

BAABAA NEWS

The newsletter of The New Zealand Barbarian Rugby Club Inc. Level 6,
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Photo: Dylan Milka

The 2016 NZ Barbarians Schools team learned all about the club's history and ethos during its visit to Eden Park.

PRESIDENT'S TEAM TALK

In late October, many of us were here at Eden Park to see the All Blacks break the record for unbeaten tests by a tier one nation.

It was an outstanding achievement and this team continues to go from strength to strength – something of which Steve Hansen and his coaching and selection group must be enormously proud. On the same day at Eden Park, it was also great to see our Black Ferns convincingly beat Australia with a record-equalling 67-3 win. Later that week they again beat the Wallaroos to retain the Laurie O Reilly Cup for the series win.

We inducted another group of new members into the club in mid-September and congratulations to them. It highlighted to me what a special group of people we have within the club, all with their own story to tell and all linked by a common bond of rugby.

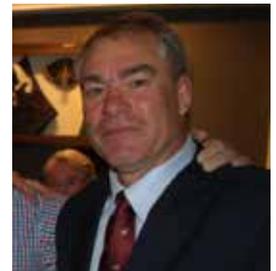
September was an exceptionally busy month with the Top 4 tournament in Palmerston North and our NZ Barbarians Area Schools side in action. Four weeks later the NZ Barbarians Schools won both their games. Further details of these games feature deeper into this newsletter.

After over 20 years of service to the club, both at the old house and at our new clubrooms, Dean Paddy has now decided to pass on the baton of house manager. Dean has been a member since 1972 and his devotion to the club and compassion for our members has been an inspiration for all of us. His retirement as house manager signals the end of an era – he has been a constant through all my time at the Barbarians and his presence has always been such a positive and uplifting experience. We all have enormous respect for Dean and cannot thank him enough for everything he has done for the club. Trina Seits, who has worked with Dean for several years, will step into his shoes, and she will do a fantastic job.

I thank you all for your support throughout the year – it has been busy and one in which much groundwork has been laid for the years to come. Hopefully we will see as many of you as possible at the

AGM on November 30 when, among other things, we will vote for a new patron after the sad passing of Bob Sorenson earlier in 2016. Best wishes to you and your families for Xmas and the New Year.

Cheers,
Ron Williams
President
Barbarians RFC



WHAT'S ON IN 2016/17

Wednesday November 30
Club AGM, 6pm



Friday December 9
Club Xmas party, 6pm



Saturday/Sunday February 4-5
NRL Auckland Nines



Saturday March 11
Blues v Highlanders, 7.35pm



*All events are at Eden Park unless otherwise specified.

*Keep an eye on the website and your email for confirmation of 2016 functions/events.



Deaths Of Members

Don Cameron (1933-2016)

They came from far and wide for the funeral, in September, of this proud Barbarian and great sports writer.

DJ Cameron's name will live on in the clubrooms in Sleepy's Corner, which houses many of his vast collection of books. Equally adept at writing on cricket or rugby, Cameron was prolific, knowledgeable, descriptive and occasionally florid with his prose. He was the Herald's senior rugby and cricket writer for many years and made many friends both within and outside the press box.

In latter years, though his output was reduced, he still found time to enjoy a beer in the clubhouse and was a regular at the annual fun day.

Read Campbell Burnes' tribute to DJ here:
<http://www.barbarianrugby.co.nz/archives.html>

Bruce Scown (1936-2016)

Bruce Scown was a wing for Counties in the early days of the union.

Out of King's College and the Papakura club, the farmer scored 18 tries in 47 games for Counties from 1955-60 and had two All Blacks trials in 1957.

The following is reproduced from the order of service:

'I've been sidelined big time – hardly missed a game my whole career

Now this. The sinbin would have done – a short suspension at most.

But now I'm on the bench for good. Deselected, as they say.

Can't the coach see a star is out? Won't the fans be sad?

They'll cope. The games goes on without me.

I'll watch it from the grandest grandstand of them all.'

Laurie Woodgate (1928-2016)

At the time of his death in July, Laurie Woodgate was a life member of the Auckland Rugby Union and the Auckland Rugby Referees' Association and one of the oldest Barbarians.

His playing days saw him prop the Northcote scrum with 'Snow' White in the 1950s before his work as a police inspector (which saw him awarded the QPM, Queen's Police Medal) took him to Rotorua, where he took up the whistle, rising to be one of the top referees in Bay of Plenty. Upon his return to Auckland, he immersed himself with the referees' association and brought an ethical, principled approach to his work as chairman of the ARU judicial committee. In 1992 he was the ARU administrator of the year, and was ARRA president from 1987-88.

