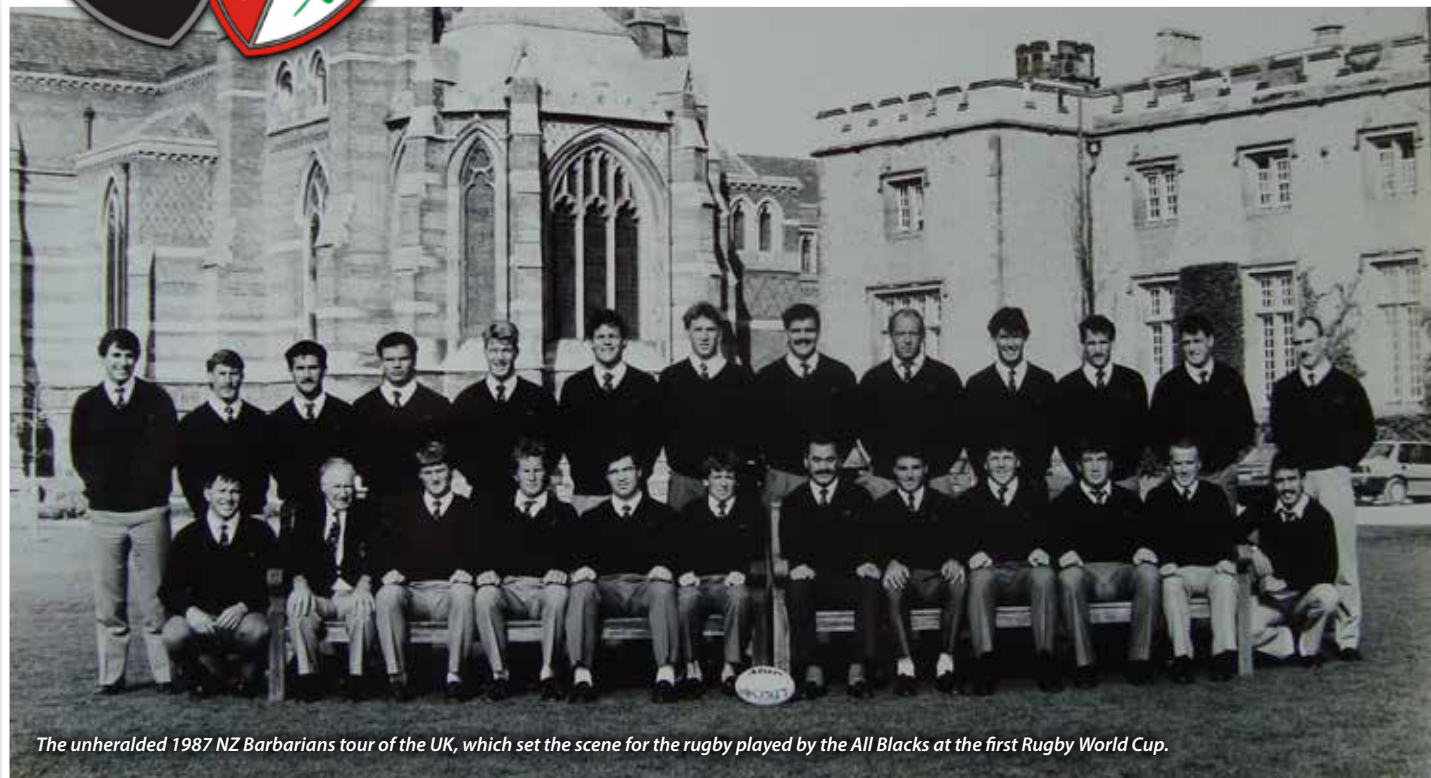




BAABAA NEWS

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



The unheralded 1987 NZ Barbarians tour of the UK, which set the scene for the rugby played by the All Blacks at the first Rugby World Cup.

PRESIDENT'S TEAM TALK

The rugby season is now in full swing and Super Rugby has thrown up some great games.

All the New Zealand franchises have sparked over the past two months, so it will be interesting to see how they fare heading to the finals in July.

In two weeks' time we welcome the Lions and head up to Whangarei for our game on June 3. What a wonderful opportunity for this group of players from around the country to play against one of the world's most famous touring teams. It will be a huge occasion for our club and special mention needs to be made of Barbarians club member Peter Rowe, a Wanganui union centurion and skipper who will play that night.

Later in the month we have our annual primary schools Fun Day at Ngataranga Bay, Devonport on Sunday June 25. If you are able to, please get along, as it is worth being part of – 40 primary school teams playing rugby as it should be – playing for fun with their mates, a Milo and sausage sizzle thrown in, plus a visit from the Blues.

