



The Newsletter of the New Zealand Barbarian Rugby Club Inc.
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The Barbarians helpers and organisers, plus the Bledisloe Cup, enjoyed another worthwhile, if chilly, annual Fun Day in late May.

Photo: Courtesy of Regina Sheck

PRESIDENT'S TEAM TALK



Greetings to all.

The past few months have seen a quieter time on the club front, punctuated by some standout events and happenings, a number of which I address below. The annual Primary Schools Fun Day at Bruce Pulman Park late in May was reprised after a Covid-19 induced pause in 2020 and was again an outstanding success.

The Blues team were there in force, along with major sponsors Peter and Fiona Thompson of Barfoot & Thompson, as was the Kiwi Rugby Experience and the Bledisloe Cup. Many young lives were touched by a day for them to remember.

Our new members' night saw 17 new members join from a real cross section of the rugby spectrum; all spoke well and appreciatively and it is clear that membership of this club continues to be highly regarded – long may we keep it that way, always a privilege but never elitist.

On that theme, a very early member, the late Merv Corner, general manager of Auckland Savings Bank and 1930s All Blacks halfback, was remembered when his daughter Pam Donnelly and other family presented a photo, some of his memorabilia and blazer to the club. Warm fellowship was had with the family. Going back in time again, a Barbarians team is this month playing a match to celebrate 150 years of the Thames Rugby Club. This club is of course in the Thames Valley union, which really kicked off the beginnings of our club by inviting Hugh McLean and Ron Bush to help them financially by organising a team of ABs and provincial reps to play a charity match down there. Merv, Ron and Hugh were all in the Barbarians photo presented.

Two victories on the field stand out in memory. First the Blues, who rewarded the 18-year patience of Auckland-based club members with a much-celebrated victory over the Highlanders in a dominant performance, though not without moments of concern later in the match. The second was Eden's 99-year wait to win the Gallaher Shield being over with a victory over Grammar TEC, a very good thing for club rugby.

Club member Tom O'Hanlon has seen 71 years of his faithful Eden club membership crowned and what an entree for the club with its 100-year celebration just ahead. Another member, Dennis Mullins, stalwart and life

member of Eden and ARU, had a smile on his face for a week – still has. The rescheduled Pat Walsh Memorial Bowls Day was again a success with Baabaas showing increasingly good form. Lady Lesley Williams was in my team and observably out-performed her beau, our beloved Patron Sir Bryan, who continues actively in that role. An example was an impromptu speech by him to the Blue Light programme teens brought to the club by Regina Sheck, she and her team doing valuable work in that space. The club is becoming even more so a place for both rugby and non-rugby groups to visit by arrangement and we welcome this, Toro Mai Trust presenting OPC scholarships at an evening function just one example.

Well, onto the upcoming Farah Palmer Cup Auckland v Canterbury tester, and ahead our sponsored Area Schools week in Palmerston North, the Under 85 Club Cup final, Northern Region Under 18 tournament, Barbarians National First XV championship, NZ Under 18 Barbarian team in the international quadrangular, Barbarians team vs a Heartland XV in Taupo in November – all to look forward to and two Eden Park Bledisloe Cup arm-wrestles with Australia.

Look forward to seeing you at the club and around.

Bernie Allen
President
NZ Barbarian Rugby Club



NEW MEMBERS



Chris Back: 2019-present NZ Barbarians Schools manager, 2017 NZ Barbarians manager vs Lions; 2009-15 NZ Heartland XV manager, 2008-18 Wanganui Heartland manager; long-time member of Wanganui RFU board

Mel Bosman (nee Ngatai): Former Black Ferns prop, 17 tests 2004-13; two-time WRWC champion; former Waikato, Auckland, Canterbury and Hawke's Bay rep; 2017 coach of Tasman Under 18 Schoolgirls; 2020-21 coach of Tasman Mako women

Brent Drabble: 2011 life member Bay of Plenty Rugby Union; 1995-present historian for BOP union; 1983-present BOP contributor to NZ Rugby Almanack; 2005 life member of Wasps club in BOP; 1987 official RWC 'Le Drop' mascot; 2005-present historian Whakarewarewa club; 2021 BOP sports award services to rugby

Shane Drummond: Life member of Tasman Rugby Union; 2018 heavily involved in first All Blacks test in Nelson; director of Highlanders; former Nelson Rugby Club player; original board member of Nelson Bays RFU; former President of Nelson Bays RFU and Tasman RFU

