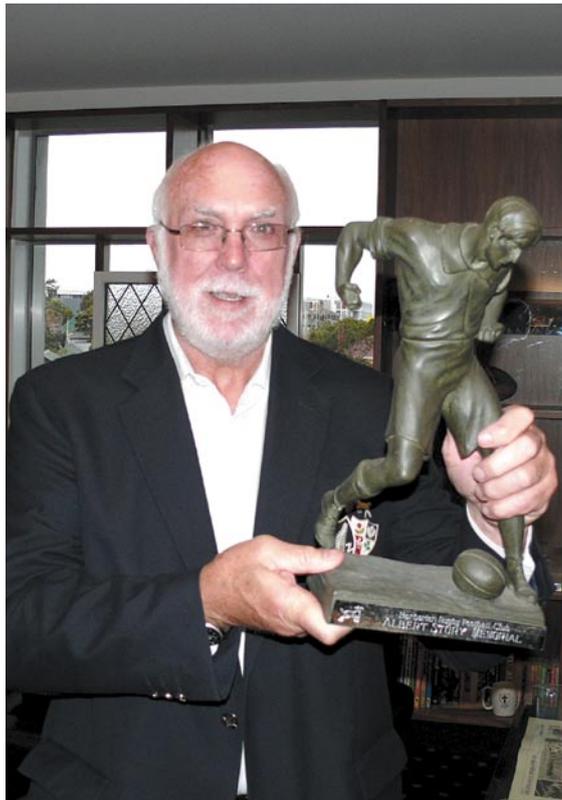




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The newsletter of The Barbarian Rugby Football Club Inc.
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Phil Lindesay with the Albert Storey Memorial Trophy for service to the Barbarians club. He was presented with this at November's AGM; President John Mills presents Mike Cormack with his life membership badge, making Mike the ninth living life member of the club.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Big year ahead

In this year of the Rugby World Cup, I extend best wishes to all the Barbarians for a year of fellowship, fun, and some outstanding rugby. I also look forward to meeting you all in our magnificent new club lounge and suites. Our facilities are of an international standard.

Detailed in this newsletter are all of the Barbarian activities for this year prior to the Rugby World Cup.

I urge you all to participate in the club's extensive programme for the coming year. Please note the dates and details of the different Barbarian events that are in this newsletter.

Our club will continue to prosper and fulfil its traditional values by your participation and so I ask you to respond where possible and be part of the enjoyment and camaraderie.

Friday nights at the club

The club is open every Friday night from 4.30pm.

Mine host Dean Paddy, bar manager Rod Doidge, Wally Jelichich and Bryan Craies open our magnificent club lounge and suites at Eden Park every Friday. Please note the schedule of clubs visiting us, as arranged by Rod.

Subscriptions

Subscription notices have been forwarded to you all and we look forward to receiving your payment. We do rely on subscriptions

to assist the club. Your 2011 membership cards will be sent to you on receipt of this payment.

Mike Cormack – life membership

At the AGM in November a very worthy recipient of the honour of life membership was bestowed on past president Mike Cormack.

The club is very grateful for Mike's leadership through a very difficult period in the history of the Barbarians (the change of clubrooms), and his chairmanship of the Barbarian Eden Park Committee. He provided the expertise and direction the club needed.

Also at the AGM, past president Phil Lindesay was the worthy recipient of the Albert Storey Memorial Trophy for service to the club.

Honouring Bob Scott

Congratulations to the mercurial Bob Scott who has reached the wonderful age of 90 this month. There is a special club night to honour Bob this Friday from 6pm. We must not forget Sir Fred – Fred Allen – a mere 91 this month, making him the oldest living All Black.

On a sadder note, another outstanding

Barbarian in Don Johnston has sadly passed away. We shall not forget the many hours that Don spent as our bar manager in 'The House that Jack Built' on Cricket Avenue, our old home.

Links with the NZRU and NZRPA

Your president and committee are very

conscious of the need to build relationships in helping achieve the objectives of the club, and as such we are in continued liaison and conversation with the NZRU and the NZ Rugby Players' Association (via Rob Nichol).

