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# BAABAA NEWS

The newsletter of the New Zealand Barbarian Rugby Club Inc.  
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Several Barbarians are among this group at the August reunion of the NPC-winning 1979 Counties side with the Rugby Cup. Included are Bruce Robertson, Andy Dalton, Henk Habraken, Alan Dawson and Rod Ketels. Ray Reardon and Don Shuker were the managers.

## PRESIDENT'S TEAM TALK

I hope you've had a chance to catch your breath after an unbelievably busy last three months or so for the Barbarians club and all our activities, not to mention a smorgasbord of rugby at Eden Park and on our screens.

In September, we had the national Top 4 First XV champs in Palmie, followed by the NZ Barbarians Area Schools and the NZ Barbarians Schools later that month.

I was at the Top 4 with Roger Moore and Monalisa Urquhart, among others. It was a fantastic event, with Hastings BHS taking the big final. The club was really in the spotlight and we got some great coverage down there too via SKY TV.

Joe Stanley and Sam Strahan presented the jerseys to the Area Schools, which went on to win its big annual fixture.

We had a decent contingent in Hamilton to watch both games for the NZ Barbarians Schools, which defeated Fijian Schools but narrowly went down to Australia. Club captain Kevin Senio spoke on behalf of the club at the function on the evening after the final game. Campbell Burnes also presented the Bronze Boot on behalf of Rugby News magazine.

Well done to coaches Gus Leger and Mark Hooper, manager Chris Back and all the crew who pulled it all together for this important and unheralded national schools team. Thanks also to Garry Chronican, Martin Isberg, Gerry Davidson and the NZ Schools council for helping with the programme.

During the Mitre 10 Cup, I spent some time behind the bar helping the tireless Trina Seits. She was dismayed at how heavy I was pouring the nips, but I am learning. Good to see Auckland making the semifinals. The club was in fine fettle, and there was a good turnout through this period, which included the August Bledisloe Cup clash at Eden Park.

We also welcomed players and supporters from the north-eastern

French town of Chaumont, who were here for the Peyo Cup, a match held in honour of French exchange student and rugby-lover Peyo Crus, who tragically died in a 2017 car accident while at Long Bay College. The Chaumont people loved our clubrooms and our history.

Tremendous effort by all the bar staff through this period, especially Trina and Mereana Wynyard. We are all exhausted.

Don't forget the November 27 AGM, the December 5 Rugby Foundation/Baabaas golf day and the December 6 club Xmas party. Pencil in January 31, when Super Rugby kicks off with the Blues hosting the Chiefs. I'll be looking older and fatter after the break I intend to have.

It just remains to wish all our members and their families a relaxing and safe Christmas break. We hope to see all of you in 2020 at our clubrooms. The club is humming along nicely and we love to see members using their facilities. Come and meet the President. He may even buy you a drink.

**Alan Whetton**  
President  
NZ Barbarian Rugby Club



# Deaths Of Members

## Steve Nobile (1940-2019)

**Rugbyman, winemaker, raconteur, golfer, allround "good bugger".**

**These were some of the many strands to the life of Steve Nobile. He played on the wing for Auckland's Waitemata club in the 1960s, sharing in the 1962 Gallaher Shield triumph, alongside the likes of Wally Jelich and Adrian Clarke. Nobile was good enough to feature for the Auckland Bs.**

**He was known as 'The Golden Drop', not for any loose handling on the flanks, but for his wine-making. His father Nikola founded Nobile Wines.**

**A great mate of our very own Bryan Craies, Nobile was a staunch supporter of the Waitemata club in later years. His other sporting love was golf, and he was a regular at the Muriwai GC.**

**The great golfer Frank Nobile is believed to be a cousin.**

## Grant 'Chum' McLeay (1946-2019)

**Known to all as 'Chum', McLeay was a tigerish loose forward (aren't they all?) for Grammar in the 1960s and '70s, winning a Gallaher Shield in 1972 alongside the likes of Lawrie Knight and Bruce Gemmell.**

