

# The Lupin Snooper

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# CLUB DAY SATURDAY 27 April 2024 This is our special day— let's celebrate

All our senior open grade teams will be playing at home on this special day as we celebrate all that is New Brighton Rugby!.

Match schedule for the day -

Premier v Linwood - Rawhiti Top field @ 2.45pm

Premier Reserve v Belfast - Rawhiti Top field @ 1pm

Colts v Linwood - Rawhiti No.2 @ 1pm

Under 85kg team v Invitation team - Rawhiti 2 @ 12.45pm

Come on down and support our teams during the day and enjoy a each others company in the evening after the rugby is done.

5.20pm Premier speeches6.00pm Club Speeches7.00pm Finger Food served

Players are encouraged to invite their partner, girlfriend or wife down for the evening.

We will rely on players to provide the music for the night from their IPOD's/Spotify

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE SIDELINES AND IN THE CLUBROOMS POST GAME KAI KAHA





# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Firstly, I would like to say a big welcome to everyone at this year's Club Day where I'm sure we will see some exciting rugby and support our 4 teams as they give it all for their Club and team. I hope we are successful on the field and I'm sure our support will really help them

It is always a big day and I hope we win back the Ceddy Smith Memorial Trophy as Linwood have had it too long!

It will be great to welcome everyone into our Clubrooms after the matches where I'm sure a good night lies ahead. There is a lot needs doing in setting up for the day and we are lucky to have an enthusiastic team to cover this.

So hopefully the weather is fine and our Club Day is a huge success!

Kia Kaha Derek Davidson

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# AN UPDATE FROM OUR RDO

The offseason for New Brighton Rugby resulted in a lot of veterans retiring or moving on from the club. Yet, these absences have given opportunity for young players eager to make their mark. As veterans hung up their boots or ventured to new opportunities, it paved the way for aspiring talents to step into the spotlight. The offseason became a period of transition, offering a chance for fresh faces to get cemented in the New Brighton premier environment. These players are well supported by the experience of coaches and senior players around them.

The Premier squad welcomed back Scott Pawson as head coach, Dougie Stewart as forwards coach, Wade de Garnham as Manager, and Mitchell Jamieson as analyst. We also welcomed returning coach Marcel Cummings-Toone as defense coach and new additions Tim Keery as backs coach, and Tom Brian Perese-Kuil as strength and conditioning coach. Riley de Garnham and Jordan Cherry have also been great in assisting the team with management duties. The coaches and management have formed a cohesive unit, blending their styles and expertise to elevate the team's performance. Each coach brings a unique perspective and skill set to the table, improving the team's overall approach to the game. With 9 debutants as of round 2, it's great to see these players come into an environment where they can succeed and excel, this credit goes to their hard work and the support of the coaching group and players around them. Excited to see how this young group goes in 2024.

The Premier Reserve squad at New Brighton Rugby has seen a rise in new players, many of whom are friends of existing team members drawn to the team's culture. Under Coach Brian Griffiths' guidance and effective communication from the leadership group, these newcomers have seamlessly integrated into the squad, adding energy and skills. The premier reserves have been training well with great numbers on Tuesday and Thursday and are also well supported by Tim Harris at coach as well as the management of Alban Beaumant and Brett Stanley. Looking forward to seeing how they go in the Premier Reserve Rua competition.

The Colts team of New Brighton Rugby is experiencing a rejuvenation under the return of Wayne Robertson as head coach, alongside Shane Simpson as manager, and the addition of Eddie Peak. With a blend of experienced leadership and fresh perspectives, the team is looking at a competitive season. Drawing from a mix of returning players from last year, talented juniors rejoining the club, and recruits from prominent first XV schools across Canterbury, the Colts have emerged as a young but exciting team. Already, their hardworking ethos and dedication to improvement are evident on the training ground and in early matches. With a strong foundation in place, the Colts team of New Brighton Rugby will be competitive and play some exciting rugby in that top Colts grade

The U85kg rugby team has been training hard for the past six weeks, eagerly awaiting their upcoming game this weekend. Led by coach Henare Faithful, who has skillfully accommodated not only returning players to rugby, but new, and younger players. Assisted by Campbell de Garnham in team management, they're ready to hit the field. The grade has had some uncertainty but thanks to the players and coaching group for sticking at it and leading the way for this new grade in Canterbury rugby.

#### **EASTERN HUB**

As members will be aware, the Clubrooms is run by Eastern Community Sports and Recreation (ESCR).

