



# BAABAA NEWS

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The newsletter of The Barbarian Rugby Football Club Inc.  
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President John Mills presents the Barbarian Cup to winning MAGS First XV skipper Michael Fatialofa in Rotorua. To the left of the dais are Jamie Wansey of Willimont Travel, secretary John Cresswell and NZSS rugby chairman Garry Chronican.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Club Friday nights a huge success

The club lounge and suites are becoming more and more popular with members and their guests. The snug area with coffee available is ideal for all the ladies visiting the club while the club nights on Fridays are proving to be a great success.

Host Dean Paddy, bar manager Rod Doidge, Wally Jelicich and Bryan Craies open the club lounge and suites every Friday at 4pm. Access is through Gate 8 and there will soon be an intercom to facilitate access to the suite area.

Phil Lindesay and Paddy led the way with a superb Varsity club evening back in July. Alf Dalton's Grammar club followed by Beegee Williams' Ponsonby night brought several blazers out of the cupboard.

Yes, the Marist 'Doolans' under Bernie McCahill's guidance established the highest bar turnover until Teachers-Eastern arrived with Dave Dagleish and Jonny McLachlan.

### Secondary schools top four nationals

One of the highlights of the Barbarian calendar so far has undoubtedly been the National Top Four First XV tournament for the Barbarian Cup.

Also, in association with Willimont Travel, the National Co-ed Top Four First XV tournament took place for the Barbarian Shield.

It all transpired in Rotorua in early September with many Barbarian members present, including past president Mike Cormack, vice-presidents Bryan Williams and Mike Mills, secretary John Cresswell, Rod Doidge, Ray Reardon, Roger Moore, Kevin Schuler and your president.

Apart from the rugby itself, the highlight

was the championship dinner on the Friday night held at the Rotorua Skyline. Each Barbarian was seated at a table with players of each of the competing teams who played in his position on the field. A Barbarians players' tie was presented to each of the captains.

The top four teams were: St Bede's College (representing the South Island), Mt Albert Grammar School (Blues), Hamilton Boys' High School (Chiefs) and Gisborne Boys' High School (Hurricanes).

MAGS was a worthy winner of the Barbarian Cup. The team must be one of the finest sides ever produced by the college. Williams, Cresswell, Craies and Roger Moore were very proud old boys, and rightly so.

The winner of the co-ed Top Four was Auckland's St Kentigern College.

Once again it was an outstanding tournament, very well organised by the New Zealand Secondary Schools council under the guidance of chairman Garry Chronican.

The trans-Tasman schools test in Dunedin earlier this month saw a 30-21 victory for New Zealand in a fine match. The Barbarians were well represented at the game.

On the evidence of what we have seen live and on the Rugby Channel from some of the schoolboys rugby in 2010, the future of New Zealand rugby looks promising.

### Middleweight rugby

The Barbarian northern region middleweight (Under 85kg) tournament took place again at College Rifles on the weekend of September 11-12 under the guidance of Bryan Craies.

Teams participating were Auckland, North Harbour, Waikato (Harlequins) and Thames Valley. For the third year in a row, Auckland was victorious. On the Saturday

evening, the Barbarian dinner took place, while the presentation of the Barbarian Cup and medallions was on the Sunday night.

### Strategic plan

Under the convenorship of Mike Mills, the club is still working on the Strategic Plan.

Three areas in particular are being investigated at this stage.

1. Rugby: international, middleweight and secondary schools
2. Sponsorship
3. Administration

### Tribute to DJ Cameron

On October 15 (Ladies night), a tribute was extended to Don Cameron for the outstanding work he has done as the editor

of the Barbarian newsletter. Don has asked to be relieved of the position but will continue to appear as a feature writer.

### Settlement completed

The Barbarians are now officially the proud owners of the house in Raleigh Street (with the ARU as our tenant). Thanks to the Eden Park Trust Board and our solicitors Mike Cormack and Phillip Wells, settlement was completed on October 1.

Mike's contribution, in particular, to this project in the last decade has been outstanding.

