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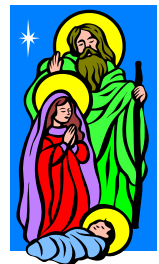
Suddenly the shops are brimming with Xmas decorations so it must also be time for the annual Old Maroons gathering in Christchurch – some of the old girls had a warm up last weekend to celebrate Nicky Inwood's wedding – some excellent stories were told which may have been embellished with time.



Old Maroons Christmas Gathering

**Monday 1st December 2014 from
5.30pm**

The Brewers Arms in Merivale



High Performance is alive and well at UCRFC with Canterbury ITM Cup squad members – 3 from Varsity - Patrick Osborne, Kieran Read and Luke Whitelock. Other NPC – 7 more from Varsity with Mitchell Graham (Prop) – Taranaki, Matt Moulds (Hooker) – Northland, James Lentjes (Open Side Flanker) – Otago, Brendon O'Connor (Open Side Flanker) – Hawkes Bay (Captain) AND Ranfurly Shield Winner (30th August vs. Counties 27-21), Michael Allardice (Lock) – Hawkes Bay, Jimmy Tupou (Lock) – Counties, Jamie Verran (Fullback, Wing) – Southland.

The Varsity **Women's Team won the Club Final** against HSOB 70-0. This is the first year that Mark Meates has coached the girls. The Meates whanau were very loud in their support - particularly when Harriet took to the pitch.

Canterbury Women's Team featured 11 Varsity players including our Black Fern Kendra Cocksedge (playing position: 9), Whitney Hansen (8), Jess Hansen (4)(daughters of All Blacks Coach, Steve Hansen), Keilamarita Pouri-Lane (11), Liz Pera (13, 14), Nicola Hoole (12), Claire Smith (9), Vicki Campbell (7), Letsa Matity (5), Kristina Illston (2) and Abbey Ley (1).

Earlier in the year we were delighted to see
Brian (Chub) Hays inducted as a Life Member

Outstanding teacher, personality, and contributor to our club, Canterbury, Crusaders, NZ and Japanese rugby over many years. Reflecting on his colourful history – the club



received many emails from friends and past team mates.

There were some excellent stories from the beginning of his playing career with familiar names like Cam McNicol and Kerry Tanner thrown around.

Here are some of the details of his achievements –

Within our club:

UCRFC Div 1 player 1972 -79

Senior Division Coach - 3 x Champs 1982–86, and 1992–96

University of Canterbury RFC Executive 2005 – 2013 (Chairman 09–13)

School - 1st XV Coach 1980 – 2006

Burnside, Cashmere and Rangiora High Schools

Canterbury and Crusaders

CRFU Resource Coach 1985 – 2000

Crusaders Rugby Video Analysis/Game Analysis 3yrs, 3 Champs

Canterbury U19 Coach (3 years)

Canterbury Women's Coach (3 years)

Sport Canterbury Lecturer – Coaching Coaches

NZRFU

New Zealand Rugby Football Union - Resource Coach 85 – 02

New Zealand U19 Rugby Selector 03 – 05

NZ Black Ferns Assistant Coach 1994, 1998–2002

World Cup Winner 2002 Barcelona

And some messages of congratulations...

Having played in the front row beside Chub for several (6-7?) years, I can confirm that his claim that he took more tight heads than I did is complete bullshit, but great press. Where was he when I had broken ribs in the final against Chch and Mick Powley took 10 tight heads off me? But despite his front row failings, he sorely deserves the honour of life membership of U of CRC. Please pass on our congrats. Jenny sends a hug - I spent too much time hugging him over the years to go back there! Well done Chub.

Jenny & Blacky

On behalf of the Sakata family, we wanted to take a moment to congratulate you on your induction to a Life Member of the UCRFU. We would like to thank you for all your work and commitment on rugby movement.

It is also a great honour for you, your family and friends.

*Finally, please accept our best wishes for your continued good health and the prosperity of the UCRFU! From your brother and sister, **Demi, Keiko and Hiroshi***

I still recall the day that Varsity was playing against Merivale-Papanui. We scored a try and from the kick-off I caught the ball in the air and got taken out by one of the opposition (don't know if it was illegal in those days. As I went to ground with the ball another of the MP players came through with the boot and split my ear in half. A cheer went up from the opposition spectators as I had to leave the field

but dropped immediately to a hush when Chub ran on as the replacement.

Regards to all the club members.

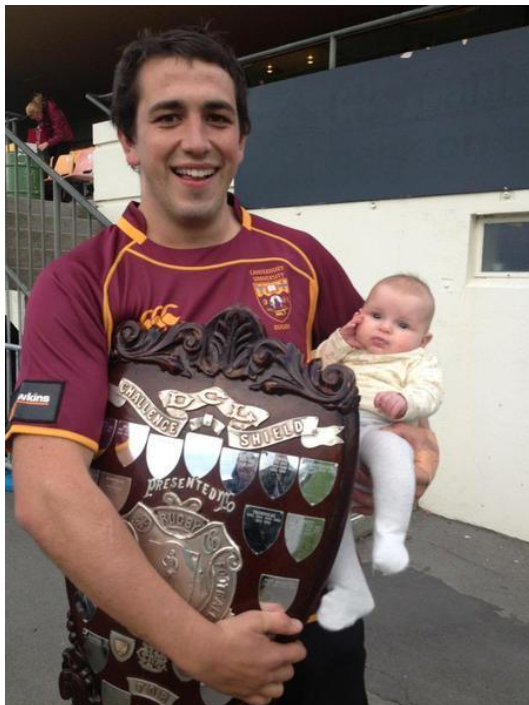
Cam McNicol

He has done a huge amount for the club over the years and certainly deserves to be honoured in this way. My congratulations to him!! Enjoy the evening.

