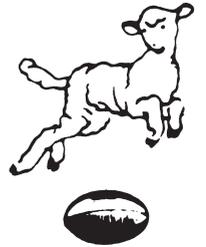




# BAA BAA NEWS



The newsletter of The Barbarian Rugby Football Club Inc  
Cricket Ave, Auckland New Zealand

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*Tough Job, Top Men: From left: Phil Lindesay (immediate past president), John Mills (new president) and Mike Cormack (past president) -- the hard-working team that led the Barbarians' campaign for a new home.*



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Yes ... The legal documents have been signed off.

Yes ... We now have new clubrooms incorporating a lounge for 150 people and two magnificent suites (boxes) overlooking Eden Park.

The Club has achieved these through the hard work of your committee. In particular special recognition needs to be given to:--

- 1 Mike Cormack, chairman of the Barbarian Eden Park Committee who had the vision for the future of the Club and worked tirelessly to protect the Club's future and security. An outstanding President in his time.
- 2 Phil Lindesay for the hours of work he has committed to the project for the new Clubrooms, and to the Barbarian Club itself. You will appreciate he has also been an outstanding President.
- 3 John Cresswell and Roger Moore for their outgoing and boundless energy in driving projects.
- 4 More recently to Bryan Williams and Ron Williams who have generously assisted.

The next three months will see Neil Cotton's architecturally-designed Barbarian lounge and suites taking place. Roger Moore

and Ron Williams will drive this part of the project, ensuring everything is completed to a high standard.

The opening is scheduled for May 2010, subject to delays out of our control.

I am satisfied that as members you will enjoy and be proud of these clubrooms -- a venue that can give hospitality for international guests as well as give comfort and enjoyment for members and their guests.

You may be aware we have been able to secure the new Barbarian lounge at no cost to the Club, but the uses of the two boxes will attract an annual price tag. However, I can point out it has been significantly reduced through the generosity of the Eden Park trust, for which we are grateful.

On the following page you will find details of how the boxes can be used.

All the best for the new season, and the new clubrooms

**John Mills --- President**



## SUITE PLANS



Paramount in the thinking of your President and committee is, firstly, that an opportunity be made available for all members of the Club to be able to use the Suites (Boxes).

Because there is a limited number of seats, selection will be by ballot (draw). There will be one win per person per season with the choice of one or two tickets. The Club committee is also conscious of our financial responsibility.

### SUITE A

14 season seats are available for purchase by members at the cost of \$650 a seat. It is pertinent to point out that the cheapest seat in a box at Eden Park costs \$3750 for the season.

These season tickets include the All Blacks-Springbok test on July 10 2010 ,and all the Air New Zealand Cup games at Eden Park for 2010.

Payment is by April 7 2010 and if a selection is required it will be by ballot. We will be asking you to please specify if you require one or two wickets.

### SUITE B

12 seats are available to club members in the box at no charge -FREE (apart from the All Blacks-Springbok tests on July 10 2010).

Method of selection is by ballot, and members will be asked if they require one or two tickets. Two seats are to be allocated to two members of the Club who have a close association with the opposition team playing on that particular day at Eden Park.

### ALL BLACKS-SPRINGBOK TEST

14 seats available -- there will be a separate draw (ballot) for the test on July 10 2010. Cost per seat in the box will be \$150 each.

Members will be asked to state whether they require one or two tickets. Draws: A life member of the Club will be responsible for all draws.

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Each member will receive a separate sheet by mail or email stating all games available for the draws. When you receive this separate sheet, if you are interested please return it to your secretary, Mr John Cresswell, PO Box 26418, Epsom, Auckland.

Tick the boxes with regards to those games you are interested in watching in the Barbarian Box (one or two wickets).

Club members who are successful in the ballots will be notified by email or letter. Financial member: Any member entering the draw must be a financial member. Two tickets: One member plus a guest (non transferable) One ticket: Only a member can use a single ticket. Subscriptions: Subscription notices will be mailed to all members. The sub remains at \$50.

Super 14 Games: The temporary premises are still under review.