**He also played one game for Auckland in 1972 and three other first-class games for Auckland B from 1970-72. He played social rugby after his seniors days were done. A lawyer by trade, McLeay served on the ARU judiciary for many years.**

**He was made a Barbarian in 2016 and died after a battle with cancer. His wake was held at the Barbarians clubrooms.**

## AGM AGENDA



**83rd Barbarians Annual General Meeting, Barbarians clubrooms  
Wednesday November 27, 6pm**

1. Apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the 82nd AGM held on Wednesday November 28, 2018
3. Obituaries
4. New members
5. President's report
6. Club captain's report
7. Treasurer's report and adoption of annual accounts
8. Confirmation of life members
9. Election of officers
10. Election of management committee – five to be appointed
11. Protected fund guardians – Rule 15 (iv) provides for not less than three members to be appointed.
12. Vote of thanks to retiring committee members

13. Nominations of life members. Nominations have been unanimously approved by the management committee at the November 13 meeting as required by Rule 7 (ii) (d)
14. General business
15. Subscriptions for 2019/20 to be increased to \$75 as approved by the management committee on November 13
16. Other

## GOLF DAY IN SUPPORT OF RUGBY FOUNDATION

Most of you will have received the email and flyer on the December 5 Barbarians Golf Day at Maungakiekie GC in support of the NZ Rugby Foundation.

It's a great cause, raising funds for our severely injured rugby players.

Register at 11.30am for the 12.30pm shotgun start. For further information, contact Joe Stanley on 021-635-931 or Marcus Wheelhouse on 021-680-667.

## BOWLS UPDATE



Peter Tubberty has sounded the clarion call for all those keen to have a roll-up in the club's bowls activities this summer.

The first significant event is the February 4-5 tournament in Mt Maunganui. We had 12 members competing last year, among the 40 teams, so all are welcome to put their hand up for this one. The date for the Pat Walsh Memorial Bowls Day has yet to be confirmed, but we will inform you asap once we have that set in stone.

On March 22, the Barbarians club will play the Carbine club at St Heliers BC. Further details will come in due course.

For further information, contact Tubbs on 027-682-4670.



From left, Willie Johnston, Craig Glendinning, Brian Clarke, Duane Monkley and Bernie Allen. Good to see Waikato legends Clarke and Monkley proudly wearing their club ties.



## TOP 4 REVIEW

The annual national schools Top 4 tournament in Palmerston North, sponsored by the Barbarians, never fails to impress with the quality of rugby, even under finals pressure.

There was wind and rain on both days, but that didn't seem to deter these young men and women's from playing positive rugby.

In the Top 4 boys' semifinal, Auckland champion King's College beat UC Champs champion Nelson College 49-17 and annexed the coveted Moascar Cup. Hastings BHS edged Hamilton BHS 11-10 in the other semi.

In the girls' final, Hamilton GHS continued its dominance, deservedly retaining the Hine Pounamu Trophy with a classy 58-7 victory in the wet over Christchurch GHS. Barbarians member Monalisa Urquhart helped present the medals and trophy.

In the co-ed final, St Kentigern College defeated Feilding HS 29-22. Barbarians President Alan Whetton, helped by Roger Moore, presented the medals and trophy.

The boys' final saw Hastings BHS win in style, 27-14, over King's. The final try, to Hastings No 15 Mercedes Hodge, was a beauty, to seal the clash, thus giving the Hawke's Bay First XV the Barbarians Cup and the Moascar Cup.

The tournament was another fine advertisement for schools rugby, which cops more than its share of flak, much of it unjustified. The Barbarians again got some good coverage out of it, via SKY TV, and we are more than happy to be involved with this grassroots level of the game.

## BAABAAS SCHOOLS TEAMS REVIEW



The NZ Barbarians Area Schools can look back with pride on what they achieved in their five days' together in September in Palmerston North.

This is the eighth year they have carried the club's colours, and they pulled off two wins, 27-5 over Wanganui Under 18s, and 25-21 versus Manawatu Under 16s.