Andrew Fyfe: Former Eastern and Auckland University player; 1999-2012 executive producer of rugby for SKY TV; oversaw all SKY's rugby broadcasts; prominent in Sanzar broadcast deals; headed SKY's international and domestic production of RWC 2011 and 2005 Lions tour

Jerry Hirst: 2010 life member North Harbour Rugby Union; lifetime of service to rugby as player, coach and administrator; former North Harbour union board member; 30 years in Fletcher Group in senior sales/marketing

Gary Howarth: 2014-present North Harbour Rugby union board member; 2019 chairman, 2012-13 President; former NZ Combined Services rep; played for East Coast Bays and Upper Hutt clubs

Steve Lancaster: Former NZ Colts, Crusaders, Canterbury and Auckland lock; 2018-present NZR head of community rugby; 2016-18 NZR head of provincial rugby; 2012-15 Rugby Canada HP manager

Scott McLeod: Former All Blacks midfielder, 17 matches (10 tests) 1996-98; also played for NZA, Chiefs, Waikato and Toshiba in Japan; former Chiefs and Highlanders assistant coach; 2017-present All Blacks assistant coach

Fiona Richards: Former Black Ferns lock, 14 tests 1993-99; 1998 WRWC champion; played for Auckland and Canterbury out of College Rifles and Canterbury University clubs; has coached at various levels including school and club; sister of Barbarian Anna Richards

Michael Scott: Former NZ Maori, Blues Auckland, Counties and King Country halfback; played for Waitemata and Waiuku clubs; 2002-03 assistant coach of King Country

Matt Sexton: Former Junior All Blacks, Crusaders and Canterbury hooker; also played for UK Barbarians and Ulster (Ireland); former coach of Southern Kings, Eastern Province and Edinburgh; current NZR HP player development manager

Dean Sheppard: Former Counties fullback, 68 games 1992-97, and Blues 1997 out of Pukekohe club, which he still sponsors; Multiple national sevens titles with Counties 1993-97

Ben 'Jarmo' Sturfels: Former College Rifles club player and coach; NZ Wheelchair Rugby committee member and volunteer; current NZ Rugby Foundation commercial manager

Joshua Tubberty: Former Auckland B, Under 19s and 21s hooker out of Liston College and Suburbs club; coached Marist Under 21s to 2004 championship, has managed Marist premiers; continues coaching at Suburbs; son of Barbarian Peter Tubberty

Mathew Wenham: Former Black Ferns, NZ Under 20s and All Blacks Sevens physio; played for Otago University, Taieri, Hutt Old Boys and Wainuiomata clubs; 2017-present North Harbour Rugby Union head of medical services; principal physio at Good Hands Physiotherapy

Shannon Willoughby: Former Black Ferns lock/loosie, 8 tests 2005-06; 2006 WRWC champion; played for Otago, Hawke's Bay and Auckland; member of Global Women Athletic Business Network and part of IWF NZ Founding Committee



Twelve of the 17 new members were on hand to receive their ties and scarves in May.

BAABAAS NATIONAL UNDER 85kg CLUB CUP

The second edition of the NZ Barbarians National Under 85kg Club Cup is deep into the draw. Teams from as far north as Kumeu to as far south as Dunedin are battling to make it through to the knockout competition and reach the final, which is slated for September 17 at Eden Park. So get to a game near you and your club over the next few weeks. The rugby is very good quality and is not social, though the after-match is.

Check out all the results and draw at www.nzrugby.co.nz

BOWLS REVIEW



The Pat Walsh Memorial Bowls Day was played on Sunday May 30, seven days after the Fun Day.

It was originally set down for March 14 but was postponed due to the Covid-19 lockdown in Auckland earlier that month. The greens at Bridge Park Bowling Club were a little slower than they were in March, but the bowls were still compelling and competitive, as your President has touched upon, followed by a convivial after-match function.

All proceeds went to the Maori Youth Sports scholarships, of which the late Patrick Timothy Walsh was so proud. Check out the info on the accompanying image for the scholarship recipients.

NZ BARBARIANS AREA SCHOOLS PREVIEW

After a Covid-19-induced hiatus in 2020, the NZ Barbarians Area Schools are back in action.