John A Mills

President, Barbarians RFC

WHAT'S ON IN 2011

February

Friday 18 Bob Scott's 90th birthday celebration
Friday 25 RWC planning presentation

March

Friday 4 University club night
Saturday 12 NZ Barbarians middleweight v Thames Valley
Friday 18 Grammar-Carlton club night
Saturday 19 NZ Barbarians middleweight v U85kg Development XV
Friday 25 NZ Barbarians middleweight v Old Boys-University

April

Friday 1 Ponsonby club night
Friday 15 Marist club night
Thursday 21 NZ Barbarians middleweight v Eastern Suburbs (NSW)
Friday 29 Teachers-Eastern club night

May

Friday 13 Counties RFU officials night
Sunday 22 Primary Schools Fun Day, Ngataranga Bay
Friday 27 Northcote/North Shore club night

June

Friday 10 Onewhero/Maramarua club night
Friday 24 SAS invitation club night

July

Friday 1 Glenfield/Navy club night
Friday 8 NZ Police club night
Sun 16-Wed 20 NZSC regional coaching dates
Friday 22 Waitemata club night
Tues 26-Thurs 28 NZSC regional schools tournament, Hamilton

August

Friday 5 Rugby Foundation club night
Friday 12 Takapuna club night
Friday 26 Ladies night
Fri 26-Sun 28 NZSC national First XV and co-ed schools champs, Rotorua

Note that the date for the AGM is yet to be confirmed.

The New Zealand Barbarians middleweight (U85kg) rep side is down for four matches in 2011 through March and April, with venues in Thames, College Rifles (x2) and Wellington respectively. Bryan Craies is again the convenor while the coach is Gary Cunningham, assisted by Wayne Underhay.

BOB SCOTT'S 90TH

This Friday is the kickoff of Super Rugby, but it is also the chance to honour a fine Barbarian and one of the great All Blacks. Bob Scott turned 90 on Waitangi Day, but the Barbarians will be toasting him many happy returns at the club from 6pm. All members and their guests are welcome. Bob himself, as sprightly a 90-year-old as you will ever meet, will be driving up from his Whangamata home, as he did last year when appearing on Keith Quinn's Rugby Channel show *Test Match Stories*. There was still a glint in Bob's eye and his memory is extraordinary.

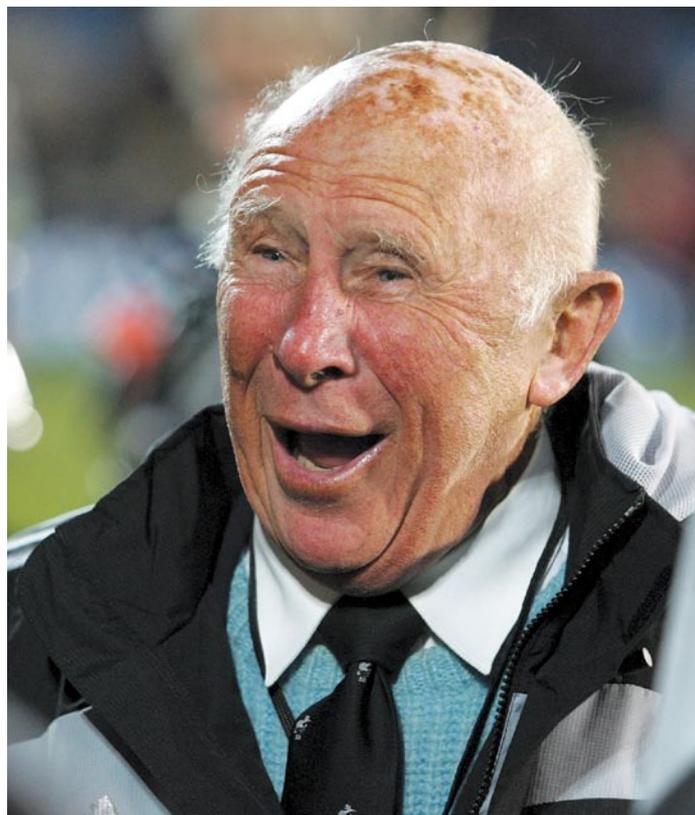
Bob's was born in Wellington and was an All Black from 1946-54, appearing in 17 tests and 52 matches in all. He made the grade out of Ponsonby, and finished his career with the Petone club. In an age when the role of fullback was vastly different from that of today, he was without equal.

