



BAABAA NEWS

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The victorious 2015 NZ Barbarians squad and management at Eden Park. Photo: Andrew Cornaga/www.photosport.co.nz

PRESIDENT'S TEAM TALK

Two milestone events have highlighted the time since my last Team Talk.

I had the great pleasure of going to Samoa, with my wife Lesley, for the very special and history-making game between the All Blacks and Manu Samoa in Apia in early July. We were invited to travel on the same plane as the PM, other politicians and Pacific Island leaders by the Minister of Sport, Hon. Jonathan Coleman. The flight was on the morning of the game.

The worst part of the day was when the alarm went off at 3.30am. We had to be at Whenuapai Air Base by 4.30am. Fortunately, the day just got better and better after that. The flight was very comfortable and it was great to meet and catch up with our fellow passengers.

As you can imagine, the game was a very emotional occasion for me, having had a long association with both teams dating back to the early 1970s. Along with others, I had been advocating this game taking place for many years. I don't mind admitting that when the two national anthems were played and the haka and siva tau performed, tears ran freely down my face.

The game itself was perhaps not the spectacle we all hoped for as both teams were a bit rusty, but the closeness of the result added a lot of drama to the game. At 22-16, it looked as if the momentum had swung in favour of the Manu. The All Blacks had enough in reserve to take out the match 25-16 and it was great to see both Richie McCaw and Dan Carter play leading roles in the victory. The crowd loved seeing those two icons take the field.

The Samoan people did the occasion proud. All the villages on the road into Apia town had dressed up their villages with flags, signs,

painted coconuts and bunting. It truly was a sight to behold. The welcome the All Blacks received was truly memorable. Apia Park had received a nice facelift and the enthusiastic crowd just added to the occasion.

The All Blacks did us all proud as well in the way they conducted themselves. Their demeanour throughout their stay and dressing in fialia shirts and lavalavas for official occasions was deeply appreciated by the Samoan people. It was capped off by coach, Steve Hansen, receiving a matai title.

On my return to New Zealand, it was on to another special milestone, the Maori All Blacks vs NZ Barbarians game at Eden Park. It was many years since both teams had appeared at Eden Park. Unfortunately, the weather conspired against us and the game was played in appalling weather, robbing us of a great crowd and of open rugby. Our Barbarians team adapted way better to the weather conditions and won comfortably 34-17. It was a great opportunity for fringe candidates to push for All Blacks spots. A few players certainly put their hands up. The coaches and managers did a fine job as well. Many of them commented afterwards about how much they enjoyed the experience of playing for the Baabaas and learning what the club was all about. Long may that continue. These two milestone events certainly excited me a great deal. I think they excited many others as well. I hope they happen over and over again.

Till next time,
cheers.

Bryan Williams
President
Barbarians RFC





Deaths Of Members

Dave Dalglish (1927-2015)

Dave Dalglish was one of the great characters of rugby and embodied the T in Grammar TEC, newly crowned Auckland premier club champions.

He was a life member of the Teachers-Eastern club and Auckland Rugby Union, and was always a forthright and knowledgeable voice on rugby issues, among others. A teacher by trade, who played for the Teachers club, he also gave tireless service to primary schools rugby, and his hard and selfless work for the game led to a New Zealand Order of Merit in 1997.

He leaves behind wife Verleen, three children, five grandchildren and a veritable treasure trove of memorabilia in the form of a rugby programmes and books.

It is fitting that his funeral, in June, was held at Eden Park. It also needed to be held at a large venue to accommodate a large crowd. Barbarians committee member Terry Horne was the celebrant.

Charlie Bancroft (1923-2015)

They say that not even Albie Pryor could get a free beer when Charlie Bancroft was running a tight ship at the old Barbarians bar at the House that Jack Built.

Bancroft had worked as a publican and was a very efficient barman when he wasn't busy helping out with his beloved Takapuna club, for which he was a life member. Back in the day he had helped build the Milford marina and had a distinguished military career serving in the navy, among other postings, during the Second World War.