Barbarian Mike Smith is again team manager of the 22-man squad, chosen from those smaller, often rural, schools throughout the country.

If you are in the Manawatu region on August 25 and 28 for their games against Palmerston North BHS First

XV and Wairarapa Bush Under 16s, get along to see them in action. They would love the support.

The squad is: William Hayward, Braydon Whyte, Tio Tuwhangai, Tino Enosi, Arie Newall, Nathan Kay, Jonny Charlwood, Josh Gunn, Earl Cacho, Daniel Hawley, Flynn Morgan, Kio D'unienville. Kairos McClutchie, Frank Davoren, Kyan Clark, Jade Raharuhi, Ihaka Harper-Dent, Adam Clague, Te Whatiki Childs-Katene, Arryn-Gene Haumaha, Hemi Gardiner, Chad Whale.

Justin Marsh is again the coach, assisted by Steve Beck, who will stand in as manager for the matches as Smith is tied up with work duties.

The Barbarians-sponsored Top 4 tournament is back next month, also after a year's hiatus. It is on slightly later than normal (September 17-19) at the usual SRI venue in Palmie.

The NZ Barbarians Schools, now known as NZ Barbarians Under 18s, will also return for two matches, to be confirmed, in September/October. They will be coached by Allan Bunting, who has just taken the Black Ferns Sevens to Olympic gold. He will be assisted by James Hantz and Ryan Bambry. Chris Back, a new Barbarians member, will again be manager. Barbarian Gus Leger will be the assistant coach of NZ Schools.



Photo: Courtesy of Regina Sheek



BAABAAS BRIEFS



*The Barbarians club is now on social media, via Facebook www.facebook.com/NZBarbarianRugby and Instagram www.instagram.com/nzbarbarianrugby so you can more swiftly keep up with all the club news. The website is also in the process of being upgraded and this should be live in a few weeks. We'll keep you all posted.

*Congratulations to our latest knight, Sir Wayne 'Buck' Sheldford, who joined the likes of Graham Henry, Bryan Williams, Steve Hansen and John Kirwan as Barbarian rugby 'sirs' at Queen's Birthday. 'Buck' needs little introduction, a former undefeated All Blacks captain who has stayed at the coalface of rugby.

*The newsletter editor is also the editor of iconic monthly magazine *Rugby News*.

There's plenty of provincial, sevens, grassroots and women's coverage in there to sink your teeth into, as well as All Blacks content. The August issue is out now. *Rugby News* is available at all good magazine retailers and supermarkets or you can subscribe by calling 0800-77-77-10 or visit www.rugbynews.co.nz

*The 2021 subs notices were sent out months ago. Please pay your subs, if applicable, at your earliest convenience, as this is a *requirement* of membership.

EMAIL ADDRESSES



The club uses email and the website for most 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 at times based at Eden Park in the clubrooms' office.

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WHAT'S ON IN 2021

Saturday August 7

Bledisloe Cup:
All Blacks v Australia,
7.05pm



Sunday August 8

FPC: Auckland v Canterbury, 2.05pm
NPC: Auckland v Canterbury, 4.35pm



Saturday August 14

NZ Barbarians v Thames RFC,
Rhodes Park, Thames, 2pm



Saturday August 14

Bledisloe Cup:
All Blacks v Australia,
7.05pm



Saturday August 21

NPC: Auckland v Bay of Plenty 7.05pm



Wednesday August 25

NZ Barbarians Area Schools v
Palmerston North BHS First XV, SRI, 7pm



Saturday August 28

NZ Barbarians Area Schools v
Wairarapa-Bush U16s, SRI, Palmerston North, 10am



Saturday September 11

NPC: Auckland v Manawatu, 4.35pm



Friday September 17

NPC: Auckland v Southland, 7.05pm



Friday September 17

NZ Barbarians U85kg Club Cup final, 4.30pm
NZ Barbarians Top 4 semifinals: SRI,
Palmerston North



Sunday September 19

NZ Barbarians Top 4 finals: SRI,
Palmerston North



Thursday September 30

NZ Barbarians Under 18s v Australian Schools,
Wellington (TBC)



Sunday October 3

NPC: Auckland v Hawke's Bay, 2.05pm



Monday October 4

NZ Barbarians Under 18s v NZ Maori Under18
Wellington (TBC)



Sunday November 7

NZ Barbarians v NZ Heartland XV, Taupo

