

BAABAA NEWS

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The New Zealand Barbarians Area Schools team acquitted itself well in their two matches in the South Island.

Photo: Craig Leef

PRESIDENT'S TEAM TALK

It was wonderful to see New Zealand regain its supremacy in women's rugby with a hard-fought 41-32 win against England in the Rugby World Cup final in Belfast in late August.

The Black Ferns scored seven tries, fullback Selica Winiata a double and player of the match prop Toka Natua a triple. The profile of women's rugby took another well-deserved step up after this victory and is backed up by the record number of players this year in New Zealand women's rugby.

The past couple of months have flown by and it has been a busy time, particularly for our secondary schools activities.

The NZ Barbarians Area Schools played two tough matches in Canterbury against North Canterbury Schools, winning 33-22, and Canterbury Country U18, losing 38-22. Club members Richard Loe and Warwick Taylor presented the jerseys prior to the games and attended the matches. We are extremely thankful to the Canterbury Rugby Union and the Crusaders organisation for their support of the team.

The National Schools Top 4 tournament was again held in Palmerston North on September 8-10 at the Institute of Sport on the Massey University campus, an excellent venue with first-class facilities that captures the history of New Zealand Rugby.

This year, for the first time, the girls' schools First XV Top 4 finals were played alongside the boys and co-ed schools, and it was a real success adding to the Top 4 tournament, making it more appealing and more interesting than ever for players and spectators alike.

Hastings BHS was eventually a worthy victor over Hamilton BHS in the national final, winning 25-17, St Peter's of Cambridge took out the co-ed final against Feilding, winning 31-3, and St Mary's of Wellington won an exciting girls' final against Hamilton GHS 29-10.

The NZ Barbarians Schools team continued its unbeaten run from previous years, playing Tonga Schools in a tough, bruising game, winning 33-19, and then going on to play NZ Maori Under 18, winning 28-24 in a nail-biter. An exciting team with plenty of talent and skills, it had a wonderful coaching and management group led by head coach Brad Mooar, the current Crusaders assistant, and forwards coach Sam Moore, deputy headmaster of New Plymouth BHS, and manager Cam Kilgour. Once again, Tangi Waikari and

Matt Sexton from NZR were in the background helping with the organisation of this campaign, as they did with our NZ Barbarians Provincial XV. We are very appreciative of their support. It was great to see this fine bunch of young men have the opportunity to showcase their skills and also be part of the NZ Rugby High Performance environment.

The format of NZ Barbarians Schools versus the NZ Maori U18 format is a very good one for NZ Rugby and something we should continue – it promotes another group of our country's talented young players and resonates well with our club's objectives, our history and our connections to Maori rugby.

Finally our thoughts go out to Lady Verna and the Meads family – Pinetree's passing was a very sad day for New Zealand. For most of us he has been a constant through our entire rugby careers and he will always be remembered as one of our greatest ever players and a wonderful servant to NZ Rugby and the people of this country.

In closing, I would like to sincerely thank you all for your support throughout the past two years – it has been an honour and privilege to serve you as president and a very humbling experience to be part of such a special group as this. Go well, all of you, and best wishes to you and your families for Xmas and the New Year.

Cheers,

Ron Williams
President
Barbarians RFC



Deaths Of Members

Sir Colin 'Pinetree' Meads (1936-2017)

The mighty 'Pinetree' has fallen.

One of the greatest of All Blacks greats, Meads succumbed to cancer, but not before seeing his image immortalised in bronze in his home town of Te Kuiti. The lock played 139 games for King Country and two for the Barbarians in 1973, but is most recalled for his 133 All Blacks games, including 55 tests, from 1957-71. He was named New Zealand rugby player of the (20th) century and was awarded the Steinlager Salver in 1999 for his services to rugby, which included coaching King Country, managing the All Blacks and serving on the NZRFU council and as a national selector.

His brother Stan, with whom he locked several All Blacks scrums, is also a Barbarian member.

