



BAABAA NEWS

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The newsletter of The Barbarian Rugby Football Club Inc.
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The Barbarians would love to see more high profile games, such as the 2010 NZ Maori clash in Whangarei. www.photosport.co.nz

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year and welcome to the 2012 rugby season.

I hope you all had a good break despite the poor weather for the members in the north. We have had three committee meetings since the AGM and have got exciting plans in place for 2012, a year which sees the Barbarians club celebrate 75 years of existence.

A special welcome to new committee members Richard Fry and Campbell Burnes and new club captain Mark Moore. Neil Cullimore has accepted the position of Vice-President. Neil's long career in top corporate positions will surely add tremendous business acumen to the committee.

Barbarians suites (boxes) for 2012

All the seats in the Barbarian corporate boxes have been purchased by the members for the 2012 season. A special thank you to John Mills for ensuring the members' support. Unlike the situation we were in during the Rugby World Cup, we will have full use of the boxes and our superb clubrooms for the entire season.

With two All Blacks tests at Eden Park, no less than seven Super Rugby games (plus possible playoffs) and the ITM Cup provincial series, it should be exciting viewing.

NZ Secondary Schools Barbarians

The Barbarians have committed to supporting a second national secondary schools side. It will be known as the NZ Secondary School Barbarians team. The coaches and manager have been selected. Mark Vincent from Christchurch's St Bede's College is the head coach, while Dave Dillon

from Auckland's Sacred Heart College is the assistant coach and Darrin Armstrong from the Waikato region is the manager.

The Barbarians will provide a technical advisor and an assistant manager. The Barbarians school team will play Samoan and Australian Schools in the week starting October 1. With the A team only allowed to select year 13 boys, the Barbarians team is allowed to have six year 12 boys included. This will provide a great opportunity to blood young exciting players at the highest schoolboy level, many of whom could push on into the top side in 2013.

We will ensure the Barbarians spirit is strong in this team.

Kind regards,

Mike Mills
President,
Barbarians RFC

WHAT'S ON

Wednesday February 22

Blackcaps v South Africa, T20 international, 7.00pm

Friday February 24

Blues v Crusaders, Super Rugby, 7.35pm

Saturday March 3

Blackcaps v South Africa, ODI, 2.00pm

Sunday March 4

Warriors v Manly, NRL, 2.00pm

Saturday March 31

Barbarians U85kg reps v Wellington, Westpac Stadium

Sunday May 27

Annual Fun Day, Ngataranga Bay

*As you can see, there is not just rugby on at Eden Park over the next few weeks. There are tickets still available in the club boxes for the non-rugby fixtures. Please contact your club secretary John Cresswell on sec@brfc.co.nz or 09-846-7241. As various Friday club nights are confirmed, these will be posted on our website www.barbarianrugby.co.nz

DEATHS OF MEMBERS

'Skip' Watson (1922-2012)

You will go a long way to find anyone with a bad word to say about Allan Archibald 'Skip' Watson, who died of pneumonia last month just short of his 90th birthday.

As a sprightly halfback, Watson captained the 1951 Grammar side which won the Gallaher Shield. He moved seamlessly into refereeing and became a most popular whistler, one of the best in Auckland through the 1950s and '60s. He was also a fine singer and keen marathon runner, keeping himself super-fit. Though he never officiated at international level, Watson did take charge of several rep fixtures and was a life member of the Auckland Rugby Referees' Association, for whom he served as president in 1965-66.

He also served in the airforce during World War Two, and won a DFC, a bravery medal.

Bill Potter, who has refereed over 1000 matches at various levels, will dedicate this season to 'Skip' Watson.

NEW YEAR'S HONOURS

Sir Graham Henry

Our Rugby World Cup-winning coach and fellow Barbarian is now a knight, one of just five in New Zealand to be so honoured last month in the New Year's honours.

At 65, Sir Graham (pictured below) has stepped aside from the helm of the All Blacks, but his involvement with the game will continue through passing on his priceless experience to budding coaches.

The Barbarians club congratulates 'Ted' on his fine achievement. He joins five other New Zealand rugby knights, all of them Barbarians: Sir Fred Allen, Sir Wilson Whineray, Sir John Graham, Sir Brian Lochore and Sir Colin Meads.

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Simon Gundry, QSM

Simon Gundry was made a Barbarian in 2010 after a lifetime's involvement with sport. His name is synonymous with sailing, rugby and the North Shore, in particular the North Shore Rugby Club and its successful fundraising lunches.

His richly deserved Queen's Service Medal is for service to the community. The Barbarians club offers our heartiest congratulations to this man of rugby, man of sailing and man of letters.

HALBERG AWARDS

Rugby cleaned up at the recent Halberg Awards in Auckland and the Barbarians' were strongly represented.