**John A Mills**

**President, Barbarians RFC**

## WHAT'S ON

### Thursday November 4

John Drake Memorial golf tournament at Hauraki Golf Club, 10.00am

### Monday November 8

Halberg Supporters golf tournament at Manukau Golf Club, 11.00am

Contact Bryan Craies for further info on 09-480-4811, 021-594-471 or craies.cruises@vodafone.co.nz

### Thursday November 25

Confirmed date for the AGM. It would be tremendous to get more members along to this event to see our plans. The bar will, of course, be open, to assist with rugby discussion.

### Sunday November 28

Pat Walsh Memorial annual bowls tournament at Bridge Park Bowling Club, 9.30am

Contact Wally Jelcich if you are keen on 09-833-4334, 021-251-2927 or wallyjelcich@xtra.co.nz

## A JOLLY GOOD BARBARIAN

One of our most esteemed Barbarians is the subject of the latest rugby book, penned by another Barbarian.

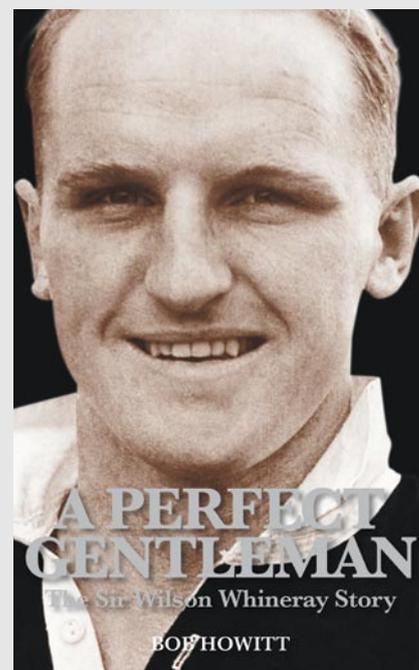
Journalist and veteran rugby scribe Bob Howitt is the author of *A Perfect Gentleman: The Sir Wilson Whineray Story*, which is now out. This is an informative, engaging work on the last great All Black who has never had a book written about his life and times. Well worth a read.



St. Kentigern College of Auckland wins the co-ed top four nationals and the Barbarian Shield.



A strong contingent of Barbarians and good rugby people in Rotorua.





Some of the new Barbarian members at the October inauguration.

## NEW MEMBERS

No less than 10 new Barbarians were inaugurated on October 20 at the clubrooms. Three All Blacks, one Tongan international and all good rugby men to the core. Five others will be presented with their ties and the famous red book at a later date.

They new members are:

**Kevin Barrett (Taranaki):** Dairy farmer and Taranaki rugby legend

**Craig Dowd (North Harbour):** Former All Black and current North Harbour coach

**Willie Los'e (Auckland):** Former Tonga captain and now rugby commentator

**Blair Larsen (North Harbour):** Former All Black and current Northland assistant coach

**Wayne Peters (Auckland):** Chairman of NZ Maori Rugby Board and former Otago, Northland and NZU rep

**Paul Leonard (North Harbour):** Former North Harbour and NZ Maori rep

**Andrew Flexman (Counties):** CEO of NZ Rugby Foundation and Counties Manukau RFU and Chiefs board member

**Tony Marsh (Counties):** Former France international and Blues/Counties rep

**Clive 'Spy' Kelly (North Harbour):** Long-time North Shore, Blues and North Harbour stalwart

**Simon Gundry (North Harbour):** North

Shore stalwart and North Harbour RFU board member

**Franco Botica (North Harbour):** Former All Black and Kiwi

**Kevin Nepia (Auckland):** Former Blues, Crusaders, Auckland and Canterbury rep

**Olo Brown (Auckland):** Former All Black

**Gary Walters (Auckland):** Marist rugby stalwart

**John Hunt (Auckland):** Former NZ Army, Arabian Gulf rep and Marist and Auckland rugby stalwart

For fuller bios on all these fine gentlemen, visit [www.barbarianrugby.co.nz](http://www.barbarianrugby.co.nz)

## MISSING LINKS

We aim to have our database up to date with current contact information for all members. If you are one of the gentlemen listed below or know of their current contact details, then get in touch with John Cresswell at [johnc@seculo.co.nz](mailto:johnc@seculo.co.nz) or 09-303-0606.