After the war, he was part of a Takapuna front-row that included the feared Johnny Simpson, and was a great mate of Fred Allen. Bancroft went on to captain the Takapuna seniors and gave sterling service to that club. He coached the third grade team which put a joint and moving death notice in the paper after his passing last month. His grandsons Nick and Jon Elrick both played for Takapuna. The latter, a North Harbour rep, is one of the most prolific and accurate goalkickers in all club rugby.

Alan Tingle (1945-2015)

For many years, Alan Tingle was one of the first to arrive at the Navy rugby grounds for the annual fun day.

He lived down the road, and in fact played for Navy in the 1960s, but he was passionate about the game and the Barbarians. As a hard-nosed midfielder, Tingle played for NZ Services in 1969 and seven games for Auckland out of the North Shore club, later also appearing for Northcote. In later years, Tingle became a life member of the North Shore club.

Tingle was known as a real character of rugby. This from the North Shore club's 'Rave' column: 'Ting wasn't great on taking orders and even quit as a field dresser after being told what to do on a frosty Saturday morning at the club putting the fags and goalpost pads out.'

Peter Wahlstrom (1933-2015)

Peter Wahlstrom made his early mark on rugby in the same New Plymouth Boys' High School First XV as fellow Barbarian Sir John Graham.

Wahlstrom, a prop, went on to play for Victoria University in Wellington, but his potential rep career for the capital was foiled when he turned up late to training, coach Bill Freeman showing him the door.

By the early 1970s he was in Auckland, coaching Marist out of division two into the top flight, and taking the Auckland Colts - for whom Andy Dalton was his captain - and Bs to successful winning records. Barbarian Bryan Craies beat him to the Auckland job in 1978. Wahlstrom then had stints coaching at Teachers-Eastern and College Rifles before taking a step back in latter times to watch his son Glenn, also a Barbarian, with the whistle, and grandson Dave Thomas, who has played for Auckland. Wahlstrom senior continued his work as an accountant up to just a few weeks before his death.

George Bourke (1923-2015)

George Bourke played 16 first-class games as a prop from 1945-52 for Auckland, Auckland B and the Barbarians and was the younger brother of our former patron Jack Bourke.

Like his brother, Bourke played for Ponsonby after leaving Auckland Grammar.

A builder by trade, he commanded great loyalty and respect for his work at Fletchers Construction. A love of the sea saw him join the navy during the Second World War, and he was a keen sailor.

His son Peter Bourke told a story in his eulogy of how George and Jack Bourke propped for Auckland against the All Blacks prior to the 1949 tour of South Africa. They gave Kevin Skinner and Johnny Simpson a real hurry-up, it was said, and the selectors looked concerned.

Bourke retired when he moved to Invercargill for work, but he started his coaching career with a senior championship win with Old Boys and later in Christchurch coached the Christchurch club senior team to the title with his great mate and fellow Barbarian, the late Ron Dobson, another Ponsonby man. He returned home to coach Auckland age group sides who were also dominant. In later years, Bourke kept in touch with the game through the Barbarians club, and only threw out his rugby boots into his 80s.

Fergie McCormick might be 76, but he has only recently stepped away from an active role in the game.

The former All Blacks fullback, one of a clutch of Canterbury Barbarians, lives on a lifestyle block on the outskirts of Christchurch with his partner Tyna Charles, and was until last year still coaching women's club rugby.



A life member of the Linwood club and the Canterbury union, and a Cantabrians member, as is fellow Barbarian Tane Norton, you will still find McCormick sideline most winter Saturdays, watching his daughter Jess play for High School Old Boys. Of course, he was on hand for the 'Crying Towel' clash between Linwood and Christchurch, still one of the bigger games on the Canterbury metro club calendar.

Though made a Barbarian member in the 1990s, McCormick's ties with the club go back to the 1960s.

"We would fly up to Auckland in an old DC3, play for the Baabaas, and then fly back the DC3 that night."

He endorses all that the club stands for, though he hasn't yet had a chance to sample the hospitality at the clubrooms. McCormick was mightily impressed with the fine 34-17 win for the club over the Maori All Blacks last month.

"It was a good win. Let's be honest, they were a bunch of talented footballers. They got it all together quickly, and some of them played bloody well. Tom Taylor (son of Barbarian Warwick) stepped up."