Norm Brown (1935-2017)

Norm Brown, a five-eighths and fullback, appeared in 29 games for Auckland from 1955-60, scoring 17 points, including four tries.

In his final season with the union, 1960, he appeared at the start of one of the finest Auckland Ranfurly Shield eras. A multi-skilled and versatile operator, Brown, a gentle man by nature, also won three Gallaher Shields with his beloved University club from 1955-57, often alongside the best man at his wedding, the late Sir John Graham.

He also appeared for North Island Universities, the Barbarians club, of which he was a proud member, and New Zealand Universities. He played for the latter against the touring British and Irish Lions in 1959, while one of his most significant career moments came in 1956 when he scored a late try for Auckland against the Springboks at Eden Park in a 6-3 defeat.

His brother-in-law Bob Burnes and nephew Campbell Burnes are Barbarians, while another nephew, Chris Brown, played cricket for Auckland and is now an international umpire.

Lionel Wilson (1933-2017)

Lionel Wilson was a former Springboks fullback who later settled in New Zealand and was accorded the rare honour for a Bok of Barbarian membership.

He played 27 tests for South Africa from 1960-65, including six tests against the All Blacks. His efforts in the 1965 series saw him named by the Rugby Almanack as one of the players of the year. In 1978 he settled in Palmerston North and later Napier, where he died.

Alan Clark (1931-2017)

Alan Clark was a real rugby and cricket allrounder.

As a No 8, he scored 13 tries in 59 games for Wellington from 1952-57, one game for Otago in 1958 and was a 1957 All Blacks trialist. Clark also played cricket for Otago, Wellington and Auckland and was later an Auckland cricket selector. He played Presidents grade and Golden Oldies cricket for many years with Wilson Whineray, John Sibun and Denis Harding.

In latter times, he was a season ticket holder in the Barbarians boxes.

Peter Burke (1927-2017)

All Blacks lock or No 8, All Blacks coach, President of the NZRFU, life member of New Zealand Rugby.

That is a snapshot of a lifetime of rugby for this Taranaki centurion, who made 117 appearances for his union, winning the Ranfurly Shield, alongside 12 games, including three tests, for the All Blacks from 1951-57. Burke coached Taranaki and later the 1981-82 All Blacks before serving as NZRFU President in 1994 and receiving the New Zealand Order of Merit in 1997.



An esteemed gathering of rugby IP at the clubrooms in 2011: Sir Brian Lochore, Earle Kirton, Sir Colin Meads and Sir Wilson Whineray.

AGM AGENDA 2017



81st Annual General Meeting, Barbarian clubrooms
 Wednesday November 29, 6pm

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the 80th AGM held on Wednesday November 30, 2016
3. Obituaries
4. New members
5. President's report
6. Club captain's report
7. Treasurer's report and adoption of annual accounts
8. Protected Fund report
9. Nominations for life members: John Mills and Dean Paddy
10. Election of officers
11. Election of management committee
12. Amendment to Rules: new rule 10(v) be inserted: Any meeting of the management committee may be held via audio telephone conference, audio and visual conference, or other electronic format, including via email or Skype
13. Albert Storey Memorial Trophy
14. General Business
 - *Subscriptions for 2017
 - *Update from Auckland Rugby Union
 - *Other

NB. Copies of all reports and accounts will be tabled at the meeting and will be posted on the website following the AGM.

Also a heads-up that we will be opening the club for our annual Xmas party on Friday December 8. There will be free food, free strawberries, champagne for the ladies and free Heineken Lite beer so put the date in your diaries.



OFFSET & DIGITAL PRINTERS

Cnr Boston Rd & Nugent St, Grafton
 Auckland 1023, New Zealand

BAABAAS SCHOOLS TEAMS REVIEW

September and October were again successful months for our Barbarians schools rep teams.

As President Ron Williams has mentioned in his report, the New Zealand Barbarians Area Schools, whom we have sponsored for several seasons now, gave a good account of themselves in the South Island. Games were played in Oxford and Rangiora, while the team got to check out the Crusaders and Canterbury training facilities in their five-day camp.

