

BAABAA NEWS

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



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PRESIDENT'S TEAM TALK

Late last year our 2018 President, Neil Cullimore, had a serious cycling accident.

He is progressing well, is on the mend and working hard on his rehabilitation, so in the meantime I will be standing in for him, with help from our other senior club officers. We all wish Neil and Glenys the best and look forward to seeing them both back up in the clubrooms watching a game or two in the coming months.

The new year brought the wonderful news of the knighthood of our patron Bryan Williams – such a well-deserved honour and a worthy accolade for a lifetime of outstanding service to rugby and the people of New Zealand and the Pacific. Well done Sir Beegee and Lady Lesley!

Already we have kicked off 2018 with some busy days at the clubrooms: two T20 cricket games, with another test match in March, New Zealand versus England – club manager Trina Seits, in conjunction with our vice-president Dylan Mika, have once again done a great job with arrangements for these events.

The Blues' first home Super Rugby game at Eden Park on Friday March 2 against the Chiefs will be a cracker and good to see them take out the Brisbane Global Tens with a gritty performance against the Hurricanes in the final – some exciting young players really stood out for the NZ teams and none more so than Caleb Clarke, son of club member Eroni. It makes for an exciting start to the Super Rugby season and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible up at the

clubrooms supporting your favourite franchise team.

We welcome our new committee members Monalisa Urquhart, Rick Johnston, and Craig Glendinning on board. I thank them for putting their hands up to serve the club and I know they are all very keen to get involved with our secondary school activities later in the year as well as our primary school fun day which we are planning to hold on Sunday May 27.

Keep Sunday March 4 free for the Pat Walsh Memorial Bowls Day at the Bridge Park Bowling Club in Mangere, once again organised by Peter Tubberty and Mark Walsh. I'm sure there will be a big turnout of club members for what is always a great day.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and we look forward to seeing you at the clubrooms for the first of the Super Rugby games in March and April.

Cheers,

Ron Williams
Acting President
Barbarians RFC



Deaths Of Members

Barry 'Bear' Thomas (1937-2018)

A fine rugby man and Barbarian has departed this mortal coil.

Known as 'Bear' by all rugby people, Barry Thomas was a fine player in his own right. Operating as a prop or lock, he racked up 86 games for Auckland from 1958-67, for just one try, plus nine matches for Wellington in 1964. The pinnacle of his career came via his four All Blacks tests in 1962 and '64 against the Wallabies.

But his place in Manukau Rugby Club history is assured. He captained the 1968 Rovers to their first Gallaher Shield title under the coaching of Albie Pryor, and was still involved when they were runners-up to Grammar in 1970 and when they won their second championship in 1973. He served his club selflessly, being accorded life membership and was also prominent in Barbarians activities. As a life member of Bridge Park Bowling Club in Mangere Bridge, he was a regular at Barbarians and Pat Walsh Memorial bowls days.

Thomas was also a tennis player of note, playing Caro Bowl for Royal Oak and also representing the Manukau Rovers and Te Papapa tennis clubs.

Thomas' family name at Manukau was continued through his sons, Greg, Michael and Stephen. They all played for Rovers. Greg was made a Barbarian in 2016. Another son, Kevin, played for the NZ Barbarians in 1985. Bear's grandson Sam has appeared for Auckland as a hooker.

BAABAAS BOWLS



The Barbarians were out in force at the annual Mt Maunganui bowls event in early February in support of the NZ Rugby Foundation and Maori rugby.

Sir Bryan Williams, Peter Tubberty, Keith Nelson, Bernie Allen and Roger Whatman (and wife Sherralyn) headed down from Auckland and joined with Ray Reardon and Alex 'Grizz' Wyllie for the festivities.

Our spies tell us that the Barbarians had their best results ever with multiple wins. PJ's team apparently achieved a Baabaas first with a third place certificate in Division E.

We have confirmation that we will be holding one bowls day in March and this will combine the Pat Walsh Memorial and Barbarians Bowls Day. It will be held at the Bridge Park Bowling Club at 27 Taylor Road, Mangere Bridge on Sunday March 4. If you would like to take part, please contact bowls co-ordinator Peter Tubberty on 027-682-4670 or send an email to club secretary Ken Baguley at sec@brfc.co.nz.

Entries are accepted from teams of four OR individuals and members will be allocated to a team. Entries from ladies are welcome and we would like to have at least two ladies teams.

