

Bundoora Tennis Club

2010 AFL Grand Final Day

The 3rd annual BTC Grand Final Day party was on again in 2010 and this year's turnout was simply amazing. Around 60+ people enjoyed the historic 2010 grand final on the massive 3.5m x 3.0m screen.

The weather gods were nice to us this year and put on an absolutely remarkable day (as opposed to last year!!). As per usual, the BBQ (cooked by Masterchef Bob Bonnell himself) and handball comp, got things started in a big way. The rules for the handball comp were, six shots in total, three on each hand. As each contestant tried their luck, I was the winner with a grand total of 39 points only 1 point ahead of 2nd place!

Following the handball comp, it was time to head in to the club house for the first bounce of the big game! All attention was drawn to the first goal scorer with the winner collecting \$44 (not a bad return on \$2!). When Travis Cloke marked in the goal square early in the piece, Shannon Day was certain she had won the prize, however, as we all know, a free kick was paid against Cloke and Shannon's hopes were dashed. Moments later Darren Jolly found the ball in the goal square and put it through the goals giving Matt Hampson the win!

As the first half came to a close, it was time to prepare for the half time match on the oval. Once again the participation level in this event was outstanding. We had people of all ages getting involved where Brando's Blues, this year, took on the might and power of President Testo's men. The battle was intense (but friendly of course) however Brando's Blues were once again victorious!

Back in the club rooms, it was time to focus back on the match. St. Kilda were not looking good but fought back well to deny Collingwood their 15th premiership here on this day. The final minutes were frantic with the atmosphere in the clubhouse simply electric right up until the final siren sounded. While a few debated on the extra time/replayed grand final issue, one thing that made us happy was that we got to do it all again the next week!

The grand final replay was well supported by those who attended the previous week with a few extras turning up for the historic replay. Once again all the activities were held again for a second time and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Thanks to all of those that attended this year's grand final day parties. For those that missed out this year, we hope you can join us down at the club next year. Thanks also to everybody that helped out both leading up to the day and on the day itself. It was an extraordinary effort by all and the success of the day really came down to these people and everyone that attended!

Thanks again and we'll see you all again next year!

Go Blues!! Brandon Bryant
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