ECSR have developed a multi-purpose facility located on Rāwhiti Domain to meet a variety of leisure, sport and recreational needs of people in the New Brighton area. Specifically:

- to ensure the sustainability of the umbrella organisation tasked with delivering community sports and recreation activity under the direction of a constitution that serves the needs of the founding clubs
- to develop an appropriate funding plan that involves the sale of assets, pro vision of capital, removal of older buildings on the reserve and funding support from key Trusts, the Christchurch City Council and Lotteries Commission
- to provide an active indoor sport and community space for a range of indoor/outdoor sport and fitness activities. A facility that delivers on our original intention for the Rāwhiti Domain and favours a flexible, adaptable and potentially relocatable solution
- to deliver a large and comprehensive range of sport and recreation programmes from the sport hall, courts and fields of the complex, starting with those that will provide opportunities for the founding clubs, but including those that will assist other similarly mandated organisations such as Sport Canterbury, Christchurch City Council, and other sport and programme providers.

ESCR now has the following facilities/assets in the Eastern Suburbs

- Eastern hub (NBRFC Clubrooms)
- Eastern Canopy (covered multi-sport facility in Rawhiti Domain)
- Avon Hub (Old Shirley Boys High School gym) run as a community facility outside of school hours
- Ascot Hub (Old Ascot Golf Clubrooms) -run as a community facility

New Brighton Rugby is a founding member of ECSR, and should be justifiably proud of the contribution that ECSR are making in the local community.

Other founding members of ESCR are New Brighton Cricket, New Brighton Netball, Parklands-Christchurch United Softball. Other member Clubs and affiliates now include American Football Canterbury, South Brighton Tennis, New Brighton Olympic Athletics and New Brighton Community Gardens

### **Important**

### **Club Bar Licence**

The Club continues to welcome all friends, family and visitors to the Club throughout the season. There is nothing more pleasing than seeing the Clubrooms full each week, and at the end of the day the bar turnover supports the operation of the Hub.

However all members need to be aware that the conditions of the Bar Licence requires that all <u>non-financial members</u> of the Club sign the <u>Visitors Book</u> at the bar.

Should we get an inspection throughout the season, and we are seen to be serving any person who is un-financial, or alternatively has not signed the Visitors Book, could lead to a fine and closure of the Bar for a period.

We therefore appeal to all members to -

- (a) Carry their Membership Card on them at all times (issued on payment of annual subscription)
  - (b) When bringing visitors to the Club, please ensure they sign the Visitor's Book in front of the Bar each time they come along.

Regular attendees can join as a Social Member of the Club for \$30 which will mean you are a legitimate patron in the Club and won't have to sign in each time.

A couple of other key points

- (A) Our Bar Manager is responsible for the operation of the Bar and has the right to refuse service to any person that is intoxicated
- (B) Bringing alcohol into the lounge, other that what is purchased from the Bar is not acceptable and puts our Bar licence at risk. Patrons can expect to have any product brought into the lounge confiscated.
- (C) Our bar licence does not allow drinking anywhere other that the upstairs bar. The changing rooms are off limits for any drinking.

Please don't be offended if Bar Staff ask for your membership card during the season.

The Bar is licenced to 11pm each night, but the Bar Manager will make a call on closing time depending on how many members remain in the lounge. The Bar will remain open if it makes sense to be so commercially (i.e. there is sufficient turnover).

#### **NEW BRIGHTON RUGBY CLUB APP!**

Our ClubApp is an important mechanism for us to communicate to our members.

In November 2023. the ClubApp format changed, and it means you need to update to a new version if you had the old one.

Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device Search "ClubAppsNZ" to download the app on your device Then search "New Brighton Rugby Club" to find our app



This app now has a link to the CRFU Sporty link to keep track of draws, results and points tables throughout the season

#### SUBSARE NOW DUE!

Payment due date for subscriptions is 30 April 2024

Open Grade	\$200.00
Colts	\$140.00
Under 18	\$120.00
Social	\$30.00

Payment can be made into the following bank account -

03-0814-0138009-000

Please use your name as a reference on any payments please)

Any player un-financial after this date will not be permitted to play until their sub is paid

Membership cards will be issued to members once that have paid their sub. They can be collected from Angela Simpson (Treasurer) in the Clubrooms on Saturday evening.

# CLUB WEBSITE www.newbrightonrugby.co.nz

#### **FACEBOOK**

https://www.facebook.com/NewBrightonRugby/

#### **INSTAGRAM**

https://www.instagram.com/newbrightonrugby/

### TEAM GEAR GETS A REFRESH FOR 2024

Our Open Grade team warm up tees and jackets have had an update in time for the 2024 season.

