

BAABAA NEWS

The newsletter of The Barbarian Rugby Football Club Inc. Level 6, ASB Stand, Eden Park, Auckland, New Zealand. www.barbarianrugby.co.nz



Eight of our new Barbarians who were inducted in July, from left: Regina Sheck, Dean Cummins, Shane King, George Duncan, Ross Gard, Mike Casey, Jim Lonergan and Ric Salizzo.

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PRESIDENT'S TEAM TALK

We had our 29th annual Primary Schools Fun Day on Sunday May 27, this time at Papakura's Bruce Pulman Park.

It was a really good day and great venue. We had over 700 primary school children attend along with their families and friends. I doff my cap to Karl Pokino from Auckland Rugby for his help organising the day as well as our committee members Craig Glendinning and Roger Moore along with club members Terry O'Meara and Michael Speight. Ardmore Marist RFC welcomed us into its clubrooms with open arms, as did the people at Pulman Park. Once again a big thank you to club member Peter Thompson and Barfoot & Thompson for sponsoring the day, allowing the children to enjoy a game of footy with their mates along with a free sausage and a Milo.

Congratulations to a wonderful Crusaders outfit that commanded Super Rugby and took their place as true champions – great to see last year's NZ Barbarians Schools coach Brad Mooar to the fore as Crusaders assistant coach. A top coach, top person and someone to watch out for.

In late July we welcomed in another group of new members to the club, each with their own story to tell and path to this club. It was another special night and heartening to see how much it meant to them to be part of our membership. Welcome to Regina Sheck, Dean Cummins, Ross Gard, Shane King, Michael Casey, Huriana Manuel, Apollo Perelini, George Duncan, Chris Boyd, Jim Lonergan and Ric Salizzo.

Test night on June 9 against France was another big evening at the club enjoyed by all that attended, made the more memorable by a visit from the great French centre Philippe Sella, visiting our shores as a guest of Andy Haden. A true gentleman with rugby in his heart and soul, Sella spoke of his love for NZ rugby and rugby people. Who knows, one day in the future, we may see an NZ Barbarians versus French Barbarians match in Paris?

Coming up we have the following events:

*National Schools Top 4 tournament at SRI, Massey University, Palmerston North. This year we are the major sponsors for the girls' championship, as well as the boys and co-ed.

*NZ Barbarians Area Schools team in camp and playing against a Manawatu Selection, September 12-15 at SRI Massey University, Palmerston North

*NZ Barbarians Schools play NZ Maori U18 on September 27 and Fiji Schools on October 1, both in Wellington.

If any of you are able to get along to these games, they are all really well worth watching and it would be good to see you there flying the flag for the club.

Our President Neil Cullimore sends his best wishes and is very much on the mend. Both he and Glenys are looking forward to being up at the club later in the season and are very appreciative of all the support they have had from members.

Cheers,

Ron Williams
Acting President
Barbarians RFC



MEMBER PROFILE GARRY CHRONICAN

For nigh on a decade, the Barbarians have been closely aligned, financially as well as spiritually, with schools rugby.

Most often the main point of contact with the NZ Schools Rugby Council has been chairman Garry Chronican of Dunedin, now a proud member of the club as of last year.

The 60-year-old is steeped in the game, a midfielder for the Dunedin club, Otago Colts and Otago B. From 1986-95 he coached the Kaikorai Valley High School First XV, winning the Under 18 comp in 1987. In the same period he coached or managed various Otago Schools and U18 teams.

His contact with the Barbarians has proven mutually beneficial for both parties.

"I have loved every involvement with the Barbarians club. From the very first approach to that very fine gentleman Mike Cormack and all subsequent Barbarians members it has been a pleasure to meet and work alongside 'can do' people who share our NZ Schools values. Even the seemingly 'off-the-wall' suggestion of a NZ Barbarians Schools team several years ago was met with enthusiasm and a strong desire to make it work," says Chronican.



The advent of the NZ Barbarians Schools in 2012 has been of "massive benefit" to both NZ Schools and NZ Rugby, with the side fashioning an enviable record and having produced its first All Black in Damian McKenzie.

"NZ Rugby are fully committed to this model of a NZ Schools and NZ Barbarians team as a vital step in high performance player development. Players are equally proud to represent either NZ Schools or NZ Barbarians Schools – a major positive. The Barbarians team also allows for us to provide diversity with our annual international test series," he adds.

Chronican, along with long-time schools administrators

Gerry Davidson and Martin Isberg, was inducted as a Barbarian in 2017. All of the trio are humbled and proud to be part of the club. They love the clubrooms and Chronican says he can feel a road-trip coming on soon to partake of the hospitality.