Congratulations: To Bryan Williams --- we have a Barbarian vice-president who is also a national vice-president. Well done, Beegie.

House rental: The Club is fortunate in acquiring the tenancy of the Auckland Rugby Union in our rental property on the corner of Cricket Avenue and Raleigh Sts. We thank Club member Andy Dalton as it further cements the close relationship between the Barbarian Club and the Auckland Rugby Union.

Season Ahead: Finally your committee is preparing for another full Barbarian season. Vice-president and Club captain Mike Mills is covering our rugby portfolio, with Phil Lindsay and Bryan Craies heading the busy Middleweight programme.

Watch for the dates, places and time frames for activities such as the Fun Day, College matches, Middleweight rugby and the New Zealand secondary school games.

In conclusion it is my privilege to take the helm of the Barbarian Club and a privilege to serve as your President. I am also privileged to be able to work with a very professional, experienced and hard-working committee. I am sure we can take the Club to new heights.

Yours in rugby

*John Mills ---- President*



## MIDDLEWEIGHTS ON THE UP



The Middleweight campaign, which the Club has taken on as a special assignment, will take some big steps forward during the coming autumn.

The Barbarians-backed side has already made a short tour to Sydney and played in a highly successful four-team competition at College Rifles last winter, will have a more prominent role this year.

Their programme will start with a match against Counties at the Pukekohe Stadium, on March 13 2pm, followed on March 20 2pm by a special match against Thames Valley at Thames.

This is a tribute to the match in 1937 when a group of notable Auckland players played against the Thames club when it was struggling for cash. The match was highly successful, the Aucklanders realized the potential of such a charity-aimed club and so the New Zealand Barbarians were born.

The Sydney club, Beecroft, who played against the touring Barbarians Middleweights last year, will repay the visit.

Beecroft's under 85kg players will have a match against a development side organized by College Rifles on March 31 7pm, and on April 3 will played the NZ Barbarians as the 1pm curtain raiser to the Blues-Bulls Super 14 match at Eden Park scheduled to start at 5.30 pm.

The Barbarians middleweights now have their own management structure, led by John Mills, the Club president, with Bryan Craies as the convenor, Gary Cunningham and Wayne Underhay as coaches, Roger Moore as manager and Dean Allnutt as operations manager.



## ELECTIONS



In the election of officers John Mills moved from senior vice-president, and Mike Mills joined Bryan Williams as a vice-president. The only other change was among the executive when a ballot saw the promotion of Wally Jelichich head of the sitting member Peter Thompson.

The list of officers is:-- Patrons: Bob Sorenson, Jack Bourke. President: John Mills. Vice-presidents: Bryan Williams, Mike Mills. Club captain: Mike Mills. Secretary: John Cresswell. Treasurer: John Jessup. Hon solicitor: Alan Montgomery. Hon auditor: Walker Whalen. Protected fund Custodians: Sir Wilson Whineray, Bob Graham, Ken Eglinton. Committee: Bryan Craies, Rod Doidge, Roger Moore, Ron Williams, Wally Jelichich.



## NOTICEBOARD



Clubhouse: The Clubhouse will not be available for Friday evening festivities until the renovation work is completed.

Bowls: Barbarians v Eagles, Mt Eden Bowling Club, morning Thursday March 18.

Contact: Wally Jelichich Ph 8334334 Mob 021 2512927

Email: wallyjelichich@xtra.co.nz

Golf: Barbarians v Eagles, Middlemore, Noon March 22.

Contact: Bryan Craies Ph 4804811 Mob 021 594472

Email: craies.cruises@xtra.co.nz



## JACK'S PRIZE HAT



The old Barbarians clubhouse now part of the construction rubble at Eden Park, used to be known as "The House that Jack Built" in tribute to the thousands of hours Jack Bourke, now the Club's co-patron, spent assembling the memorabilia.

Instead we now have, according to Jack's grandson Callum Bourke, "the Hat that Jack Built." Callum, a field operations man with DoC, takes up the story:- My grandfather Jack Bourke is a passionate trout fisherman who has fished the Taupo region for many, many years.

