



Old Maroons Christmas Gathering

Monday December 12th 2016 from 5.30pm

Brewers Arms in Merivale



Old Maroons AGM 2016

The 2016 Old Maroons AGM featured excellent presence from four of our six 2016 Crusaders.

We presented Andy Ellis with a whisky to celebrate his 150 games for the Crusaders. 2016 All Blacks Israel and Kieran also each received a whisky and we additionally presented Kieran with a decanter and glasses to recognise his first series win as the All Black Captain.

Andy presented the Rugby Club with his All Black jersey from the 2011 Rugby World Cup Semi-final against Australia. The jersey was accepted on our behalf by Mark Meates.



Left to right: Jone Macalai, Kieran Read (Crusaders and All Black Captain), Andy Ellis (150 game Crusader) and Jimmy Tupou (Counties Captain).

Absent: Israel Dagg and Marty McKenzie.



Former All Black and 150 Game Crusader, Andy Ellis, is the captain of the Barbarians in the UK this year. This includes games against Fiji and the Springboks. Andy has let us know that he will be wearing red and white socks of Kobe while playing. This was part of the agreement for his release to play. We wish Andy all the best in his captaincy.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations also go to Whitney Hansen on playing her 100th game for the Viperettes. Her on and off the field leadership is appreciated by all. Whitney is the Captain of our Women's team.

Well done also to Julia Smith on playing her 100th game for the Viperettes. This is quite some achievement, as she also clocked up a tonne for Old Boys before seeing the Maroon and Gold light!

And congratulations to Sam Godwin, Nigel Gibb and Finlay Christie on their selection to the Canterbury Wider Training Squad for the upcoming Mitre 10 Cup campaign.



50 Game Caps presented to Jessie Hansen, Claire Smith and Taryn Caley on 16th July 2016



Luke Whitelock – Canterbury Captain – with the Ranfurly Shield, won from Waikato September 28th 2016

2016 Season in Summary

Women won the Final against Christchurch 20 -19 and achieved the first three-peat since the 1980s.

Men lost the Plate Final to Marist Albion 34-41

The season in summary:

Won 10

Lost 8

Points for and against 517/398

Lost all three Trophies: Hart O'Reilly (vs Lincoln University), Frank Creighton (vs Sydenham) and Dick Hockley (vs New Brighton)

Women Representatives for Canterbury:

Tayn Caley

Fiona Wright

Nicole Purdom

Kendra Cocksedge

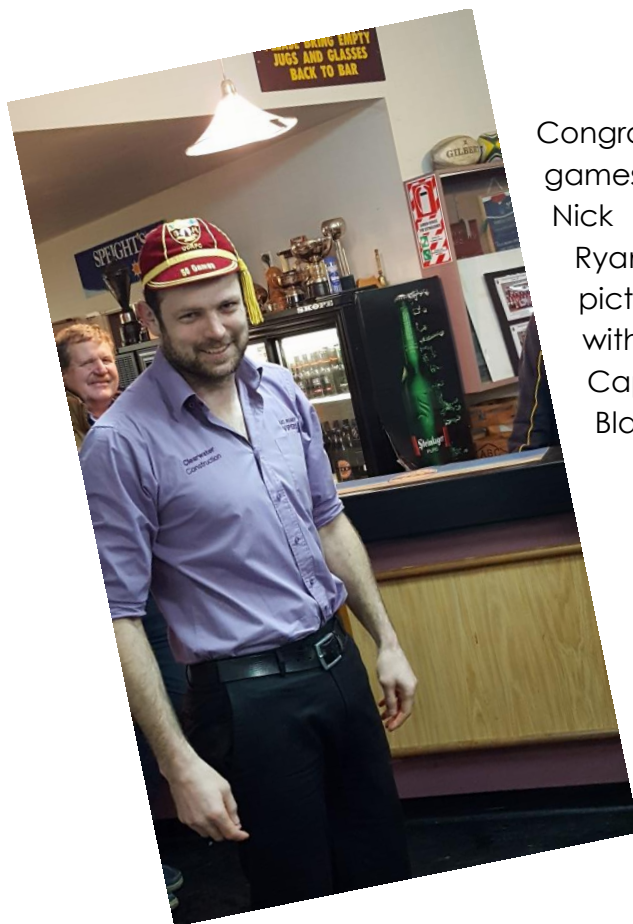
Hannah Poff

Liz Pera

Liv McGovern

2016 Club Prize-giving results will be in the first Newsletter in 2017 – a great way to start a year by celebrating our 'tall poppies'

Liz Pera represented Cook Islands and Kielamarita Pouri-lane for Samoa in the 7's.