McCormick played 44 games, including 16 tests for the All Blacks, from 1965-71, while his 222 appearance record for Canterbury will surely stand for all time. No fullback has bettered his 310 first-class games in New Zealand rugby, while just nine men, four of them Barbarians, have scored more than his 2065 points in this country.

"In my day, we played a test and then for our club or province the next day. It is unheard of now," he says.

His world record of 24 points (at the time) for the All Blacks against Wales in 1969 ranks as a career highlight.

"We had a very good team in 1969. They got close enough for me to kick the goals!"

It is apt to close with some of McCormick's views on the game from his 1976 biography, *Fergie*, penned by the late Alex Veysey. Many of you will nod sagely as they resonate nearly 40 years later:

"You forget the All Blacks and you play every game for your club with everything you've got. The club is everything and any player who saves himself for something bigger is no player at all..."

"Any fullback, or any rugby player, who can't kick with both feet isn't even half a player."

Hear, hear...

NZ BARBARIANS v MAORI REVIEW



The Barbarians enhanced their cause for more high profile games with a tremendous 34-17 victory over the Maori All Blacks at Eden Park on July 18.

Thrown together just five days before the clash, the Barbarians gelled swiftly under coach Scott McLeod and his management team and played some very smart, tactically sound yet open rugby to win their first first-class fixture since 2010 against the same opponents.

Click here for a full match report:
<http://www.barbarianrugby.co.nz/national.html>



Two fine wings, Cory Jane and Don McKay.

NZ BARBARIANS SCHOOLS

The club is again sponsoring two key schoolboy teams, along with its continued support of the September 4-6 national top 4 tournament at Rotorua BHS.

This Saturday (August 29) the NZ Barbarians Area Schools are in action for the third time in our jerseys, playing their annual fixture against the Waikato Harlequins Under 18s at Hamilton's Fred Jones Park. Any members in the region are encouraged to get along and support them. They represent the best of the country's rural schools and are coached by new member Bob Telfer.

The NZ Barbarians Schools side, unbeaten since their inception in 2012, will face the full NZ Schools side, for the first time, in Palmerston North on September 19. Some top players have come out of this side, including the likes of Damian McKenzie and Otere Black (2012).

NEW MEMBERS

The club has welcomed some 22 new members, at the time of print, all of them top rugby people who have served the game at many levels as either player, coach or administrator. We will bring you details of others in our November newsletter.

Mike Budd: former Northland lock, captain and centurion; on Blues board 2002-08; general manager Forman Building Systems

Greg Edmonds: foundation member of Wellington's Avalon club, former manager of Ponsonby premiers and Auckland 7s; ARU board of directors; chief infrastructure officer for Auckland Transport

Marc Ellis: former All Blacks No 10 and threequarter (21 games, eight tests from 1992-95); played for Highlanders, Blues, NZU, Otago and North Harbour; also the Warriors and Kiwis; trustee of Otago Amateur Rugby Charitable Trust

Craig Glendinning: former Manu Samoa and NZ Maori flanker; played club rugby in Auckland and Counties Manukau, with 100+ games for Ardmore-Marist; HR manager HEB Ltd.

Graeme Hayhow: former Avondale First XV player, physio for Auckland in 1970s-80s; coached North Harbour Roller Mills, director of Institute of Sport Physiotherapy; spend three years on Northcote RFC management committee

Bevan Holmes: former All Blacks loose forward (31 games from 1970-73) out of North Auckland's Kamo club; former school teacher

Brent Impey: Current chairman of New Zealand Rugby; member of Auckland University club, former chief executive of several companies, including Media Works

Brandon Jackson: Current Grammar TEC club chairman; former NZ Schools and NZ Colts captain, All Blacks trialist, Auckland loose forward out of the Carlton club, played for Ricoh and Mitsubishi in Japan; has coached in Japan and NZ, including Auckland Colts

Steve Jackson: Current North Harbour ITM Cup coach, former NZ Maori, Southland, Auckland, North Harbour, Tasman, NZ U17s/19s/NZ Schools lock/loosie; former assistant coach of the Steelers and Blues Development XV coach 2014-15

Simon Johnston: former Auckland University club player, manager of many teams, including 1987 Gallaher Shield winners, manager of Auckland Colts 1999-2005, trustee of John Drake Memorial Trust and Mike Cormack Foundation Trust