Originally hailing from Auckland and a builder by trade, Jack's first introduction to the Taupo fishery occurred in 1948 while working for Fletchers Construction building the village at the old Te Rangita timber mill. Jack used to tell me stories of how he and my grandmother Doreen would go down to the nearby Tauranga-Taupo River and see pools "black" with trout that would gobble up anything that was thrown at them.

From here developed a life-long love of the Taupo region for my grandparents and when the opportunity came to takeover an old bach situated at Whareroa on the western bays of Lake Taupo they jumped at the chance. For the next 30 odd years the Bourke family holidayed at Whareroa and all the menfolk learnt the art of fly fishing from Grandpa Jack, who was the master angler.

Night after night Jack would fish the mouth of the Whareroa Stream and often stroll back to the bach with a limit of Rainbows and Browns that were either bottled by Grandma or smoked.

My late father Paul used to tell me that there was nothing else to do at Whareroa but go fishing so it wasn't long before he and his brothers Ross and Lewis became proficient anglers who were ready to take on Jack's tallies.

When we were old enough and had 'served our time" it was our turn to go fishing and we quickly realized that it was wise to select our own flies without Grandpa's help, otherwise you were often given a barbless hook or a fly devoid of any feathers. Needless to say, these "flies" didn't catch a lot and not surprisingly Grandpa would win the competitions. We quickly wised up to the old boy's tricks!

After many glorious years fishing the Whareroa, Grandpa and Grandma moved permanently around the bay to Kuritau where they happily reside to this day. This opened up a whole new fishing experience for us all as we now had the Kuritau, Omori and Pukawa mouths to fish which were all close to the homestead.

Using one of Grandpa's home-made silicone smelt flies during the day, then moving to a Craigs Nighttime or Scotch Poacher fly at night was always productive and I still use similar patterns at these same mouths today.

As a kid I used to fish day and night and nothing would frustrate me more than the sight of Grandpa casually strolling in beside me to cast out his line and pull out a fish within five minutes, when I had fished the same spot unsuccessfully for several hours. Jack certainly had that uncanny ability of being able to catch fish when no-one else could. He just seemed to know where they were and everyone in Kuritau knew that if Jack was at the mouth the fishing was on!

The years have rolled on and Jack (now in his 90th year) doesn't get out fishing much these days, so he has decided to give up his famous fly-laden fishing hat as a family fishing trophy for the heaviest trout landed over the year.

The flies on this old Swannndri hat have caught hundreds of fish over the years and a few times I have had to "borrow" the occasional fly. Grandpa would mention that my hat seemed to be thickening

while his was thinning, and wondered why.

The family has grown significantly over the last few years due to marriages and births, so Jack now has several great-grandchildren he would dearly love to see take up the art of fly fishing.

With the advent of this trophy I am sure there will be many friendly battles ahead as the young attempt to take on the old, and have their names permanently etched on this special trophy.



## SCHOOL DATES



Williment Travel regional tournament for the NZ Barbarian Shield, Tuesday-Thursday July 13-15, St Paul's Collegiate, Hamilton.

Barbarian national 1st XV tournament in conjunction with Williment educational travel, and Barbarians national Co-education 1st XV finals. Play-off dates: August 24, 28. Finals: September 3, 5, Rotorua Boys high School.

Test match: New Zealand v Australia, Dunedin, October 6.



## OBITUARY



### Pat Murphy, Rugby referee 1927-2010

The death of Pat Murphy last February 6 removed the last of what was fondly known as the "Big Four" of North Auckland rugby in the post-war days.

The four were Duncan Ross, the chairman of North Auckland, a member of the NZRU council, a great ally of the late Tom Pearce and known as the "sly fox," Ted Griffen, the legendary coach, Eric Weston, the NARU liaison officer and expert publicist for the north, and Murphy, the outstanding test referee of the late 1960's.

All four, in so many ways, turned a collection of eager sub-unions into a united and magnificently assertive rugby union.

Murphy, naturally, had to put aside any North Auckland bias as he marched steadily up the refereeing ladder. He was tall, rather spindly of build with a flowing thatch of red hair as further hint of his Irish roots.

