

The whistle blower

It's back to the grind this week. It was nice to have a Saturday afternoon off umpiring and it was a welcome rest for many umpires. It was also good to see some VFL/TAC umpires having a training run with us last week. Scott McLeod, Adam Bell, Jake Robinson and Steve Trotter (his photo is on the latest Worksafe VCFL Umpiring Newsletter). The boys are going very well in the VFL and TAC.

Several GFUL members attended the funeral of Michael Dwyer last week. Michael umpired for a few years as a field umpire, particularly in junior football often doing two or more games in a weekend; he also tried his luck at goal umpiring. According to our records, Michael umpired 168 games. Our condolences to Rachel, Madison and the Dwyer family. Michael will be remembered for ensuring that no live donations are now accepted for the end of year auction.

Brendan Beveridge turned 60 a couple of weeks back, he received a new training top from our training supervisor Mandi Cole and the ladies he often trains with in the morning. Apparently they were sick of the same old tatty yellow training top that he has worn for years. (I'd vouch for that one). His wife Julie hand made him a new training top with a twist. Brendan a Melbourne supporter and now living in Geelong (and now a Geelong supporter) has a jumper Half Melbourne/Half Geelong with, you guessed it, the number 60 on the back. The umpires that attended gave Brendan a GPS watch. I don't know whether that's for when he forgets where he is or to actually assist him with amount of training and umpiring he does.

Coming up - the GFUL are again scheduling an all female umpiring panel for all games at Queens Park on Saturday the 5 of June when Geelong Amateurs take on Portarlington.

Milestones

May 8 had some big milestones:

Craig McMillan 600; John Villanti 500; Terry Gillard 350; Ashley Spalding and Jim Baskin both 100 games; and Jeff Barratt gets his name on the 250 game board.

May 15 saw one of the umpires of the past 25 years Darren Baensch rack up 500 games. Nice one, especially with a photo and article in the Geelong Advertiser on the Friday and to top it off he managed to get the match ball after the game. Another name for the 250 game board is Harold Philpott.

Here is the latest from the world of boundary umpiring! from Marcus Briggs.

Throw for Dough Winners

April 8 Kaitlyn Marriner, April 22 Sam Mirabile, May 6 Haley Consedine and the latest dough winner on May 13 Nathaniel Allsopp.

2010 Senior boundary umpire Debuts

Isabelle Dixon (daughter of Scott), Nathaniel Allsopp, Tyson Cole, Jack Chisholm, Dan Meegan, Hayden Fossey, Hannah Burchell, Andrew Grubb (father of Shaun and Tiana), Johanna Mousley (still doing field), Genevieve Wanat, Luke McClounan, Alex Drummond, Jess Crucitti, Chris Gilsean, Tiana Grubb (brother of Shaun), Tom Dickson, Dylan Slater and the biggest debut on the boundary for 2010 is DOU Steve Keating.

Eden and Marcus would like to thank our retirees for their commitment to the boundary umpires group over the past 3 seasons - Rod O'Brien & Ross Marriner.

See you back at the rooms tonight.

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