Joe Stanley, Bernie Allen and local Baabaa Sam Strahan were on hand to speak to the boys on the club and present the jerseys.

Thanks to Mike Smith and Marie Relph, who do sterling work to bring this important national schools team together.

The NZ Barbarians Schools had a productive 10 days' together in September/October under the coaching of Gus Leger and Mark Hooper and corralled by popular manager Chris Back.

After a September 26 Game of Three Halves to settle combinations against NZ Schools and the NZ Maori Under 18s, the NZ Barbarians Schools competed well but were outclassed on September 30, 30-17, by Australian Schools. The highlights were a brace to rapid Otago BHS wing Michael Manson, who was promoted to NZ Schools to cover injury.

The full, free-flowing Barbarians style was more in evidence on October 4 at St Paul's Collegiate, over-running Fijian Schools 52-22. The scoreline did not reflect how competitive Fiji was. Baabaas No 10 Latrell Smiler-Ah Kiong has a fine future in the game.



Scrum time: NZ Barbarians Area Schools v Manawatu Under 16s.



Lineout time: NZ Barbarians Area Schools v Manawatu Under 16s.



Joe Stanley and Sam Strahan present jerseys to the NZ Barbarians Area Schools before their big match in September.

## BAABAAS BRIEFS

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

There's plenty of provincial, grassroots, women's and sevens coverage in there to sink your teeth into, as well as All Blacks' content. The next issue is out on November 25.

*Rugby News* is available at all good magazine retailers or you can subscribe by calling 0800-77-77-10 or visit [www.rugbynews.co.nz](http://www.rugbynews.co.nz)

\*Congratulations to Barbarians Sir Graham Henry and Richie McCaw, who were recently inducted into World Rugby's Hall of Fame. The late Peter Fatialofa was also inducted.

Other living Barbarians in the Hall of Fame include Anna Richards, Sir Bryan Williams, Sir Tony O'Reilly, Sir Gordon Tietjens, Sir Michael Jones, Sir John Kirwan, Dick Littlejohn, Nick Farr-Jones, John Eales, David Kirk, Andy Irvine, Farah Palmer, Graham Mourie, Grant Fox, Ian Kirkpatrick and Sean Fitzpatrick.

\*The 2019 subs notices were sent out long ago. Please pay your subs, if applicable, at your earliest convenience, as this is a requirement of membership. The 2020 subs notices will be sent out in due course.

## 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 often based at Eden Park in the clubrooms' office.

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## WHAT'S ON IN 2019 - 2020

**Wednesday November 27**  
**Club AGM, 6pm**



**Thursday December 5**  
**NZ Barbarians golf day in**  
**support of NZ Rugby Foundation,**  
**Maungakiekie GC, 11.30am**



**Friday December 6**  
**Club Xmas party, 6pm**



**Saturday December 7**  
**A-League football:**  
**Phoenix v WS Wanderers, 7pm**



**Friday January 24**  
**T20I cricket:**  
**Black Caps v India, 8pm**



**Sunday January 26**  
**T20I cricket:**  
**Black Caps v India, 8pm**



**Friday January 31**  
**Blues v Chiefs, 7.05pm**



**February 4-5**  
**Mt Maunganui bowls tourney**



**Friday February 14**  
**Blues v Crusaders, 7.05pm**



**Saturday February 15**  
**A-League football:**  
**Phoenix v Melbourne City, 7pm**



**Saturday March 14**  
**Blues v Lions, 7.05pm**



### SATURDAY MARCH 21 • DOUBLE HEADER



**Warriors v Raiders, 5pm**

**Blues v Brumbies, 7.05pm**

**Sunday March 22**  
**Bowls: Baabaas v Carbine club, St Heliers BC**



**Friday March 27**  
**T20I cricket:**  
**Black Caps v Australia, 7pm**



\*Keep an eye on the website and your email for confirmation of further 2020 functions/events  
\*All events are at Eden Park unless otherwise specified.

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