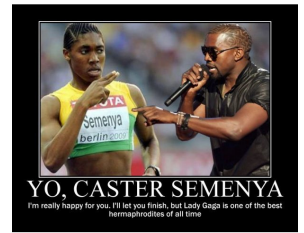




COUGARS ROAR

WINNERS ARE GRINNERS
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Howdy all,

To start off, thank you to everyone who supported the Cougars in 2009 and I hope you are all looking forward to supporting the Cougars again in 2010.

Although the year didn't end like the fairy tale we had hoped it was still a successful year for the Club in terms of player strength, ability and maturity...

JUNIOR WRAP UP!

The juniors are the future of this Club and we saw this season that we have some very promising juniors coming through. Full credit to our U11's who have again held the Cup aloft for the 3rd year in a row. They are now at 50+ games undefeated, not bad in anyone's language!

The only other team we had in the juniors contesting the Grand Final was the U13's and unfortunately they were soundly beaten, but again full credit to the guys as only 2 teams have the chance to meet in a GF and they were the other team!

All the other teams were well represented with the U5's finishing in the top 2, the U7's finishing in the top 2 and the U9's also finishing in the top 2, The U15's were unfortunately eliminated in the semis. We hope to see all the players back in 2010 along with a few mates and hopefully we will be able to field an U17's next season as well.

SENIOR WRAP!

It was a great sight to see both A & B Grades contesting the 2009 Grand Final and it was also a great sight to see so many old boys at the ground to support the club.

As we all know, it was just not our time, and in reality it was a hard ask to beat the same team 6 times in one year, although it was doable it came down to who was more committed and as we say the game is 80 minutes long....no less!

B Grade went down fighting with the score locked at 0-0 at half time. We were able to score first after the long break but were not able to hold out a determined Uni Pirates team who sailed home with a 14-7 win over us.

Cougars A Grade were the stronger team on the night but laps in concentration saw us at 10-10 at the long break. We needed to break out and play our natural game which saw us out to a 13 point lead with 12 minutes to go. A lucky break saw the ball charged down by the Pirates in our 22 which resulted in a try to the Pirates. 3 minutes later an intercept from the Pirates to race away for an 80 metre try which saw us trail by 1 point with 8 minutes to go. A position we were unable to get back from.

Congratulations to all the players, store this emotion of losing a Grand Final, bottle it and use it to come back hungrier, fitter and more determined in 2010.

Brett Clifford named ABC Player of the Day

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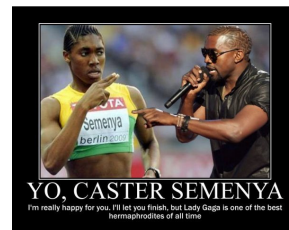
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SENIORS PRESENTATION NIGHT

Feedback on Presentation Night has been very pleasing. I believe it was a good night had by all especially the pre function activities with Blisters winning the tank dive, all the people that participated in the Fishing for Crocodiles and for those that ventured to a level reserved for the adventurous ... the handling of snakes etc.

Well done to the Committee for the arranging of the presentation night and to Crocosaurus Cove for hosting a great night.

A big thank you to our special guest speaker, John Connolly, it was magnificent to see John back in the Territory, we only wish we could have had his old Cup for him to hold again....Next Year!

Winners of Awards for 2009 were:

Club Best & Fairest: DAMIEN HEATH
Clubperson of the Year: MATT THOMPSON

A Grade Players Player: GEORGE KUPU

A Grade Best Forward: OWEN GRIGGS
A Grade Best Back: BRETT CLIFFORD
A Grade Most Consistent: GARETH ATKINSON
A Grade Encouragement: RUSSELL PEET
A Grade Coaches Award: DANIEL LEWIS

A Grade Debut: MANASA TUISUVA
A Grade Most Points: JOE TUISUVA (97)
A Grade Most Tries: JOE TUISUVA (12)