Pat refereed 13 tests, and dozens of other first-class matches. Unfortunately for him, the end of his career coincided with the 1969 Wales tour of New Zealand. Wales were the powerhouse of the Four Nations, but short on brain power for they undertook a five-match tour of New Zealand, starting against Taranaki, then playing the All Blacks, Otago, Wellington and the All Blacks.

To make matters more difficult Ivan Vodanovich took over holus-bolus the powerful All Black side which Fred Allen had taken unbeaten through the British Isles.

Handel Rogers okayed the appointment of Murphy for the first test. There was a problem there when Colin Meads persuaded Jeff Young not to take a tow from Ken Gray's jersey by belting him on the jaw, which was broken. Pat and the ball were far from that scene, so Pat did not see the punch, heard second-hand from a Welshman who had thrown it, and ticked off Meads for taking over a mate's struggle.

The Welsh again chose Pat for the second test, but by this time the Welsh players knew they were being outplayed. However, they could still raise a moan or two, amplified by their visiting media. They disputed all three All Black tries(all later confirmed as AOK), and gave Fergie McCormick the chance to kick 21 points.

The last sour act of this disastrous tour came the day after the Eden Park thrashing when Rogers said that "Pat Murphy had refereed to the best of his ability."



# Super 14 draw



Start NZ times

## WEEK 1

### Friday February 12:

Blue v Hurricanes, Eden Park, 7.35 pm

### Saturday February 13:

Western Force v Brumbies, Perth, 0.05 am

Cheetahs v Bulls, Bloemfontein, 6.10 am

Crusaders v Highlanders, Christchurch, 7.35 pm

Reds v Waratahs, Brisbane, 9.40 pm

### Sunday February 14:

Lions v Stormers, Johannesburg, 4.05 am

Sharks v Chiefs, Durban, 8.10 am

## WEEK 2

### Friday, February 19:

Highlanders v Blues, Dunedin, 7.35 pm

Reds v Crusaders, Brisbane, 10.45 pm

### Saturday, February 20:

Sharks v Cheetahs, Durban, 5 am

Lions v Chiefs, Johannesburg, 7am

Hurricanes v Western Force, Wellington, 7.35 pm

### Sunday February 21:

Bulls v Brumbies, Pretoria, 4.05 am

Stormers v Waratahs, Cape Town, 6.10 am

## WEEK 3

### Friday, February 26

Crusaders v Sharks, Christchurch, 7.35pm

### Saturday, February 27

Stormers v Brumbies, Cape Town, 6.10 am

Hurricanes v Lions, Wellington, 7.35 pm

Reds v Blues, Brisbane, 9.40 pm

### Sunday, February 28

Western Force v Chiefs, Perth, 0.05 am

Cheetahs v Highlanders, Bloemfontein, 4.05 am

Bulls v Waratahs, Pretoria, 6.10 am

## WEEK 4

### Friday, March 5

Chiefs v Reds, Hamilton, 7.35 pm

Brumbies v Lions, Canberra, 9.40 pm

### Saturday, March 6

Crusaders v Blues, Christchurch, 7.35 pm

Waratahs v Sharks, Sydney, 9.40 pm

### Sunday, March 7

Stormers v Highlanders, Cape Town, 4.05 am

Cheetahs v Hurricanes, Bloemfontein, 6.10 am

## WEEK 5

### Friday, March 12

Chiefs v Crusaders, Hamilton, 7.35 pm;

Waratahs v Lions, Sydney, 9.40 pm

### Saturday, March 13

Brumbies v Sharks, Canberra, 9.40 pm

### Sunday, March 14

Bulls v Highlanders, Pretoria, 4.05 am;

Stormers v Hurricanes, Cape Town, 6.10 am;

Reds v Western Force, Brisbane, 7.30 pm

## WEEK 6

### Friday, March 19

Blues v Brumbies, Auckland, 7.35 pm

### Saturday, March 20

Bulls v Hurricanes, Pretoria, 6.10 am;

Crusaders v Lions, Christchurch, 5.50 pm;

Highlanders v Sharks, Dunedin, 7.35 pm

### Sunday March 21

Western Force v Waratahs, Perth, 0.10 am;

Stormers v Cheetahs, Cape Town, 4.05 am.

