



WESTERN COUGARS GRIDIRON CLUB INC

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**Western Cougars Gridiron Club
Newsletter
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This newsletter is to inform all members of the Cougars of important issues relating to the club and to keep members informed and involved with the club.

Coaches

Welcome to the club new junior coaches Ryan Andersen, Jamie Peake and Todd Schultz.

Ryan played defensive line with the Cougars in 2008, was assistant coach with the Bayside Ravens junior team in 2009 and has returned to us for this season. Ryan is also club Secretary and Schools Development Officer. Ryan will be the juniors Offensive Coordinator.

Jamie has returned to Qld after spending several seasons in SA and NSW. Jamie originally played gridiron in Qld in the late 1990's and early 2000's before moving away. Jamie last year was an assistant coach with the North Western Predators in NSW. Jamie will be the juniors Defensive Coordinator.

Todd Schultz returns to the club after playing and coaching with the Cougars during the 1990's. The junior Cougars (Rams in those days) that Todd coached were a huge success with many continuing on to help the seniors be the dominate team during the late 1990's / early 2000's when we made 9 consecutive Sun Bowls. Todd brings back a wealth of experience and knowledge with him from playing College football, to trialling with the San Francisco 49ers when they were dominant and the club is extremely pleased that he is back. Todd will assist Jamie on defense.

Wayne Muller will be assisting Clinton Fraser with the seniors. Wayne has a decade of playing experience at club and State level and has played both receiver and safety for the Cougars. His passion for the game and club is second to none and we hope that this is a stepping stone to being Senior Head Coach when he hangs up his boots.

Fundraising

Closer to the season starting we will be doing a Cadbury chocolate drive. We also have merchandise (jackets, shorts) available to buy. Fundraising is important to the club and we expect everybody to help out, even if it's by selling 1 chocolate box. Your fees are kept low to encourage as many people as possible to join, but we make losses on membership fees so we need to do fundraising to ensure the club recovers these losses.

Membership and Fees

All fees need to be paid by Thursday 17 June otherwise you won't be able to continue with contact training. We have to pay our league affiliation and individual membership/insurance during the next month so it's important that you have paid all your fees. We don't register anyone until they have paid all their fees and therefore we can't allow unpaid members to participate in contact training in case of injury.

To date we have over 40 senior team members and 12 junior members, many of whom are also playing other sports at the moment. Whilst we expect several more senior players from last year to return we need more junior players so if you know anyone who may be interested please bring them down to training or get them to contact the club.



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Non-Playing / Social Club Membership

If there are any parents, wives or girlfriends wanting to help the club with any volunteer duties the club can register members as a "non-player" at no charge.

"Social club" members are members who are registered with our club at no charge, are allowed to assist with any duties that do not allow them to allow the field of play, and are covered by league insurance in case of accident/injury.

"Non-playing" membership are those registered with the club and Gridiron Qld but who enter the field of play; say as coach, team manager, first aid officer etc. The club will also pay for each person's membership and the member is fully covered by insurance.

The club values our volunteers and by paying for their membership we view it as a reward for the hard work they all put in to the club. If anyone knows someone wanting to join as a "Social Club" or "Non-Playing" member please contact the club mobile or email.

Arizona v QLD

The annual game against Arizona (All Star 18yr old team) will be held at Usher Park, Daisy Hill on Sat 12 June from 6pm. The QLD senior State team will be the opponents and they will be training at our ground on 7th and 10th June in preparation for the big game.

Junior Nationals 2011

The 2011 Junior Nationals will be held in Sydney in April 2011. No costs or coaching staff details are known yet but selection in the QLD team could lead to selection for the Australian team to qualify for the 2012 World Cup. It'd be great to continue our fine

tradition of QLD/Aust reps by having some juniors be selected in both teams.

Thanks and see you at training. Next newsletter will be out early July.

Ross Dorward
President
Western Cougars Gridiron Club

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