B Grade Best & Fairest: STEPHEN BUBA

B Grade Players Player: JACOB LEWIS
B Grade Best Forward: BRENDAN WALSH
B Grade Best Back: DANIEL BLASCH
B Grade Most Consistent: IAN KENNON
B Grade Encouragement: CHRISTIAN PRADAYROL
B Grade Coaches Award: DAVID WILLIAMS

Club Most Points: SHANE CROWLEY (114)
Wendy Jarvis Award: DAVID COOPER
Docka Boulton Award: SAM ENGLAND

JUNIOR PRESENTATION DAY

Juniors had their Presentation afternoon on Sunday 13th September and it was a real treat to see so many kids and parents at the Clubhouse for their special afternoon.

Congratulations to all the winners and especially all the players, coaches and managers. Not forgetting all the mums and dads that took time out to bring and watch their kids play Rugby with the Cougars.

Again Donna and Terese did a great job along with the junior sub committee to organise a great afternoon for the kids and organise a great year as well.

One of the highlights was Donna reading out a letter from Aussie Robbie (Deans) congratulating the juniors on their success and wishing us all the best in the future. Along with that letter came a fully signed Wallaby Jumper that is now getting framed and will sit on the wall in the Clubhouse.

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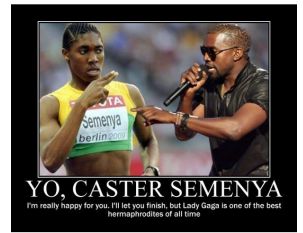
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CLOUD NINE PHOTOGRAPHY

We have mentioned before the contribution of Stuart Walmsely as one of our players who is into photography and has a small business outside of his work. Stu took a heap of pictures at the Senior Presentation Night and has them on his Cloud Nine Website for everyone to browse through and download for free....not forever so be quick!

A shameless plug for Stu, if anyone has a wedding or party coming up and would like to hire a photographer then I strongly suggest we use the Rugby family and you give Stu a call or email.

<http://www.cloudninephotography.com.au/Newest-work>

EOYT SINGAPORE

As you are aware every year the Club does an End Of Year Tour to Singapore to compete in their well renowned International tournament and this season is no different.

Peter McGrath will be the coach on this tour and it is looking like we will take our strongest team in many a year with players like Joe & Manasa Tuisuva, Zac and Josh Phillips, Brett Clifford, George Kupu, Scott Kennon, Shane Crowley & Shaun Kober as well as Chris Thompson and Stephen Buba who will tour but will leave spots open for other players if they are interested.

So...we are still looking for a couple of players so if you are interested in touring as either a supporter or as a player then please contact Margaret Buba on 0408 896 889 or on email at margaret.buba@westnet.com.au

CLUBHOUSE

The Club has recently purchased some of "Charlies" tables and chairs from his recently closed down restaurant which will give the Clubhouse a much more club feel and give people somewhere to sit down, have a drink and something to eat.

All up we purchased 11 tables and 44 chairs. What we would like to do, to continue to improve the facilities of the Clubhouse is to acquire some bar stools. If anyone can help out with this, or if anyone knows where we might be able to pick some up then please let me know.

DON'T FORGET
Your Clubs website

<http://www.casuarinarugby.com.au>

The Club will travel to Singapore on Wednesday the 4th of November and be returning on Tuesday 10th November. We will do a couple of training runs in Singapore on the Thursday & Friday before the Tournament on the Saturday & Sunday.

At this Stage, cost per person is around \$200 - \$300 each, which is not bad considering that includes airfares, accommodation, travel kit and entry into one of the world's best international 7's tournaments. This has been made possible by the hard work of Margaret & Siggie, the generous support of **Able Finance & All Hours Plumbing**. All you need is some spending money on top, which realistically is not a lot. It is 1 weeks leave and it's a great tournament...

Training will commence at Rugby Park on field 2 this Thursday at 6pm.

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