Roger Moore goes by the nickname 'Mad Dog' or even 'Double 07.'

He admits to being "60-something", but has given yeoman service to the Barbarians for more than 20 years, the last 18 as a committee member.

He is omnipresent at the fun days, organising, cajoling, cracking jokes. If one of the several Barbarians teams needs help, either with logistics or gear, he is invariably the man. You might find him in the clubrooms, where he will be introducing an assortment of company to our home base. It is a home base he had plenty to do with, as he was project manager, tapping into his property development expertise, for the premises, which were completed in 2010. He was in the thick of an era where Mike Cormack – "I miss him to bits" – and others fought hard to become an established part of the new Eden Park.

"Fancy the club having me around on the committee for 18 years, the poor sods!" jokes Moore, before reflecting in more serious fashion: "The Barbarian ethos and what we do is part of the history of rugby in New Zealand and we have some wonderful members who are very knowledgeable and put their hand up. This is a home of rugby."

Moore has bounced back from a health scare two years ago and is close to his playing weight of 81-82kg (some of us cannot say the same) as a pacy wing.



Roger 'Mad Dog' Moore in his element at the fun day.

An old boy of Mt Albert Grammar School, with whom he won a 1A First XV title in 1964, Moore joined the strong Otahuhu club and appeared on the wing or at centre for the seniors from 1966-73, winning the 1969 Gallaher Shield. His teammates included the likes of Waka Nathan, Kevyn Male, Mackie Herewini, John Hart, Rocky Patterson, Ron Urlich and Peter Murdoch. A knee appeared to have ended his playing career until Nathan urged him to come out of retirement to play for the burgeoning Pakuranga club, which he did to good effect.

Moore was good enough to play for Auckland B and C and sat on the A bench for several games in the late 1960s. He also found time to play several games for the Barbarians over the years, even into the 1980s. Unwilling to fully step away from the game, he helped out with coaching at Pakuranga, Ardmore and Otahuhu. Now he is just as fully involved in the sport he loves.

BAABAAS SCHOOLS TEAMS REVIEW



The NZ Barbarians Area Schools team played the Harlequins Under 18s in Hamilton on September 3 under the guidance of manager and Barbarians club member Mike Smith, who has been the driving force behind this team for past the few years.

They battled against a strong Harlequins side, going down 46-0, but gained plenty from the experience. Vice-President Alan Whetton met with the team on game day, presented their jerseys and came away really impressed by this group of young men from the outlying rural districts of the country. Player of the day was flanker and captain Jonty McKinnel, of Roxburgh Area School, who led from the front.



NZ Barbarians Area Schools centre Jayden Tegg on the charge against Harlequins Under 18s.

Photo: Marie Reiph

The national schools Top 4 tournament was held in Palmerston North from September 2-4 at Massey University's Institute of Sport, an excellent venue with first class facilities and a setting that captures the history of New Zealand rugby. Mount Albert Grammar beat Hastings BHS in a tight final 14-13 to win the Barbarian Cup, finishing off a highly successful year. In the co-ed final, Feilding HS overcame Auckland's Aorere in another tough battle 25-5 to take out the Barbarian Shield. It was a great tournament that continues to showcase the best of college rugby in New Zealand and it is something we are extremely proud to sponsor.

The NZ Barbarians Schools team won both their games in October, beating Australian Schools 28-17, where they dominated the lineouts and scrums and tackled their hearts out, and next against a very physical Fiji Schools 46-20. This extended their unbeaten record of the past four years against international teams.

It was also tremendous to see our first All Black out of the NZ Barbarians Schools. Damian McKenzie, out of Christ's College, played first five for the inaugural 2012 side, and is now a fully fledged All Black.

Coaches Ryan Martin and Sam Moore did a fine job with the 2016 team and special mention should be made of team manager Chris Metcalfe and our own Roger Moore who made sure these young men fully embraced our Barbarian culture.

During the tournament week, we also hosted the coaches, managers and officials for each team plus the board of Australian Schools, Fijian Schools and the NZSSRU council in our clubrooms.