Assembly is at 8:45am. Mufti gear is okay as are walking shoes with rubber soles. Wear a hat and bring plenty of sunscreen.

GOLF DAY

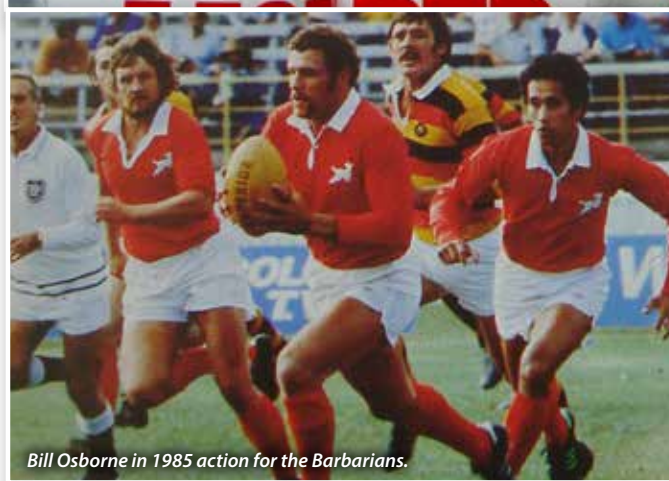


The NZ Barbarians Golf Day, in support of the NZ Rugby Foundation, is set for Friday March 16 at Akarana Golf Club.

It was postponed from October, so we need a big effort from members to help make this work. We still need more entries and sponsors. Teams of four are \$800 and sponsorship packages for holes, drinks cart and after-match are \$1200.

Contact Ken Baguley on 027-246-0615 or sec@brfc.co.nz

BLAST FROM THE PAST



Bill Osborne in 1985 action for the Barbarians.

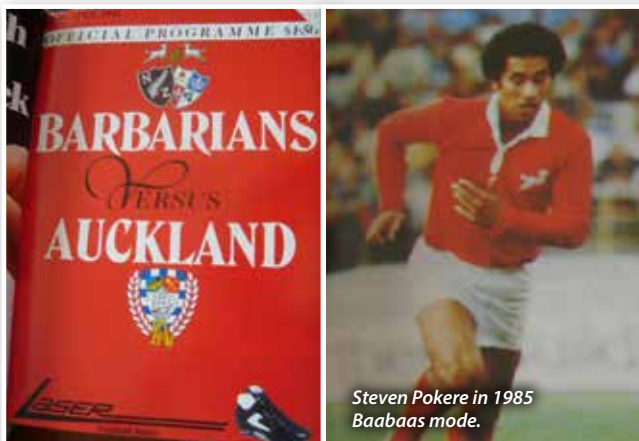
It is funny what you stumble across when looking back at old books, periodicals and match programmes.

The editor happened upon the programme for the April 20, 1985 Barbarians versus Auckland clash at Eden Park. Some interesting old names popped out among the two sides in what was, I believe, the last time the two teams met in a first-class fixture at Eden Park. Maybe Barbarian member and new Auckland coach Alama Ieremia could help reprise the fixture ahead of the 2018 Mitre 10 Cup... just a thought.



OFFSET & DIGITAL PRINTERS

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



Steven Pokere in 1985 Baabaas mode.

By my count, 19 of the starters in that match are Barbarians, while two – Peter Fatialofa and Jock Hobbs – were members until they were taken far too soon. The occasion was tremendous exposure for the club, not long back from a tour of Australia.

For the record, Auckland won 31-10 with doubles to Grant Fox and Terry Wright. Foxy notched 23 points. No 8 Alan Dawson scored the Barbarians' try. As we know, Auckland went on to rack up a 16-1 record, winning the NPC for the third time in four seasons, and the Log o' Wood, famously, from Canterbury.

AGM REVIEW



Life membership of the club accorded to **John Mills** and **Dean Paddy** were among the highlights of the Barbarians' 81st Annual General Meeting on November 29, 2017.

Mills, the 2010-11 Barbarians club President, has been a member for more than 30 years, and has done sterling work for the club. He was on the committee that saw the transition into our current premises and has overseen the management of the boxes and custodians, along with being a key driver of the early days of the Top 4 schools sponsorship. A one-time Counties rep, he was the manager of the 1989-91 Steelers.

