



Teva Heads South to Wine Country in SA!

Photos Courtesy of Josh Boston

In another day of excitement at Round 2 of the Teva Adventure Series we saw team Escapegoat Adventurers take out the trifecta at Teva Adelaide with line honours, first place in the male category & a \$450 cash prize as the first team across the line wearing Teva Footwear!



Wine country just south of Adelaide in Kuitpo State forest played host to a day of adventure as teams lined up for round 2 of the Teva Adventure Series 2008.

In a day that included mountain biking, trekking, orienteering, a ropes course and a whole lot more, teams lined up to take on the

challenge of an adventure race with a difference!

Beautiful Jacks Paddock played host to the wild antics of the event and set the perfect backdrop for a day of adventure in the outdoors! After a week of heavy rain, the Gods were smiling down on Teva Adelaide as the sun rose above the horizon just as registration opened and continued to shine throughout the day. And with the number of participants doubling from 2007 to 2008, teams were keen to find out exactly what was in store.

The Teva Adventure Series is an event with a difference. Participants only find out the exact race location 5 days before the event and the course is revealed just one hour before the start. Strategy and planning play a part in the outcome as well as a team's physical fitness, mountain biking ability and navigational skills.



With basic navigation (if teams can read a street map, they usually have no problem navigating) and courses that provide alternative route options depending on your skills and abilities, The Teva Adventure Series is perfect for beginners to come along and try their hand at one of Australia's fastest growing sports, while still keeping the more experienced and competitive teams competing right up until the final checkpoint.

With only one hour to plan, Race HQ fell eerily quiet as most teams, planned, strategised and set

their plans for the day, while others chose to chill out and take things as they came!

As always with the Teva Adventure Series teams should assume nothing and expect anything, and the race brief offered a few clues (if you were switched on) to help teams along the way.

The event started with the first twist of the day as Teams were set the task of Men's Health International Rescue. It was here that team captain's found out if they really had chosen the right team mates. Most were pleasantly surprised, some were left wondering ☺

After the bedlam of Men's Health International Rescue it was off on the first mountain bike leg of the course.

At TA 5 teams took on the mental challenge of 'It's a Number's Game' before heading out on the board for an orienteering leg with a difference.



After excelling at TA 5 it was back on the bikes and back to HQ where a mayhem of challenges awaited.

In 'Top of the Pops' teams sang their way to victory, in 'Wriggle it', teams got to know each other up close and personal, and in 'Stick To It', team work was of the essence and it was here we saw corporate team SAMFS excel, though we did see quite a few penalties being run throughout the day ☺.



The final leg was a beautiful mountain bike loop north of Race HQ. At TA 11 teams chose their best players in 'GO DO BE' and found out just how

observant they really were at the Mountain Designs 'Gear for places you'd rather be' challenge. Some who had a memory like an



elephant took the short route and others who had a memory like my Nan took the long route before heading back to HQ for the finish.



It was great to see so many teams finishing with smiles on their face and a big congratulations to team **Escapegoat Adventures** who took out line honours, the male category and the \$450 cash prize from Teva for being the first team across the line wearing Teva Footwear.

A big congratulations to **SAMFS**, our fire fighters from the South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service for taking out the corporate category and coming 3rd overall. And a special mention to the **Cornflake Girls**, our female team winners who showed the guys how it was done by coming in 6th overall!

Premier Mixed

1st Adelaide Vales (91)

Motto: Don't Hold Back

Darren Pollock, Lisa Albinus, David Talbot

2nd Gooseberry (69)

Motto: Fight the Power!

Male

1st SAMFS (40)

Motto: We put the wet stuff on the hot stuff!

Brett Fisher, Paul Inter, Scott Harris

Female

1st Cornflake Girls (51)

Kieta Young, Jane Campbell, Cindy Oxlade

Male

1st Escapegoat Adventures (62)

Motto: Who the hell is Escapegoat

Ian Fehler, Jeff Cutten, David Clarke

2nd Hernias, Hooves & Hoses (64)

Morgan Coull, Owen Jones, Brian Golden

3rd Three For All (76)

Motto: Fortune Favours the Dave

Stuart Turner, Tom Cree, David Gurtleman

And in the most important part of the day, it was time for the **Teva Fun One** Draw. The Teva Fun One offers teams at the 'Let's Have Fun' end of the field the opportunity to choose to take on some extra challenges throughout the event to gain extra entries into a fantastic prize draw at the end of the day.

Prizes are awarded to all 3 team members and include Camelbak Hydration Packs, High 5 Race Packs, Teva Footwear, Continental Tyre & Rudy Project Gift Packs, Mountain Designs Gift Vouchers, Men's Health Gift Packs, Women's Health Gift Packs, Race Elements Training Vouchers and Much More.

In Adelaide, it was great to see again that teams not only know how to compete hard, they also know how to have fun along the way, and we saw an absolute bucket load of entries in the 'Teva Fun One' Entry box!

And Escapegoat adventures were the first team to decipher the secret clue and bring home the Dash for the Stash, winning a Mountain Designs AR Starter kit valued at over \$230!

Thank you to all the teams in Adelaide who made the Teva Adventure Series 2008 such a fun day and thanks for all the great feedback. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2009!



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