The All Blacks deservedly won the supreme award for their RWC-winning efforts. Barbarians and current players Richie McCaw (captain) and Keven Mealamu, along with the coaching staff of Sir Graham Henry, Wayne Smith and new All Blacks coach Steve Hansen, were among those honoured. It is worth noting that the last individual All Black to win the supreme award was our own Sir Wilson Whineray back in 1965. In a nice touch, David Kirk and Sir Brian Lochore handed over the trophy to the team.

Richie won the sportsman of the year gong for the second year in a row. Sir Graham took the coach of the year award, heading off another Barbarian in Gordon Tietjens, perennially successful coach of our national sevens side. Nice to see John Kirwan inducted (finally) into the New Zealand Sports Hall of Fame too. Barbarian Bruce Cameron, a passionate rugby man, and former NZ Colts halfback, was honoured with a lifetime achievement award, mainly for his work at Olympic level as a long-time selector.



Richie McCaw made several winning Halberg acceptance speeches.

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Phil Lindesay, Roger Moore and Bryan Williams at the AGM.

75TH YEAR JUBILEE

Many of you will recall with fondness the 70th birthday celebrations at Eden Park for the Barbarians club. That was back in 2007, marking three-score and 10 years since the New Zealand chapter of this famous club

was founded by messrs Ron Bush and Hugh McLean.

The 75-year milestone has rolled around swiftly, and the Barbarians will be marking the occasion later in the season with a dinner and suitable celebration at the ground. Past president Phil Lindesay will chair the organising committee.

BARBARIANS SUITES/ BOXES FOR 2012

As mentioned previously by our President, all seats for the rugby season in the two Barbarians corporate boxes adjoining our clubrooms have been sold. There is a full

programme of rugby at the ground in 2012, with around 15 games (plus possible playoff games) on show. So those with tickets will have a marvellous vista of the action. Food will be available for purchase. Please note that any alcohol taken outside into the seats must be in a plastic cup. No glass is permitted outside the clubrooms.

CLUB APPAREL

The club is reducing the costs of most of its club apparel by over 50 percent to make room for new stock. But please be aware the club apparel is for Barbarians members only. If you are interested in buying any of the gear listed below, talk to Dean Paddy at the club or contact John Cresswell on the club

number 09-846-7241.

Polo shirts (short and long sleeves): were \$65, now \$32

Black vests: were \$65, now \$32

Red jumpers (no sleeves): were \$65, now \$32

Red jumpers (long sleeves): were \$75, now \$37

Ties: still \$30

Big red jackets: were \$160, now \$80



Most of your committee hard at work.

BARBARIANS BLAZERS

Purchasing a Barbarians RFC blazer

- Contact the secretary: phone 09-846-7241 or email sec@brfc.co.nz
- Secretary will email Keven Whittam at Cambridge Clothing, confirming your order. A copy of the email will be sent to the Baabaa member making the order.
- Baabaa member contacts Keven at Cambridge Clothing: phone 09-825-0844 or email. keven@cambridgeclothing.co.nz to make an appointment for a fitting.
- The measure and fitting will be completed at the Cambridge Clothing factory at 3094 Great North Road, New Lynn.
- Keven will contact you when the blazer is ready to be collected. Leave your contact details with him.

• There are two payments to be made:

1. The cost to make the blazer is \$197.00, payable to Cambridge Clothing Company when you collect your blazer.
2. There is an additional cost of \$120.00 for the material, blazer pocket and buttons, payable to the club (we provide the material, pocket and buttons, which are kept in stock by Cambridge).

Our treasurer will invoice you for the club cost of \$120.00.

- If you have any queries, please contact the club secretary as per above.

EFTPOS AT THE CLUB

Yes, our own eftpos machine is finally installed and ready for use, bringing us into line with other modern modes of spending. No longer will you have to traipse down to the end of the ASB Stand to withdraw your money from the hole-in-the-wall or hit your mate up for cash at the bar. However, the machine is only available at the front of the bar, so you cannot make a transaction from the far side, as it were. Clubhouse manager Dean Paddy will be on hand to answer any queries relating to the eftpos machine use. Eden Park Catering will be in charge of food in the clubhouse on game days.

CLUB CONTACT

Your first port of call is our industrious club secretary John Cresswell, who is now mostly based at Eden Park in the clubrooms' office.