Ray Scott

The final congratulations should have come from a person who would have loved to have been here to support you – your mentor and close friend Laurence Michael O'Reilly (**LMO**). Outstanding coach, father of Women's rugby, noted barrister, and NZ Children's Commissioner.

Well done Mr Hays, the honour is well deserved and you join an elite group who have made significant contributions to the club and the wider rugby community.



On a lighter note - Do you know **Canterbury's Hottest Tradie?** (A local Press competition) ...Dudley 'Duke' Chambers

This local blue blood tradie apparently has ladies lining up to be his Duchess. Not only has he been blessed with rugged good looks and boyish charm, he knows his way around a nail and hammer. And would you look at that he's holding a baby.

Celebrating Old Maroons In Business

John Holt – Chairman of Syl Software; Co-founder and Chairman of the Kiwi Landing Pad in San Francisco. Also Chairman and Director of Modlar, Generator and 90 Seconds TV. Now based in Wellington.

Phil Holstein has been appointed the next Principal of Burnside High School. Congratulations Phil – you needed to find something to get your teeth into now the Battlers Touch team has been forced into retirement.

Old Maroons – Passed On

Brian Smither

I am not sure if you caught up with the death of Brian Smither (17th June, 2014) in Auckland aged 75. Brian was a contemporary of mine coming through the ranks from Under-20's to the Seniors from about 1958 to 1962 (I think)...a brilliant loose forward who had the speed to turn up in the open alongside the swiftest of our backs....I think he got his first employment at via Don Wilson who was both an executive at Feltex Carpets and also a great supporter of the University Club.... (From Merv Taiaroa)

Dallas Seymour is now Head Coach Women's Sevens at Crusaders and Canterbury Rugby Football Union.

Helen Mahon-Stroud is now the High Performance Manager for the White Ferns.

Highlights from the Old Maroon's AGM / President's Report

Special thanks to

- Greg Bryce – for being our President for the past two years. Greg has decided to stand aside from the role so with the committee's agreement Ruzz once again stepped into the breach - holding the Presidency role in an acting capacity until the AGM.
- Craig Dickson – who has brilliantly represented the Old Maroons on the Rugby Club Executive and who is making a major contribution to the Clubhouse Insurance and repairs activities
- Steve & Jo Comer – for being our dedicated Newsletter stuffers over many years. We wish Steve & Jo a happy retirement from the role
- Lindsay North – our Treasurer, for keeping track of our financials
- Robert Stuart – for coordinating our Touch 10s team

Activities this year have included:

- We hosted a lunch for the past players from Lincoln University on the day of the annual inter-universities day, where all our teams play each other on the same day and at the same ground. It was again a very good occasion. For the record Lincoln University won the match 50-22 and retained the Hart O'Reilly Trophy (as they have done again this year 19-13)
- On behalf of the Rugby Club we have continued to coordinate the 300-point sponsorship for the senior men's team. Membership of the 300 Club continues to grow and is an excellent way for the Old Maroons to stay connected to their Club and to the current team. Membership now stands at 27
- Also on behalf of the Rugby Club we issue Club Social Memberships (at \$40 each) so that Old Maroons comply with the liquor licensing requirements
- The Christmas gathering at the Brewers Arms in Merivale is now firmly established at the annual end-of-year event. Good numbers are attracted who enjoy the occasion

The Newsletter continues to be our main communication medium and we receive compliments from a range of sources that are envious that their Club does not have something similar. It was a pleasure to see reference to one of our oldest Old Maroons - **Allan Hunter** (91) who was travelling to the WW2 commemorations in Europe. Allan has subsequently told me that he was delighted to meet the Queen. Allan also asked if there were any other **Old Maroons from the 1946-49 era** other than himself and **Zane Dalzell**. Please let us know and keep your news and stories coming.

The Committee has again flourished with the very light workload – this year consisted of email communications only.

The Old Maroons are indebted to those who make donations and we thank you for your generosity. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Old Maroons.

Ruzz Barr / President

300 Club – Results (Men's Div 1 team)

For the first time since the introduction of the 300 Club the team only accumulated 269 points. So, the members had the option to pay either \$269 or \$300. With thanks we note that the choice has been \$300

Statistics for the season

Played 17, Won 5

Points: For 269, Against 459

Lost Dick Hockley Trophy (New Brighton), Hart O'Reilly Trophy (Lincoln Varsity) and Frank Creighton Trophy (Sydenham)

Ian Lockie and Guy Pierce are organising the next **1975 UCRFC Trip to Japan reunion**, being 40 years on, during 2015.

Rugby Club 2014

Prizegiving is becoming a formal affair

Great to see some of those maroon blazers getting to see the light of day.



It was great to see that the Rugby Club Volunteer of the Year 2014 was **Jerard Cross**

You will always find him running the scoreboard at Ilam and if you need any stats he is like an encyclopaedia. Also known as the President of the Andy Ellis Fan Club – his enthusiasm and passion for the club and our sport is to be admired.

Well done Jerard!

Here's a photo of Jerard (with Life member Mark Meates)



Money! Money!

Donations are always welcome. As we do not have an annual subscription, financial assistance is always greatly appreciated.

If you have stories and memories or current events and activities of interest, including photos, we forward look to receiving them.

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