NEW MEMBERS



The club has welcomed a second batch of 16 members this year, several of whom were present at the induction in late September. Three are overseas members and there is a family club connection in four instances. Greg Thomas is the son of Barbarian Barry 'Bear' Thomas, who was not able to be present, but Ray Reardon saw his son Russell inducted, and Mark Walsh and his mother Noeline (son and widow of the late Pat Walsh) also joined the club. Ian Dunn joins brother Richard as a Barbarian.

Bart D'Ancona: double international for Luxembourg and the British Virgin Islands; long-time sponsor of rugby, including to Samoan youth sports development

Mike Burton: former Lions, England, UK Barbarians and Gloucester prop; closely involved with Lions and UK Barbarians over the years

Frank Didovich: former NZ Schools and North Harbour wing; played for Auckland Marist and North Harbour Marist clubs; assistant coach of Sacred Heart College Second XV

Ian Dunn: former All Blacks first five (13 matches, including three tests from 1983-84), former Maori All Black; long-time Northland rep out of Southern club; coached seniors at Southern and Hora Hora; northern regional manager Pfizer Animal Health Ltd.

Grant Hansen: long-time coach of various schools and club teams; 2007-08 NZ Schools coach; 2009-14 Black Ferns assistant coach; current deputy principal of St Peter's College (Auckland)

Alama Ieremia: former All Blacks midfielder (40 matches, including 30 tests from 1994-2000); six tests for Manu Samoa (1992-93), former Hurricanes, Wellington and Suntory (Japan) rep; Hurricanes assistant coach 2010-14; current Manu Samoa head coach

William Johnston: former British Virgin Islands skipper 1992-96; long-time co-ordinator of Caribbean sevens tournaments; Samoan Sports Association committee member



Some of your new Barbarian members.

Jerome Kaino: current All Blacks flanker (77 matches, including 76 tests since 2004); 2011 NZ Rugby player of the year; 2004 NZ Rugby age grade player of the year; has played for NZ 7s; Blues and Auckland rep out of the University club

Russell Reardon: former Manurewa player and coach; coached school and age grade sides in Counties Manukau and Bay of Plenty; 2013-14 manager of BOP Steamers

Mike Rogers: former St John's College (Hamilton) player; 2011-present chief executive of Bay of Plenty RFU; 2006-11 BOPRFU operations manager; secured hosting rights for national provincial 7s tournament

John Spencer: former England threequarter and captain (1969-71) out of Headingley and Cambridge University, 1971 Lions tourist to New Zealand, manager of 2017 Lions to NZ

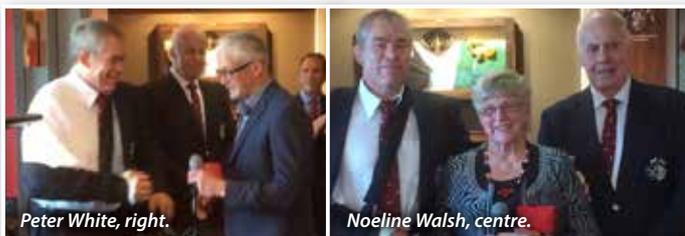
Greg Thomas: former Counties and NZ Teachers first five, Auckland B rep out of Manukau club; life member/past president/secretary/treasurer of Manukau club; played for Italian club Sondrio 1982-87

Leigh Wahlstrom: former NZ Combined Services out of Teachers-Eastern club; played for Catania in Italy; long-time sponsor of rugby on Australia's Gold Coast; sponsors Condor 7s

Mark Walsh: former Manurewa, Grammar, University and Kaikorai club player; organiser of Barbarians bowls days at Mangere BC; has hosted several functions in support of middleweight rugby; son of the late Pat Walsh

Noeline Walsh: widow of the late Pat Walsh; organised lady volunteers at Barbarians functions over many years; director of Skytrain Lionworld Travel

Peter White: manager of North Harbour Mitre 10 Cup team (second stint), trainer of 1996 NZ Barbarians tour of UK; long-time fitness trainer/consultant; NZRU liaison officer to incoming teams 1999-2014



Peter White, right.

Noeline Walsh, centre.



Bay of Plenty RFU chief executive Mike Rogers, centre, is welcomed to the club by injured president Ron Williams, left, and secretary Ken Baguley.

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

*Congrats to Steve Hansen for his fourth World Rugby coach of the year gong in five seasons. Beauden Barrett, son of Barbarian Kevin 'Smiley' Barrett, won the player of year honour.

*An agenda for the November 30 AGM will be sent out very soon to all members.

*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 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 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.

CLUB CONTACT



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Greg Thomas, centre, with his Barbarians tie.