John Cresswell's details are:

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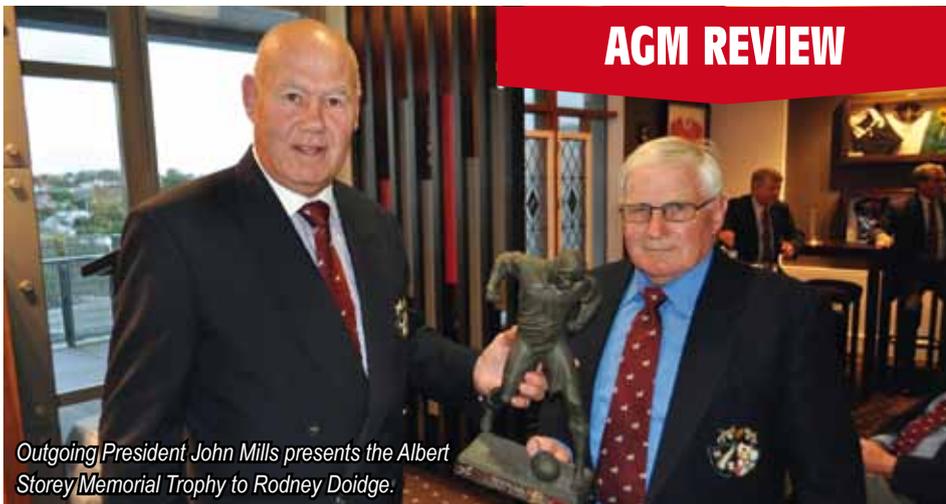
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AGM REVIEW



Outgoing President John Mills presents the Albert Storey Memorial Trophy to Rodney Doidge.



Colin Gibbons (right) presents a replica 1870 jersey from the first rugby game played in New Zealand.

The 75th AGM in November saw a strong turnout of members (38) hear about another busy year for the club and its associated activities.

The newly elected President of the Barbarians club is former club captain **Mike Mills**, who replaces John Mills (no relation) after the completion of John's fine two year tenure.

Mike, now 53, played 54 games for Auckland from 1979-83, and 25 for the fledgling North Harbour union from 1985-87, as well as being a New Zealand Colt and All Blacks trialist. He also won a Gallaher Shield with Takapuna in 1980. Mike has since gone on to coach at various levels, including North Harbour and premier club teams within that union. He is a director of the Haka NZ apparel company, and is very well connected in national and international rugby circles. In particular, he has built solid relationships with the NZRU and got the ball rolling with regards to possible future games against the French and UK Barbarians.

Neil Cullimore takes on the position of junior vice-president. He is a rugby man to his bootlaces, winning two Gallaher Shields in 1966 and '71 as captain of Auckland University, and another in 1974, as well as appearing in 36 matches for Auckland, in '71-72 as skipper. Neil was assistant coach of Auckland from 1981-83. A keen cyclist

and golfer, he has travelled widely and is prominent in the IT industry.

Mark Moore is our new club captain. Out of the Bombay club, Mark was a fine halfback for Counties at all levels through the 1970s and '80s and appeared 112 times for the union, as well as twice winning an All Blacks trial.

Richard Fry returns to the committee and brings a wealth of experience in the area of rugby sponsorship through his involvement with the All Blacks. As a player, he was a fullback or first five who played for Auckland, Counties, NZ Sevens and had an All Blacks trial. You may recall Richard had a blinder for Counties against Auckland in 1985 at Eden Park which may have ended the home side's Ranfurly Shield era at one defence, instead of the 61 that transpired. Richard is in the throes of preparing a strategic plan for the club.

Campbell Burnes is new to the committee, having helped produce the club newsletter since 2010. Campbell played 18 first-class games for Manu Samoa and Thames Valley between 1995-2000, bookending two stints in French club rugby. He is a journalist for *Rugby News* magazine and its parent company Sport Media Titles, and his father Bob is also a club member.

Dean Paddy steps into the shoes of retiring bar manager Rodney Doidge, who gave many years' sterling service and won the Albert Storey Memorial Trophy, presented at the AGM. Dean has assisted Rodney for some 14 years. Like fellow Barbarians such as Earle Kirton and Keith Nelson, he is a dentist by profession. While studying he played for Otago and NZ Universities out of the University club, and then played and coached in England before returning to coach the Auckland University premiers in the late 1980s.

Also at the AGM, Barbarian Colin Gibbons presented the club with a replica rugby jersey and ball, used in the first game of rugby in New Zealand, played in 1870 at his alma mater Nelson College.

FIXTURES: EDEN PARK

Super Rugby 2012

Friday February 24

Blues v Crusaders, 7.35pm

Friday March 23

Blues v Hurricanes, 7.35pm

Friday April 13

Blues v Sharks, 7.35pm

Friday April 27

Blues v Reds, 7.35pm

Friday May 11

Blues v Lions, 7.35pm

Saturday May 26

Blues v Highlanders, 7.35pm

Saturday July 7

Blues v Force, 7.35pm

*The playoffs are set down for July 20-August 4.

Test matches 2012

Steinlager Series

Saturday June 9

All Blacks v Ireland, 7.35pm

Four Nations/The Rugby Championship

Saturday August 25

All Blacks v Australia, 7.35pm

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 John Cresswell (09-846-7241 or sec@brfc.co.nz) to obtain additional 'visitor' cards. Please ensure any additional 'visitor' cards are returned before leaving the club at the end of the function/event.

NB. Some of you have yet to forward subs payment. Please do so at your earliest convenience.