## WEEK 7

### Friday March 26

Highlanders v Lions, Dunedin, 7.35 pm;

Brumbies v Chiefs, Canberra, 9.40 pm

### Saturday, March 27

Cheetahs v Reds, Bloemfontein, 6.10 am;

Hurricanes v Sharks, Wellington, 7.35 pm;

Waratahs v Blues, Sydney, 9.40 pm

## Sunday, March 28

Western Force v Bulls, Perth, 0.10 am

## WEEK 8

### Friday, April 2

Hurricanes v Crusaders, Wellington, 7.35 pm

Western Force v Stormers, Perth, 11.05 pm

### Saturday, March 3

Blues v Bulls Auckland, 5.30 pm;

Chiefs v Highlanders, Mt Maunganui, 7.35 pm;

Waratahs v Cheetahs, Sydney, 9.40 pm

### Sunday, April 3

Sharks v Reds, Durban, 3.05 am

## WEEK 9

### Friday, April 9

Chiefs v Bulls, Hamilton, 7.35 pm

### Saturday, April 10

Highlanders v Western Force, Queenstown, 2.30 pm;

Blues v Stormers, Auckland, 5.30 pm;

Crusaders v Waratahs, Christchurch, 7.35 pm;

Brumbies v Cheetahs, Canberra, 9.40 pm.

### Sunday, April 11

Lions v Reds, Johannesburg, 5.10 pm

## WEEK 10

### Friday, April 16

Chiefs v Stormers, Hamilton, 7.35 pm;

Brumbies v Hurricanes, Canberra, 9.40 pm

### Saturday, April 17

Blues v Western Force, Auckland 5.30 pm;

Crusaders v Cheetahs, Christchurch, 7.35 pm;

Reds v Bulls, Brisbane, 21.40 pm

### Sunday, April 18

Lions v Sharks, Johannesburg, 3.05 am

## WEEK 11

### Friday, April 23

Chiefs v Cheetahs, Hamilton, 7.35 pm;

Reds v Stormers, Brisbane, 9.40 pm;

Western Force v Crusaders, Perth, 11.45 pm

### Saturday, April 24

Highlanders v Hurricanes, Dunedin, 7.35 pm;

Waratahs v Brumbies, Sydney, 9.40 pm

### April 25

Bulls v Lions, Pretoria, 1 am'

Sharks v Blues, Durban, 3.05 am

## WEEK 12

### Friday, April 30

Highlanders v Waratahs, Invercargil, 7.35 pm

### Saturday, May 1

Stormers v Crusaders, Cape Town, 5.10 am;

Hurricanes v Chiefs, Wellington, 7.35 pm;

Brumbies v Reds, Canberra, 9.40 pm

### Sunday May 2

Cheetahs v Blues, Bloemfontein, 1 am;

Lions v Western Force, Johannesburg, 3.05 am;

Bulls v Sharks, Pretoria, 5.10 am

## WEEK 13

### Friday, May 7

Hurricanes v Reds, Wellington, 7.35pm

### Saturday, May 8

Lions v Blues, Johannesburg, 5.10 am;

Chiefs v Waratahs, Hamilton, 7.35 pm;

Brumbies v Highlanders, Canberra, 9.40 pm

### Sunday, May 9

Bulls v Crusaders, Pretoria, 1 am;

Cheetahs v Western Force, Bloemfontein, 3.05 am;

Sharks v Stormers, Durban, 5.10 am

## WEEK 14

### Friday, May 14

Blues v Chiefs, Auckland, 7.35 pm;

Waratahs v Hurricanes, Sydney, 9.40 pm

### Saturday, May 15

Crusaders v Brumbies, Christchurch, 7.35 pm; Reds v

Highlanders, Brisbane, 9.40 pm.

### Sunday, May 16

Cheetahs v Lions, Bloemfontein, 1 am; Stormers v Bulls, Cape Town, 3.05 am.

### Semifinals.--May 21, 22

Final.-- May 29.