommodate the 25th to 28th ranked teams from Day 1, **BOBS** had little trouble winning this dubious accolade by losing their 5th game of the tournament to **Silver Bullets**, who won their first, while **British Lions** recovered a bit of self respect by beating **Jets81** to win their **Best of the Losers** stubby holders.



**Over-35's Cup Winners
Manley Savers**

The **Over -35's** tournament turned out to be a terrific competition. **Manly Savers** came down for the day and proved too fresh and strong for **NSW Fire Brigade** and **BOB's** over-35's teams. In a round robin, **Fire Brigade** and **Manly** both beat **BOBS**, and in the **Over -35's Final**,

Manly Savers were just too strong for **Fire Brigade**, winning 12-7. So BOBS ended up without a win in any of the tournaments, but they exemplified the spirit of the two days by having, and providing, the most fun of any team. **Well done, BOBS.**

Everyone had a great time, the weather ranged from heat wave to showers, the timekeepers and referees kept the schedule to time, and then everyone let it all hang out at the spectacular **Bondi Disco After-Party.**

A big “thank you” to David Vaughan and the **NSW Referees**, without whom none of this would have been possible.

Thanks to our Sponsors, particularly Agrow who loyally supports us each year; Woollahra City Council who again presented the grounds in immaculate condition; and to Mark Green and his team at NSW Rugby were supportive in all aspects of administration.

Again, in excess of \$20,000 were collected for charity, which will go to Royal North Shore Burns Unit, Beyond Blue and others to be decided.

We were without a Gold Sponsor this year, presumably because of the GFC. The Bondi Tens has now become such a successful brand on the Rugby calendar that it might be worth your while taking a Gold, or naming rights, position in the **2011 Bondi Tens.** Think about it. See you there.