The inspiration for the striped look to the garments dates back to the original Club jersey which was a combination of Gold and Black strips, as members may well recall from our Centenary gear in the 2021 season.



WARM-UP TEE

**SHELL JACKET** 



#### SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

The Finance sub-Committee have put in a huge effort in the off-season to bring in a significant amount of sponsorship to the Club.

Without Sponsors the game at Club level wouldn't survive, and we are extremely grateful for their support. For the senior section alone, we now have 39 individual sponsors on board which is really amazing.

A special mention of the efforts of Tyson Keats who has brough a significant number of new sponsors to the Club this season. Most of these are business associates of his own business, and his efforts have made a massive difference to the Club financially this year.

The Sponsors are being recognised ain a number of ways this season

- They all have Sponsor flags on display on the Top field for Premier home games
- They are invited to the on-field Sponsors tent for each home game to enjoy some food and refreshments
- Their logo's are on display on at least one piece of Open grade team gear
- Their logo is on display on the Clubrooms Sponsor TV
- Their logo is presented on various social-media communications

We have also produced a Sponsors Directory which includes adverts for all the businesses, Members are encouraged to take a copy home.

We encourage members to support these Businesses when you are potentially about to make purchases that are potentially offered by our Sponsors.

Please make sure you let the Business know you are from NBRFC when you contact them!



### **GOLDEN LIONS UPDATE**



The New Brighton Golden Lions, Golden Oldies team started the year with a pre-season cricket game v The Bower. This was a very tight affair with the game in the balance until the final few overs with the Golden Lions at the crease, unfortunately despite some stellar performances we came second. Something some of the boys wives wish they would do once in a while!

Our first hit out of the season was against Springston at home on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April. The game was played in great spirits and there were also a plentiful supply of spirits and other liquid refreshments on the sidelines for the players and ever growing 'Management' team. There was a reasonable crowd in attendance and everyone is welcome to stay on for a beer and a feed after the game.

The team generally plays 6 games over the course of the season, split between home and away fixtures, spaced 3-4 weeks about to allow the bodies time to recover between games. During the course of the year we also get together several times for social occasions, including an AGM, Club Day and end of year trip.

The games are of varying lengths dependent on many factors, including the number and age of the players, fitness levels, the weather and of course how quickly the boys want to get on to the after match. There's no score kept and the rules are adjusted to the eagerness of the players.

Currently the team has grown to 48 members with 5 new members joining the team this year.

April 21st v Springston - Home
May 12th v Kirwee - Away
June 9th v Woodend - Home
July 7th v Amuri - Away
July 28th v Linwood - Home
August 25th v Kaiapoi Tournament

Team Captain Michael Woodrow

Managers Rob Arnold, Shakey McBeath

Treasurer Andrew Kelso

Secretary Darren Reeves-Smith

### **JUNIOR SECTION UPDATE**

Junior season is fast approaching. Registrations have gone well, we have over 180 players this season, making up 14 teams.

Our season starts 11<sup>th</sup> May and runs through until the end of August. Our Club Day is a bit later this year being the 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

We have been lucky again this year with some of our senior players being allocated to a junior team to help mentor and support, these teams will all be named after their senior player.

Our Year 7 Harmon team is off to the Rugby festival in Queenstown in September. They have been busy fundraising over the past 6 months to raise the money to get their team there to represent the Club. It's been a mammoth task and they have done amazingly.

We are looking forward to a great season and the kids who have already started training to get out there in their Yellow and Black and have the best season

Ange Simpson Junior Club Captain

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#### WHAT IT COSTS TO RUN A RUGBY CLUB

For those that have been reading our Annual Reports over recent years, you will note that I have consistently indicated that it is becoming increasingly difficult to run a modern rugby club.

As player expectations of what a Club can offer increase, all sports clubs are faced with challenges around funding streams. Trust funding is getting harder to come by each year, and therefore sponsorship and fundraising efforts become more important

We are very fortunate that past generations of members invested in the land around the Clubrooms which was re-developed over the past 2-3 years. This has meant we have funds on hand that we are now looking to invest to secure the future of the Club. We cannot simply consume these funds, as once they are gone we will have nothing.

So here are a few key things for all members to keep in mind and to give you an understanding of how challenging the environment is-

- We get around \$20,000 in annual subscriptions
- Players all receive socks, shorts, warm up tee and shell jackets with a combined value of around \$200
- Our annual insurance cost is now \$20,000 per year,
- Laundry cost is over \$3000 per year.
- Our budget to run 4 open grade teams this year including trainer,
- physio and all teams costs is close to \$200,000!