In the meantime, other than being up to his eyeballs in schools rugby work, and onto his third year on the Otago Rugby Union board, Chronican can be found at Forsyth Barr Stadium supporting either the Highlanders or the Otago Razorbacks, for whom he has high hopes under the guidance of new coach Ben Herring in the Mitre 10 Cup.

After many years teaching and coaching sport at Kaikorai Valley High School, he has a new role as academic manager of the University of Otago Foundation Studies programme. Happily, his office is adjacent to the stadium.

NZ BARBARIANS AREA SCHOOLS



This unheralded but vital national team is in action again on September 15 against the Manawatu Under 16s in Palmerston North.

Drawn from rural and often far-flung schools who may not even have a First XV, this side gives talented young players on an annual basis an opportunity to shine with their peers and wear the Barbarians jersey. In 2017 the side played two games in Canterbury Country after previously having perennial fixtures against the Waikato Harlequins Under 18s.

Managed by Barbarian member Mike Smith, with Justin Marsh and Steve Beck as the coaches, the squad, chosen after the July NZ Area Schools sports tournament in Christchurch, includes several who were in the 2016 and '17 teams.

2018 squad: Bohan Rogers (Cheviot Area School, Canterbury), Mark James Tuapawa (Tolaga Bay Area School, East Coast), Liam Henderson, Danny Henderson (Tauraroa Area School, Northland), Makoroa Mataira (Raglan Area School, Waikato), Clay Morgan (Tapawera Area School, Tasman), Teihana Senior (Te Wharekura o Te Kaokaoroa o Patetere, Waikato), Hori Te Tai (Panguru Area School, Northland), Jarod Bryant (Rai Valley Area School, Tasman), Connor Guest (Tauraroa Area School, Northland, c), Khyia Bovill (Onewhero Area School, Counties Manukau), John Henry-Martin (Panguru Area



Pukekohe Hill School before the Fun Day.



Holy Cross Papatoetoe School prior to the Fun Day.

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First five Caleb Beck in 2016 NZ Barbarians Area Schools action.



Hooker Jarod Bryant readies for a scrum in 2016 NZ Barbarians Area Schools action.

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School, Northland), Trinity McQueen (Mercury Bay Area School, Thames Valley), Oscar Canseco-Munoz (Tolaga Bay Area School, East Coast), Tiann McKinnel (Roxburgh Area School, Otago), Doug Smith (Maniototo Area School, Otago), Jacob Walden (Onewhero Area School, Counties Manukau), Keagan Mulholland (Maniototo Area School, Otago), Murray McFarlane (Taihape Area School, Wanganui), Sheldyn Hemana-Pairama (Te Wharekura o Te Kaokaoroa o Patetere, Waikato), Tyrese Payne (Taihape Area School, Wanganui), William Martin (Rerekohu/Te Araroa, East Coast), Caleb Beck (Hurunui College, Canterbury)

NEW MEMBERS



Chris Boyd: New Northampton coach in UK; Hurricanes coach 2015-18, winning 2016 title; NZ Under 20s coach 2012-14; also coached Wellington, the Sharks of Durban and Tawa at club level

Mike Casey: former North Harbour hooker; also played in Auckland and France; extensive coaching and scrum coaching with NZ Barbarians, Black Ferns, Auckland, Counties Manukau, North Harbour, Manu Samoa, Thames Valley, Bay of Plenty, NZ Schools and Sacred Heart College First XV

Dean Cummins: former Counties Manukau five-eighths; also played in Wales and Italy; 2016 Counties Manukau U16 coach; nephew of 1994-95 Barbarians President Peter Murdoch; current skills coach for Georgia

George Duncan: played for Otahuhu club 1977-88; 2004-18 All Blacks muscle therapist; has also worked with Pakuranga, Auckland and Blues from 1989-99; brother-in-law of Roger Whatman

Ross Gard: former Otago, Manawatu and NZ Universities five-eighths; former NZ Schools selector; has coached extensively at First XV level in Manawatu and Auckland

Shane King: former Suburbs and Auckland B halfback; has coached throughout Auckland and North Harbour; current Blues talent ID and development manager

Jim Lonergan: long-time schools coach/manager/administrator; 1984-2012 master in charge of rugby at Macleans College; life member of Auckland Schools union; NZ Schools council member; finalist for Volunteer of the year at 2012 Steinlager Rugby Awards; 2016-18 chief executive of College Sport in Auckland

Huriana Manuel: former Blacks Ferns centre (25 tests from 2005-14), including two RWC titles; Blacks Ferns Sevens captain, 2013 RWC 7s winner; 2016 Rio Olympics silver medallist

Apollo Perelini: former Manu Samoa loose forward (9 tests from 1991-93); played for North Harbour, Sale Sharks; also played for St Helens and Samoa in league; coached in UK and Dubai; currently coaches UAE 7s and 15s teams and is UAE high performance manager