Paddy, a Barbarian since 1972, was a prop for Otago and NZ Universities, and has served the game and the club in many capacities, most recently as a very popular clubhouse/bar manager until 2016. He is also involved in the Decision Reachout Trust.

Both gentlemen received Barbarians plaques and join six others as life members of the club.

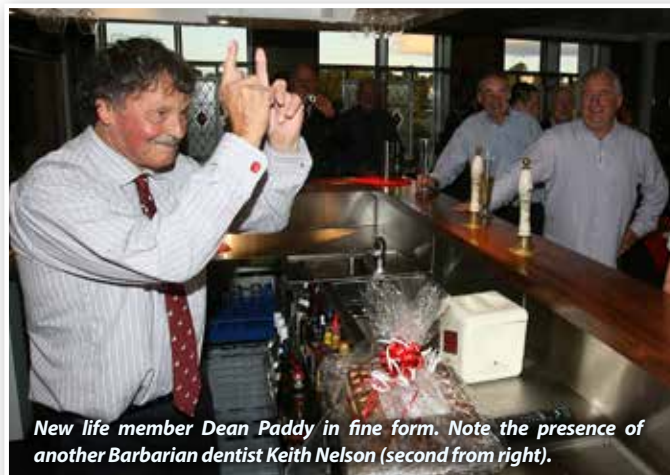
On changes in the election of officers, **Neil Cullimore** was officially announced as our new President, though **Ron Williams** will continue in his 2016-17 role while Neil recuperates from his cycling accident.

Mike Mills retires after 15 years on the committee, including stints as the president and club captain. **Mark Moore**, who replaced Mills as club captain, also steps down after six years in the role. His tireless work, in a variety of club projects, including the NZ Barbarians Schools and Top 4 tournament, was rewarded with the Albert Storey Trophy. The silverware was not awarded in 2016, but Moore was a worthy recipient in 2017.

There are, therefore, three new committee members: **Craig Glendinning**, **Rick Johnston** and **Monalisa Urquhart**, who is the first female Barbarians committee member and indeed the first Barbarian mother, giving

birth to her boy Michael in 2017.

The AGM also heard the full range of Barbarians' activities in a very busy 2017, while the surplus of \$120,597 was deemed a very satisfactory result.



New life member Dean Paddy in fine form. Note the presence of another Barbarian dentist Keith Nelson (second from right).



New life member John Mills, left, with outgoing committee member Mike Mills.



Mark Moore, always ready with a smile, was awarded the Albert Storey Trophy.



Roger 'Mad Dog' Moore in an iconic 1960s shot, reproduced in the 1999 book *The Rugby Post*, penned by fellow Barbarian Kevyn Male.

BAABAAS BRIEFS



*Congratulations to Barbarian Peter Thompson for his richly deserved life membership of the Auckland Rugby Union at the 2017 union AGM. 'Thomo' is a real rugby man who has supported the game at various levels and, in particular, our Fun Day, for many years.

*There was great joy and celebration for three of our Barbarians from the Eden Rugby Club recently. Dennis Mullins, Tom O'Hanlon and Mark Bateman were all on cloud nine after Eden won its second straight Middlesex Club Sevens title for the unofficial national club sevens crown. And Eden did it on its own new artificial turf at Gribblehirst Park, meaning the club gets to host again in 2019.

*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 before Christmas. 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.

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 2018



Friday March 2
Blues v Chiefs, 7.35pm



Sunday March 4
Pat Walsh Memorial Bowls Day,
Bridge Park BC, 8.45am



Friday March 16
NZ Rugby Foundation Golf Day,
Akarana GC



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



Saturday March 31
Blues v Sharks, 7.35pm



Friday April 20
Blues v Highlanders, 7.35pm



Saturday April 28
Blues v Jaguares, 7.35pm



Friday May 11
Blues v Hurricanes, 7.35pm



Saturday May 19
Blues v Crusaders, 7.35pm



Sunday May 27
Annual Fun Day, 8am



Saturday June 2
Blues v Rebels, 5.15pm



Saturday June 9
All Blacks v France,
7.35pm



Friday June 29
Blues v Reds, 7.35pm



Saturday August 25
All Blacks v Australia,
7.35pm



*Keep an eye on the website and your email for confirmation of further 2018 functions/events.
*All events are at Eden Park unless otherwise specified.