Do not worry about having to rush back home for the Super Rugby match; the Hurricanes v Highlanders will be on the big screens at the clubhouse.

Where: Barbarians RFC clubrooms, level 6, ASB Stand, Eden Park

When: Friday, February 18

Time: 6.00pm



Bob Scott in 2009, aged 88. Photo: www.photosport.co.nz

OTHER KEY UPCOMING EVENTS

Rugby World Cup planning RCP update

Warren Warfield and Bruce McDonald (from RCP) have agreed to give members an update on RWC planning for later in the year. All members are welcome. An update on all the activities and plans for the Rugby World Cup and how it might affect the Barbarians club is well worth hearing about.

Where: Barbarians RFC clubrooms, level 6, ASB Stand, Eden Park

When: Friday, February 25

Time: 5.00pm

Warriors v Eels: NRL rugby league match

In an historic night for Eden Park, an NRL competition match will be held for the first time on the ground. The Vodafone Warriors open their 2011 campaign against the Parramatta Eels, coached by Kiwis coach Stephen Kearney.

Tickets are available at \$70.00 each in the Barbarians boxes at Eden Park. Please contact secretary John Cresswell if you would like to see this game from a club box.

Phone: 09-303-0606, 021-703-904 or email johnc@seculo.co.nz

Where: Eden Park

When: Friday, February 25

Time: 7.30pm



The 2010 AGM at the club.

AGM REVIEW

There was a good turnout for the 74th Barbarians AGM at the clubrooms on November 25.

Highlights were the presentations of the Albert Storey Memorial Trophy to former president Phil Lindesay, while Mike Cormack received his life membership badge after some sterling work through the years, but more particularly in recent times around the shift from the old clubhouse to the new.

New members Simon Gundry, Blair Larsen and Kevin Barrett received their Barbarians ties after not being able to make the October new members' function.

All the main office holders were returned, and Bob Sorenson and Jack Bourke remain



Club captain Mike Mills delivers his annual report to the AGM.

as patrons of the Barbarians. Vice-president Bryan Williams is poised to assume the presidency of the NZRU at its upcoming AGM. 'Beegee' will be busy in 2011.

DEATHS OF MEMBERS

Don Johnston (1918-2011)

Don Johnston, who died in January after a long illness, was a true Barbarian, a selfless, hard worker all his life for the game of rugby.

Johnston was the Auckland rep team's masseur for an astonishing quarter of a century, from 1955-80. He worked with his father at a massage therapy practice in Queen's Arcade. A life member of the Ponsonby RFC, whom he joined in 1936, and Mt Eden Bowls, and a respected member of the Piha RSA and the Freemasons, Johnston was a very popular and highly regarded Barbarian member. He was one of the main organisers of the annual club bowls days for many years, and was a constant presence as one of the bar managers at the old clubhouse until around 2003. Johnston never held a driver's licence, but few complained about giving him a lift.

Noel Mortimer (1922-2011)

Another fine Barbarian, Mortimer coached College Rifles to their first, and only Gallaher Shield in 1964, before taking the reins of the Auckland. He may be the only rep coach to have won the Ranfurly Shield in two successive years, in 1971 and '72. The first came at Lancaster Park in Christchurch while the second was at Whangarei's Okara Park. Mortimer had served in the Second World War and got stuck into his rugby after those campaigns. He knew how to celebrate a rugby win in style, but was also a forward-thinking coach who espoused open rugby.

John Simpson (1922-2010)

A fine All Black who played nine tests and 30 matches from 1947-50 as a tough prop, Johnny Simpson never played at much more than 15 stone. But that did not stop him demolishing opponents and he took that knowledge on to become an expert forwards coach. Simpson was a member of the celebrated 2nd NZEF Army side of 1945-46 along with the likes of Fred Allen and Bob Scott. Allen later co-opted Simpson, who was coaching at the Takapuna club, into helping with the Auckland pack from 1957-62, leading into a fine era of the blue and whites. Simpson was also a Wellington and Northern Districts bowls rep. Later in life he lost virtually all his sight, but none of his humour and charisma.