On July 6 at the Viaduct Events Centre we are having our special NZ Barbarian RFC RUGBY TIES GALA DINNER as part of the lead-up to the third test in Auckland. Guest panellists include our own members Sean Fitzpatrick, Sir Brian Lochore and Gavin Hastings. Make sure you book a seat for what will be a memorable night. Funds raised at

the dinner go to NZ Rugby Foundation, Spirit of Adventure and our own club.

I would like to sincerely thank the group within the club who have carried out the restoration of our jersey cabinets. Spearheaded by our life member John Cresswell, the group, including Noeline Walsh, Justine Barry, Laurie Fisher, Trina Seits, Delys Walsh, Verleen Dalgleish and Dean Paddy, put in a great deal of time and effort to make sure our club is in good shape for the Lions games at Eden Park and beyond.

Our patron Bryan Williams gets the grounds at his beloved Mt Albert Grammar School named after him on May 20 at a special luncheon, recognition of a an inspirational New Zealander who has touched so many people's lives in such a positive way.

We salute you, Beegee.

Cheers,

Ron Williams
President
Barbarians RFC



WHAT'S ON IN 2017



Friday May 26
Blues v Chiefs, 7.35pm



Saturday June 3
NZ Barbarians v Lions
Toll Stadium, Whangarei
7.35pm



Wednesday June 7
Blues v Lions, 7.35pm



Friday June 16
Tonga v Wales, 5.30pm
All Blacks
v Samoa, 8pm



Saturday June 24
All Blacks v Lions
(first test)
7.35pm



Thursday June 25
Annual Fun Day,
Ngataranga Bay, 8am



Thursday July 6
Rugby Ties gala dinner,
Viaduct Events Centre, 6pm



Saturday July 8
All Blacks v Lions
(third test)
7.35pm



Saturday July 29
Club finals day, from midday

Saturday August 26
Auckland v Northland, 4.35pm



Sunday September 11
Auckland v Waikato, 4.35pm



September 8-10
First XV Top 4 semis and final, Palmerston North

Saturday September 9
Auckland v Taranaki, 2.35pm



Saturday September 30
Auckland v Bay of Plenty,
5.05pm



Friday October 13
Auckland v Canterbury, 7.35pm



October 20-21
Mitre 10 Cup semifinals

Saturday October 28
Mitre 10 Cup Premiership final, 7.35pm



LIONS v BAABAAS



Time is short but anticipation is high for the biggest home fixture in the 80-year history of the club.

We take on the touring British and Irish Lions, coached by Barbarian member Warren Gatland, on Saturday June 3 in Whangarei to open the tour. There will be specially designed jerseys but the same adherence to the famed Barbarian style of rugby. Congratulations to Barbarian member Peter Rowe of Wanganui, who has come out of retirement to feature in the loose forwards for this match.

Read here for last month's full Herald article by Campbell Burnes:

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/sport/news/article.cfm?c_id=4&objectid=11838412

RUGBY TIES DINNER



Mark down **Thursday July 6** in your diaries, if you have not already done so.

For on that day will be the Rugby Ties fundraising dinner at the Viaduct Events Centre.

A weekly updated newsletter will be sent to you, especially around the organising of teams from the various eras from both NZ and the UK using member friendships with their counterparts.

Date: Thursday July 6

Venue: Auckland Viaduct Events Centre

Time: 6pm for pre-drinks

Cost: \$250 including GST from Ticketmaster:

www.ticketmaster.co.nz Search: rugby ties

Charities: NZ Rugby Foundation, Spirit of Adventure Trust and the NZ Barbarian Rugby Club

Sponsors to date: Heineken, Brancott Letter Series wines, Barfoot & Thompson

The only formalities on the evening will be the welcome, a panel discussion hosted by the MCs for the night, Melodie Robinson and James McOnie, and three

or four auction items to be auctioned by the panel, who will put pressure on you guys.

The rest of the night is all about the camaraderie gained through playing the sport of rugby and the friends from all around the world for those lucky enough to have been All Blacks or provincial players.

We want this to be the gala dinner event of the Lions tour with attendance by the 'Rugby Royalty' of NZ and UK rugby players.

We have been in touch with the UK Barbarians and the Lions tours organisation who have over 6000 supporters on their tours alone, so we expect many of them to be attending this function.

Speakers: We are trying to match eras of players to cover a broad spectrum of Lions tours. We are seeking assistance from both the UK Barbarians and the NZ Barbarians to find the below spaces as this is about Barbarian members entertaining us on their experiences against each other. We have the below confirmed and are now seeking others so, as a Barbarian, if you feel you know some guys are back out here supporting the Lions, we can easily match them up with an All Black.

