

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January marked the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of F.A. Hrvatska Zora's Annual Gisborne picnic at Sankey reserve; proving to be a great day full of activities, great food, and perfect weather.

The day started off with a round of children's entertainment consisting of: egg and spoon race, three legged race as well as the anticipated tug of war. With children revved up and full of energy there was a high ambience of competitiveness which proved itself in the game of tug of war. The two competing teams were both overly eager not to lose, that as they kept pulling the thick rope had snapped in half leaving both teams landing on their bottoms in fits of laughter!

With the highly anticipated lunch underway; the drinks kept flowing in high speed along with the warm weather. A big thank-you to the 'Vidaković team' who every year outdo themselves with the preparation of the lamb on the spit, proving to be a great success and a top seller every time.

At 3pm under the warm sun, the annual bocce tournament went underway, with 12 teams taking on the challenge to compete for the final 3 positions. This year's teams were fairly mixed with some teams consisting of parents and children, and more female teams entering.

With the event underway, the referees were kept busy making sure there were no on-field disagreements, as this has proven to be a 'hot' sporting event. With knock-out rounds in place for the event there were a few disappointed teams.

With the last four teams bowling to make it to the top three things began to heat up. Team 'Neretva' came 3<sup>rd</sup>, with the female team 'Studena' claiming 2<sup>nd</sup> place and team 'Podina' taking the most wanted 1<sup>st</sup> place.

With the bocce tournament now under-wrap, it was time for the raffle prizes to be drawn. With the hundreds of people in attendance everyone had gathered around the bar for the draw. Following the raffle the announcement of the bocce winners were announced and given the prizes which also included trophies to the three winning teams.

The event had proven to be more popular than ever this year, with more entertainment, food and alcohol and a higher attendance rate. It is just a sign that every year it gets better than ever!

Thank-you to everyone who participated and attended the event; as well as those who helped with the preparation prior to and on the day of event, which includes the committee of 2008!!!

Just a reminder that F.A. Hrvatska Zora enrolment begin on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> of February at 6.30pm! See you all there.

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