I trust this opens the eyes to members on the challenges and in particular the costs we face.

The way you can help is to support any fundraising initiatives for the Club (weekly raffles and Go for Gold).

The way you can help is come to the Club each Saturday for an hour or two to help us generate more money from the bar and kitchen. While this doesn't directly help the Club, it does make a difference to ECSR as the building itself is very costly to run.

We don't expect you here all night, but if all members turned up for a couple of hours each week it would make a massive difference!

An indirect way is to also support of Sponsor businesses as that will encourage them to continue to sponsor the Club moving forward.

Players from all teams should take note—we need you back at the Club each week!

Tony Hall Finance Chairman

#### 2024 GO FOR GOLD FUNDRAISER

The" Go for Gold" Club remains one of our two major fundraising events each year, and we are keen to continue it again this season.

To summarise the key elements of the fundraiser, which will apply this season:

- The total number of tickets will be a minimum of 125 tickets and hopefully as high as 150.
- The total ticket price will be \$200.
- The Go for Gold Club will run over 20 weeks.
- There will be four weekly prizes and a fifth will be added if we can sell the 150 tickets.

Ticket holders will become Affiliate members of the Club and will therefore be given a complementary number in our weekly draw at the Club on Saturday Evenings (Ticket holders need to be present to be eligible for the weekly membership draw). We are hopeful that you will be willing to have a number again this season, and remind you that we are happy to accept payment by direct credit/automatic payment if it is easier. Bank account details are shown on the application form attached.

We still have a large number of tickets available, so if you would like to take one, please contact let Wayne Turner ASAP

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We thank you in anticipation of your continued support of the New Brighton Rugby Football Club.

#### **RESULTS SO FAR**

			Week One
1st	\$500	36	David Beaumont
2nd	\$200	128	Tengiz Partnership (Wayne Robertson and Nathan Morris)
3rd	\$100	72	Andrew & Fleur Kelso
4th	\$100	78	Trevor & Ralene White
			Week Two
1st	\$200	72	Andrew & Fleur Kelso
2nd	\$100	67	Steve Muir
3rd	\$100	79	Bruce & Trish Gibson
4th	\$50	38	Wayne Turner



# CLUB DAY SPECIALS

Specials available from 6pm—11pm

**CORONA - 4 for \$23** 

WOODSTOCK - 4 for \$25

LINDAUER (SMALL BOTTLE) - 7.50 each

HEINEKEN LIGHT - \$5 per bottle

**ALL JUGS - \$10** 

QUART BOTTLES - \$10 each

CRUISERS - 4 for \$22

#### **NBRFC SUPPORTERS GEAR**

Our E-Commerce site is all set up to sell Supporters gear and rugby accessories.

Just like other e-commerce sites, you are able to go on to the website and place orders for a range of items which you can pay for on-line, and either have delivered or collect from their warehouse (Moncur Place behind Addington Raceway)

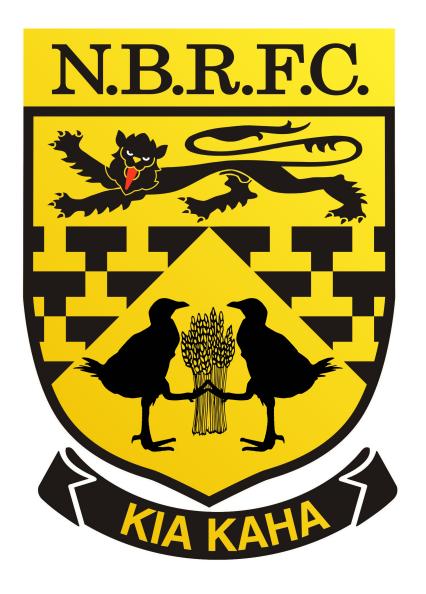
To access the site, you can click on the Gear Store tab on the website, or go through the Gear Store tab on the app.

This range is our Official range of Supporters apparel going forward and should ensure we have some consistency with the look of our many Supporters.

Happy shopping!!!

Regards Wayne





### What our Logo Means

Be strong-hearted like the Lion—never give up

Unity of the keystones—live as brothers

Fiercely protective as the Pukeko—stand by each other

Kia Kaha (be strong) - thrive on the challenge

"Bharatanatyam kia kaha"

Let me be a strong person within my family, team and club - The best I can be.