We would love a match from the **1977** tour as it is their **40-year reunion** this year. Please contact me with suggestions: Simon Johnston 0274-736-327 or email events@brfc.co.nz

Lions:

Scotland: Gavin Hastings 1993

England to be advised

Wales to be advised

Ireland to be advised



All Blacks:

Sean Fitzpatrick 1993

Sir Brian Lochore 1966

To be advised

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Reunions: we would love you members to create reunions of teams you played for against the Lions, whether for your province, the New Zealand Maori or NZ Universities.

Simon Johnston

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THE MASTERS GAMES

Yes, we had a Barbarians team playing in last month's Masters games in Auckland.

They did us proud too in the games, which were played in 20 minute halves, claiming silver and only going down 10-7 to a strong Auckland combination in the final. Of note was the presence of Barbarian member Peter



The Barbarians team that competed at the WMG. They all enjoyed themselves.

Goldsmith in the ranks, along with the likes of Auckland RFU chairman of delegates Stu Mather, former Manu Samoa and Auckland halfback Tu Nu'uali'itia, another former Manu Samoa rep in lock Eddie Ioane (father of the Ioane boys), comedian David Fane, and former Kiwis and Warriors forward Francis Leota. We hear a few Barbarian members quietly slipped onto the field in other teams too in a vain attempt to turn back the clock.

They all had a high old time, enjoying the Barbarians club hospitality and making many friends along the way.

Special mention to WMG ambassador Bryan Williams, who we believe teed up in the golf competition, while Peter Thompson and his company Barfoot and Thompson outdid themselves with the resources they put into the sponsorship of the week-long event. Good on ya, Thommo.

A SPECIAL EVENING



Thursday May 4 saw a small, but special, gathering of Barbarians at the clubrooms.

Waka Nathan and friends, with 'Beegee' Williams on guitar, gave a fine rendition of the famous Maori song Tutira Mai for the NZ Rugby Operation Tutira Mai campaign (Constable Glen Osborne's new official code name!).

Some old blazers came out of mothballs, not to mention some long unused vocal chords, but a good night was had by all!

JUNE 16 DOUBLE-HEADER

Friday June 16 will mark an historic international double-header at Eden Park.

The All Blacks will face Manu Samoa for the first time at this venue since the rousing encounter of 1993. The match will be the final hitout for the All Blacks ahead of the Lions series, while Samoa have a big test against Wales a week later in Apia and then the key Pacific Nations Cup, which doubles as RWC qualifying.

There is plenty being organised in the lead-up to the clash, with a parade in Mangere on June 10 leading to Fale Samoa and a dinner that night.

The curtainraiser will see Tonga take on Wales from 5.30pm, so there should be plenty of fireworks in that one.

The good news is that Barbarians box ticket holders will have access to their seats at no extra cost for what should be a good night ahead of the even bigger nights of June 24 and July 8 Lions tests No 1 and 3.

1987 NZ BARBARIANS TO UK

Thirty years ago, the NZ Barbarians kicked off their first tour of the UK and Ireland.

It was the centrepiece of the club's 50th jubilee celebrations, but it also served as a prime chance for the All Blacks selectors to send away some of their candidates for the looming inaugural Rugby World Cup in a competitive, yet relaxed, rugby setting.

Five games were played over an intense fortnight, all won in fine style, and with just the bare minimum squad of 22, though Wayne Smith was drafted in from Italy as a replacement for one game. The Barbarians' ethos of expansive rugby was adhered to, and the social element was fully encouraged.

Read here for the full Herald article by Campbell Burnes:

http://www.nzherald.co.nz/sport/news/article.cfm?c_id=4&objectid=11820568

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.



Monalisa Urquhart, who became the first Barbarian mother recently, and husband Gerald Urquhart.

BAABAAS BRIEFS



***Friday November 3 is the date for our golf day at Akarana GC to raise funds for the NZ Rugby Foundation. We will send out a flyer in due course.**

***Our member from Manawatu, Clive Akers, one of New Zealand's foremost rugby historians, 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 several 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.**

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 Dean Paddy or 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.



Blues and Northland lock Josh Goodhue will suit up for the NZ Barbarians.



Dean Paddy keeping an eye on his old bar.



NZ Barbarians coach Clayton McMillan announces his team.



Campbell Burnes in work mode with NZ Barbarians loose forward Matt Match.



Peter Rowe dealing with the media after his selection in the NZ Barbarians team to face the Lions.

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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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