Robbie Deans (now Australia), Reuben Thorne, Carlos Spencer, Tana Umaga, Jim Blair, Jonah Lomu, David Kirk, Shane Howarth, Gavin Hastings, Greg Kane, Gary Braid, Mark Birtwistle, Norm McLeod, Anton Oliver, Peter Sloane, Hamish Macdonald, Kevin Ramsay, Neil Thimbleby

## DEATHS OF MEMBERS

### John McCullough (1921-2010)

Famous for wearing shorts all year round, John McCullough was a stalwart of Auckland's Marist club and served on the Auckland Rugby Union management committee, operating as manager of the rep side which took the Ranfurly Shield off Canterbury in 1971. Not to be confused with the 1959 All Black of the same name.

### Morrie McHugh (1917-2010)

At his recent death, Maurice McHugh had been the oldest surviving All Black after the mid-year passing of Eric Tindill.

McHugh led a most extraordinary life and his All Blacks' career in 1946 and '49 was only a very small part of his full and varied life as an army medical officer (he was a POW in the Second World War) boxer and philanthropist.

\* For fuller obituaries, visit: [www.barbarianrugby.co.nz](http://www.barbarianrugby.co.nz)

## BAABAAS CLOTHING

There is plenty of good Barbarians club apparel available for purchase, though the red short sleeve pullovers and long sleeve pullovers are out of stock. Your man is Rodney Doidge.

Prices are:

white long sleeve shirts	\$65ea
red short sleeve shirts	\$65
red sleeveless pullovers	\$65
black short sleeve jacket	\$65
white short sleeve shirts	\$60
players' ties	\$30
members' ties	\$30

## BARBARIAN LOUNGE AND SUITES HOURS AND ACCESS

The Barbarians clubhouse at Eden Park is open every Friday from 4.30pm. Access through Gate 8 on Walters Avenue, the same side as the ASB (North) Stand. There will be an intercom system in place, but have your membership cards handy.

## WEBSITE

Check out [www.barbarianrugby.co.nz](http://www.barbarianrugby.co.nz) for all your latest Baabaas news and updates on what is coming up. The site is in the process of being updated and looks good.

## FIXTURES: EDEN PARK

### ITM Cup 2010

**Semifinal:** Saturday October 30

Auckland v Waikato, 7.05pm

**Final:** Friday November 5 – TBC

### Four Nations rugby league

Saturday November 6

England v PNG, 6pm

New Zealand v Australia, 8.15pm

Seats are available in the Barbarians boxes for \$100 each. Contact John Cresswell at [johnc@seculo.co.nz](mailto:johnc@seculo.co.nz) or 09-303-0606.

### Tri Nations 2011

**Saturday August 6**

All Blacks v Australia, 7.35pm

### Super Rugby 2011

**Saturday February 19**

Blues v Crusaders, 7.35pm

**Saturday March 19**

Blues v Hurricanes, 7.35pm

**Saturday April 2**

Blues v Cheetahs, 5.30pm

**Saturday April 16**

Blues v Waratahs, 7.35pm

**Friday April 22**

Blues v Melbourne Rebels, 7.35pm

**Friday May 20**

Blues v Stormers, 7.35pm

**Saturday June 4**

Blues v Chiefs, 7.35pm

**Friday June 17**

Blues v Highlanders, 7.35pm

For a full Super 15 draw, visit [www.barbarianrugby.co.nz](http://www.barbarianrugby.co.nz)

Note that one or more of the above games may yet be at North Harbour Stadium, Albany or Toll Stadium, Whangarei. That is TBC.

### Rugby World Cup 2011

**Friday September 9**

All Blacks v Tonga

**Saturday September 17**

Australia v Ireland

**Saturday September 24**

All Blacks v France

**Sunday September 25**

Fiji v Samoa

**Saturday October 1**

England v Scotland

**Semifinals: October 15/16**

TBC

**Bronze final: October 21**

TBC

**Final: October 23 - TBC**



Action from the Barbarian northern region tournament, held at College Rifles RFC in September.  
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