Two of the side, first five Jesse Te Kani and loose forward Kyhia Bovill, both made the Chiefs Under 17s out of Onewhero Area School, signalling that the pathways to higher honours via this unique team are viable.

Convenor of the Area Schools team and club member Mike Smith commented that the behaviour of the boys was exemplary and the rugby experience fantastic for the group. It was great to see these boys playing against opposition in their own age group.



NZ Barbarians Schools flanker Taine Te Whata on the charge.

Photo: Dave Lintott

"These boys do not have the opportunity or honour of playing for their school First XV's because of the size of their schools. Invariably they play for their local senior club side, with and against mature adults. Some do not play regular Saturday rugby at all," said Smith.

The NZ Barbarians Schools, now into their sixth season of existence, continued their proud record with two victories over four days in Palmerston North, 33-19 versus Tonga Schools and 28-24 versus New Zealand Maori Under 18.

President Ron Williams helped present jerseys, while Roger Moore added his knowledge on the Barbarians, the club and its ethos.

Damian McKenzie, who played in the inaugural 2012 side, sent a message to the team after it was selected. He is the first NZ Barbarians Schools player to graduate to the All Blacks.

Among those to impress in the team were captain Tane Te Aho, a hooker out of Hamilton BHS, who led from the front, first five Ferg Burke of St Paul's Collegiate, who crucially brought his kicking boots for both games, and fullback Rico Syme of Christchurch BHS, who brought X-factor from the back and scored a try against Tonga. The Barbarians, playing in white to avoid a clash of colours, led Tonga 21-5 at the break and the Maori 21-12, so had to withstand fierce late comebacks on both occasions.

The NZ Barbarians Schools have lost just one match – to the full NZ Schools – since their birth in 2012, and should have at least another couple of games in 2018. The whisper is they may not be far off having their first tour too.

TOP 4 TOURNEY REVIEW

The standard of the rugby, and organisation of the national, girls' and co-ed Top 4 First XV tournament, again held in Palmerston North, continues to be top-notch.

The wind was a factor on both days, but Hastings BHS went one better than in 2016 by first toppling St Kentigern 29-10 in the national semifinal and then downing Hamilton BHS 25-17 in another outstanding final to clinch the Barbarians Trophy. Wing Kini Naholo, younger brother of Waisake Naholo, ran in 41 (!) tries for the season and ran off with the Top 4 player of the year honour.

St Peter's School of Cambridge won its first national title, beating Feilding HS 31-3 to take the co-ed crown.

St Mary's College of Wellington won the Hine Pounamu Trophy final, 29-10 over Hamilton GHS, a replay of the 2016 Condors Sevens decider.

Several Barbarians were on hand to watch the action.

WHAT'S ON IN 2017-18



Wednesday November 29
Club AGM, 6pm



Friday December 8
Club Xmas party, 6pm



Thursday January 25
T20I cricket: New Zealand
v Pakistan, 7pm



Friday February 16
T20 Tri-Series cricket: New Zealand
v Australia, 7pm



Friday March 2
Blues v Chiefs, 7.35pm



**Thursday March 22-
Monday March 26**
D/N test cricket match:
New Zealand v England,
from 2pm



*All events are at Eden Park unless otherwise specified.

*Keep an eye on the website and your email for confirmation of further 2018 functions/events.

BAABAAS BRIEFS



**Congratulations to Barbarian member Tammi Wilson-Uluinayau, who has just joined the board of the New Zealand Rugby Players' Association. She joins player reps and fellow Barbarians Kieran Read, DJ Forbes and Jerome Kaino on the board.*

**Forbes will, in January, be joining Karl Tenana and the late Jonah Lomu on Sigatoka's Walk of Fame before the Coral Coast Sevens.*

**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.*

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.

An informal group shot after the NZ Barbarians Schools-Tonga Schools clash.



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



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The unbeaten 2017 NZ Barbarians Schools.

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