Ric Salizzo: played for De La Salle First XV; TVNZ rugby reporter in 1980s; produced ground-breaking docs of 1989-90 All Blacks tours; first All Blacks media liaison officer 1992-95; produced Sports Café and Crowd Goes Wild; former Blues board member

Regina Sheck: former Black Ferns prop (25 tests from 1994-04), including two RWC titles; played for Auckland and Waikato; coached in Waikato

BAABAAS BRIEFS



*Great to see our patron Sir Bryan 'Beegee' Williams being recognised as one of the latest inductees to World Rugby's Hall of Fame. Beegee has done it all in our game and continues to be a marvellous ambassador to the sport.

*Spotted at the May 27 England v UK Barbarians match was club member John Spencer, who was, happy to relate, sporting the NZ Barbarians tie. The 2017 Lions manager was made a club member in 2016.

*Also spotted, this time on Haati Grassroots Rugby, was Bryce Bevin, resplendent in his trademark beret, coaching Waihi Athletic to an historic first McClinchy Cup senior

Thames Valley club championship.

*Congratulations go to Barbarians Rochelle Martin and Clive Akers, both of whom were conferred with membership of New Zealand Order of Merit at the Queen's Birthday honours.

Read more on the pair here: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/manawastandard/news/104387007/Rugby-historian-Clive-Akers-recognised-in-Queens-Birthday-honours>

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/sport/rugby/104508310/black-fern-rochelle-martin-made-member-of-the-new-zealand-order-of-merit>

*Dick Littlejohn was, finally, made a life member of the Bay of Plenty Rugby Union earlier this year. Long overdue and well deserved.

*The job of coaching Wales will pass from one Barbarian to another, with Wayne Pivac due to take over from Warren Gatland after Rugby World Cup 2019. Pivac will be the fourth Kiwi, and fourth NZ Barbarian, to take the post.

*Our member from Manawatu, the aforementioned Clive Akers, one of New Zealand's foremost rugby historians and co-editor of the Rugby Almanack, has put together, over some 35 years, no less, an impressive listing of all New Zealand first-class players from 1870-2015, entitled the New Zealand Rugby Register. Clearly, many Barbarians will feature among the 820 pages, so purchase your copy. It is available only via the NZ Rugby Museum. Please contact PO Box 36, Palmerston North 4440 or email info@rugbymuseum.co.nz

*The subs notices were sent out months ago. Please pay your subs, if applicable, at your earliest convenience, as this is a requirement of membership.

*The club has a stack of fetching apparel in stock and this is available to members and non-members alike. Check the website for further information and prices, et cetera.

EMAIL ADDRESSES



The club uses email and the website for much of its communication and dissemination of information these days.

Some of you may not have an email address, but can you please let us know a possible email address for a family member or friend that could expedite our communications to you. This would also help reduce the cost of postage. Please contact secretary Ken Baguley if you wish to take this route. You will then be able to keep up with the club activities on a far more regular basis.

VISITORS TO THE CLUB

Eden Park security will only allow members and/or visitors into the ASB Stand and our clubrooms by showing your membership/visitor cards. If you need more than one visitor card to bring friends or family to the club, especially on 'game days', please contact Ken Baguley to obtain additional 'visitor' cards. Please ensure any additional 'visitor' cards are returned before leaving the club at the end of the function/event.

CLUB CONTACT



Your first port of call is our club secretary Ken Baguley, who is often based at Eden Park in the clubrooms' office.

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WHAT'S ON IN 2018



Saturday August 18
Auckland 1A First XV final,
King's v St Peter's, 3.05pm



Saturday August 18
Auckland v Counties Manukau
5.05pm



Friday August 24
NZ Rugby Foundation luncheon,
12pm



Saturday
August 25
All Blacks
v Australia
7.35pm



Thursday August 30
Auckland v Waikato, 7.35pm



Friday September 7
Auckland v Tasman, 7.45pm
First XV Top 4 semis, Palmerston North



Sunday September 9
First XV Top 4 finals,
Palmerston North



Saturday September 15
NZ Barbarians Area Schools v
Manawatu Under 16, Palmerston North



Saturday September 22
Jonesy's Youth Foundation gala dinner,
7.30pm



Thursday September 27
NZ Barbarians Schools v NZ Maori U18,
Wellington



Friday September 28
Auckland v Otago, 7.35pm



Monday October 1
NZ Barbarians Schools v Fijian Schools,
Wellington



Sunday October 14
Auckland v North Harbour
2.05pm



*Keep an eye on the website and your email for confirmation of further 2018 functions/events.
*All events are at Eden Park unless otherwise specified.