Rochelle Martin: former Black Ferns loose forward (32 tests from 1994-2006); three-time RWC winner; played for Auckland and Wellington; now co-coach of College Rifles RFC women's premiers

Angus Macdonald: former All Blacks loose forward (two tests in 2005); played for NZ Maori, Blues, Auckland, and in Japan and Scotland

Terry O'Meara: played for the Teachers club 1964-70, long-time Auckland and Counties primary school delegate, club captain of Finchley in UK, fun day helper 1989-2012

Exia Shelford-Edwards: former Black Ferns midfielder (27 tests from 1998-2010); four-time RWC winner; NZ 7s 2000-09, has played in Auckland, Otago and BOP; Auckland 7s manager 2011-13

Jeremy Stanley: former All Blacks centre (three games in 1997); former Blues, Highlanders, Auckland (out of Ponsonby), NEC (Japan) rep; orthopaedic surgeon

Bob Telfer: former Southland No 8, also played in Otago and Auckland; has coached NZ Barbarians Area Schools from 2000-15, Auckland and North Harbour Colts, Southland NPC 1998-2000, and extensively in Auckland and North Harbour club rugby; current Northcote premier coach

Paul Thomson: former NZ Maori, NZ A, Auckland (out of Grammar), Scottish Borders and NTT Docomo prop; has coached extensively, including TA for NZ Area Schools and Auckland B assistant

Jonathon Tukerangi: former Auckland Maori, Auckland B and Manukau fullback, life member of Manukau club, delegate to ARU since 2007

Monalisa Urquhart (nee Codling): former Black Ferns lock (30 tests from 1998-2010); four-time RWC winner; played for Otago and Auckland (out of College Rifles).

Tanner Vili: former Manu Samoa No 10 (35 tests from

1999-2006); won two Gallaher Shields with Teachers-Eastern 1998-99; played for Samoa 7s, Counties Manukau and in Japan; has coached extensively, including at club level with Grammar TEC and Samoan women's 7s and 15s

Stewart Walshe: former Otago, Southland, Wairarapa-Bush and Manawatu lock; orthopaedic surgeon to RWC 2011 and on NZ Olympic medical teams

Ces Williams: former Ponsonby player, Hawke's Bay B and Auckland Colts rep; life member and past president of Ponsonby, current club delegate to ARU, older brother of President 'Beegee' Williams.

BAABAAS BRIEFS

**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.*

**Once again the annual fun days were a success, the 26th edition of the Auckland regional day on May 17 saw close to 800 kids enjoy themselves under the wing of a stack of Barbarians. A big shout out to Peter Thompson for his continued sponsorship of this iconic event on the Baabaas calendar. On June 17 we also held the third annual Bay of Plenty fun day in Paengaroa.*

**Prolific rugby scribe and historian Ron Palenski launched his latest book Rugby: A New Zealand History at the clubrooms on August 11. This is the second book launch the club has held and it attracted some esteemed Barbarian rugby scribes such as Don Cameron and Lindsay Knight, inter alia. Palenski's book is very readable and an important piece of work.*



New Barbarian Monalisa Urquhart gets into the fun day spirit.

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 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

Your first port of call is our new club secretary Ken Baguley, who is often based at Eden Park in the clubrooms' office.

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WHAT'S ON IN 2015

Friday August 28

New members' induction night, 6pm



Saturday August 29

Auckland v Canterbury, 2.35pm



Saturday August 29

**NZ Barbarians Area Schools v Halequins,
Fred Jones Park, Hamilton, 1pm**

Friday September 4

Top 4 tournament semifinals, Rotorua BHS



Sunday September 6

Top 4 tournament finals, Rotorua BHS



Saturday September 19

**NZ Barbarians Schools v NZ Schools,
Palmerston North, TBC**



Wednesday September 9

Auckland v Manawatu, 7.35pm



Sunday September 13

Auckland v Otago, 2.35pm



Saturday October 3

Auckland v Northland, 7.35pm



***All events are at Eden Park unless otherwise specified.**

***Keep an eye on the website and your email for confirmation of 2015 functions/events.**