* For fuller obituaries, visit:
www.barbarianrugby.co.nz/news

PETER ROWE

Special congratulations to one of our youngest members, Wanganui's Peter Rowe. Peter, who plays openside flanker for the Wanganui Heartland team, won the Heartland Championship player of the year at the annual Steinlager NZRU awards night in December. He is the third Wanganui player in a row to win this gong. Peter has been selected on four occasions for the national Heartland XV.

BARBARIAN LOUNGE/ SUITES HOURS AND ACCESS

The Barbarians clubhouse at Eden Park is open Friday from 4.30pm, and also on rugby match days or nights at the ground. Access is through Gate 8 on Walters Avenue, the same side as the ASB (North) Stand. There will be an intercom system in place, but please have your membership cards handy. On game days you will not be admitted by the ground staff without them. Guests are welcome with members.

WEBSITE

Check out 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 – do not worry, there is plenty of Barbarian scarlet running through it – and looks good. Feedback is encouraged. What would you like to see on the Baabaas website?

COMMUNICATION/ MISSING LINKS

Please advise any changes to your contact details as soon as possible and if you haven't already given us your email address, please do so. If you have changed your email address, please let us know what your new one is.

Email addresses for the following members do not work. If you can help, would you please advise secretary John Cresswell at johnc@seculo.co.nz, phone 09-303-0606 or send to PO Box 26 418, Epsom, Auckland 1023.

Ron Elvidge, Peter Sloane, Neil Smith, John Mitchell, Tom O'Hanlon, Tony Edgar, Errol Brain, Murray Tanner, Peter Rowe, Bryce Bevin, Rod Taylor, Ross Nicholson, Peter McNamara, Tony O'Reilly, Gavin Hastings, Graham Boggs, Brad Johnstone

FIXTURES: EDEN PARK

Super Rugby 2011

Saturday February 19 (this Saturday!)

Blues v Crusaders, 7.35pm

Saturday March 19

Blues v Hurricanes, 7.35pm

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, please visit www.barbarianrugby.co.nz

Tri Nations 2011

Saturday August 6

All Blacks v Australia, 7.35pm

Note that this is one of only two domestic All Blacks tests in 2011 prior to Rugby World Cup, the other being against South Africa in Wellington on Saturday, July 30, kickoff 7.35pm.

ITM Cup 2011

Sunday July 17

Auckland v Canterbury, 2.35pm

Wednesday July 20

Auckland v Otago, 7.35pm

Wednesday August 3

Auckland v Southland, 7.35pm

Thursday August 11

Auckland v Counties Manukau, 7.35pm

Saturday August 20

Auckland v Bay of Plenty, 2.35pm

Final: This is down for Saturday September 3, but if Auckland hosts the ITM Cup final, it will not be at Eden Park, due to RWC requirements. We will keep members informed of any change in venue. Note too that Auckland has three midweek games. This is a feature of the 2011 competition due to the need to compress games and finish the ITM Cup prior to the start of the Rugby World Cup.

For a full ITM Cup draw, please visit www.barbarianrugby.co.nz

Rugby World Cup 2011

Friday September 9

All Blacks v Tonga, 8.30pm

Saturday September 17

Australia v Ireland, 8.30pm

Saturday September 24

All Blacks v France, 8.30pm

Sunday September 25

Fiji v Samoa, 3.30pm

Saturday October 1

England v Scotland, 8.30pm

Semifinals: Sat/Sun October 15/16

TBC, 9.00pm

Bronze final: Friday October 21

TBC, 8.30pm

Final: October 23 - TBC, 9.00pm



An informal gathering at the clubhouse in early February. From left: John Mills, Dean Paddy, Rodney Doidge, Mike Klaassen (resplendent in his Sacred Heart College blazer, though his walking stick is just "a marketing tool."), Mike Cormack.