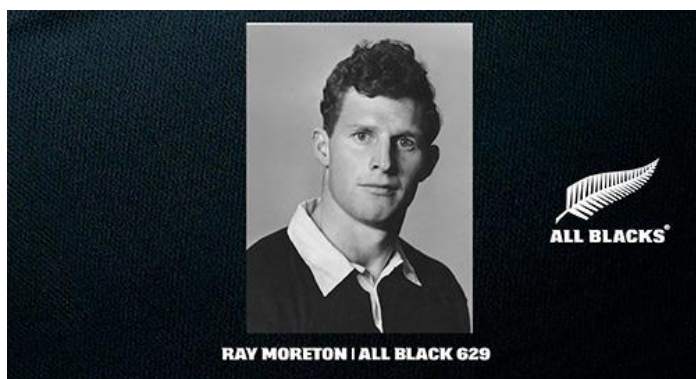
Congratulations on 50 games also go to Nick Brooker and Ryan Sullivan, pictured here with Past Club Captain Les Black.



Ray Moreton – All Black 1962, 1964 – 1965, Number 629:

We record with sadness the passing of R.C. (Ray) Moreton during July of this year. Old Maroons Peter Hutchinson and Tom Moynihan attended Ray's funeral in Auckland on 25th July.

Born on 30 January 1942 in Dunedin, Ray was a quick and powerful midfield back who made his All Blacks debut in 1962 in Australia. He played 12 matches for the All Blacks, including seven Tests and scored 24 points.



"It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of Ray Moreton," said New Zealand Rugby Chairman Brent Impey. "Ray will be fondly remembered around New Zealand, in particular the Southland rugby community from which he originated and the Canterbury and Universities communities that he represented with pride. Ray made a significant contribution to rugby as a player and coach. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time."

In 1962 Moreton had also made his debut for New Zealand Universities, earning selection again in 1964 and 1965. Following his retirement from playing, he coached at the University Club in Christchurch and was a South Island Universities selector in the mid-1970s, before moving to Auckland.

Moreton received his All Blacks cap in 2009, when New Zealand Rugby retrospectively presented caps to All Blacks who had made their Test debuts between 1946 and 1996.

Springbok Sandwich



Nicky Ewins at dinner prior to the All Blacks Springboks Test in Christchurch, 17th September 2016.

"What an honour being with these two Springbok legends." (Nicky)

Old Maroons Whisky Cask #68

Thanks to the initiative of the Touring Team to Japan 1975, the Old Maroons have invested in a whisky cask to assist in the establishment of the Cardrona Distillery near Queenstown. The cask filling event at the Distillery occurred on Saturday 29 October 2016. Now only 10 years to wait for our 12 bottles each!!

The investors are all staunch and respected members of the Old Maroons.

Some interesting stats:

The heaviest whisky drinkers are forwards!

And 20% by members of this group are or have been All Blacks. This says a lot about the strength of the club, skills and appreciation of the finest drop!!



The members of the team are:
Guy Pierce, Ian Lockie, Ross Gard, James Carle, Richard Seton, Colin Donald, Gary Brown, Ray Scott, John Black, Neil Mackie, John Creighton, Les Black, Kevin Jennings, Chub Hays, Dave Faulkner, Wayne Lewis, Ruzz Barr, Kieran Read, Andy Ellis, Merv Aooke and Jim Baines.

There are still 3 spaces available – for a mere \$460 each. If you are interested contact Guy Pierce guy.pierce@xtra.co.nz



Our links to Japan continue strongly -

Hiroshi Sakata with Matt Hocken and family

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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