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BLAZER DAY 2018

Our annual Blazer Day event was held on Saturday 16 June 2018.

Initiated in 2010, the motivation for Blazer Day was to get those players that had played 50 Division One/Premier games back supporting the Club, many who may have drifted away over the years.

We have 128 players that have played in excess of 50 Senior Division One (Premier games) 70 of those have gone on to play 100 games.

Since 2010 we have retrospectively awarded blazers to two players who played in era's prior to the Club issuing blazers. The Club has enjoyed this opportunity and each of the recipients have been very willing to accept one.

This year's two recipients were -

Garth Samuels

Lock

1979-1986 (includes playing in 1984 Championship Winning team)
70 + Games

Remains a loyal supporter of Club and attends a number of games each season

Has been a social member and supporter of Go for Gold Club for many years

Ross Gibson

Wing

1978-1985 (includes playing in 1978 & 1984 Championship winning teams)

119 games

Canterbury rep 1979-82 15 games

Father (Dave) played 100+ games between 1940-49 and

his brother Bruce played 50+ games 1972-77 for Senior Division One

His son (Andy) has recently been appointed as RDO



GARTH SAMUELS



ROSS GIBSON

NBRFC DARTS COMPETITION

This season sees the introduction of the inaugural NBRFC darts competition.

The competition will be played in both a Men's and Mixed double format in the Clubrooms on Saturday evening's. This will become an annual event with a trophy and pride at stake in both competitions.

Details -

MENS EVENT

- (a) Qualifying for the Men's events will commence from **7pm on Saturday 23 June 2018**
- (b) The top 8 qualifiers will compete in playoffs and then the final on **Saturday 30 June 2018**

MIXED EVENT

- (a) Qualifying for the Mixed event will commence from 7pm on **Saturday 7 June 2018**
- (b) The top 8 qualifiers will compete in playoffs and then the final on **Saturday 14 July 2018**

Duration of matches will be determined once total entries are know.

Cost of entry will be **\$20 per pair**. The entry fee must be paid prior to the start of the respective tournaments

There will be spot prizes and prizes for best dressed.

So get yourself a partner and come on down to the club to take part in what could well be a huge four evenings in New Brighton RFC history.

Closing date for the Men's event is Thursday 21 June 2018. Please contact Wayne Turner if interested



INSTAGRAM

We have a new Instagram account and we would like everyone who has an account to please follow the page.

<https://www.instagram.com/newbrightonrugby/?hl=en>

SENIOR TEAM PROFILE

The Senior lads are reaping the benefits of a solid pre-season and descent turnouts to trainings by remaining unbeaten for the first 9 games of the season and boasting a for and against of 458-93.

Led by Reagan Keown and Nick Fowler coached by Tesimale Ah Kuoi and Andrew Littlejohn, backed up by a pro-active leadership group the team is made up of a few former Premier players, some ageing Premier Reserve stalwarts and some relative new comers to the game. New additions have built on last years group which made the semis.

We have high hopes of another top 4 finish, building a strong culture whilst creating a family friendly environment and hopefully being a genuine stepping stone for players as they move down the grades before hanging the boots up.

Forwards	Backs
Rick van Olphen	David Cattermole
Codey Bolton	Eric Ah Kuoi
Reuben Burke	Quentin Vui
Nick Fowler (vc)	Reagan Keown ©
Dean Cations	Kao Hurunui
Aaron Tawera	Adam Carrington
Te Amaru Tutaki	Jono Scott
Jonny Brennan	Clint Williams
Nathan Mitchell	Dayne Wipou
David Scott	Andrew Heyworth
Tim Miller	Lee Forman
Brett Williamson	Toby Foley
Tim Harris	Tyson Keats
Kenny Rice	
Mark Ashby	
Nick McCrostie	
James Weber	



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A STATEMENT FROM THE CRFU ON CURRENT GROUND CONDITIONS

Hi everyone,

You may have seen the recent news about ground closures throughout Christchurch. Christchurch City Council have informed us that a significant number of fields in the city have been limited to either 1 or 2 full-sized games per day, and in about a third of fields, one game per month. This is due to unprecedented rainfall and clearly raises concerns around investment in Council assets longer term. The immediate focus is minimising the impact on our competitions for the remainder of the season - for all grades.

We have been working over the last few days to develop a plan to ensure rugby goes ahead this weekend, and also to provide you with some clarity about the state of the fields over the coming weeks in anticipation of further rainfall in the next month or so.

Below is an update on the current situation as it stands this afternoon, but the key message is that **RUGBY IS ON** this weekend.

The numbers

- Currently we have over 189 scheduled games each Saturday as part of the Metro Senior, Teenage and Junior competitions.
 - We usually have 106 fields allocated to rugby by the Christchurch City Council, however 34 of these fields have been deemed unplayable for the foreseeable future by the Council.
- The remainder of our fields are restricted to either one or two games per day.

Open Grade

- Div 1, Women's & UC Championship will continue to play as per current schedule.
- Div 2, Colts S1 and Colts S2 will continue to play as per current schedule subject to further ground closures.
- Senior, Senior Reserve & Classics will play as scheduled this week, with the following week subject to further ground closures.

Teenage Grades (U13-U18)

- Teenage grades (U14-U18) have been extended into the first week of the school holidays and will be scheduled to play on 7/07/2018.
- The U14, U15, U16 and U18 seasons will be extended with finals to be scheduled for 1 September. We will consult directly with those schools that are attending the U15 tournament weeks to identify any clashes.
- U16 girls' grade has been moved to Friday nights at South Hagley under lights for the next three weeks, kick off 6pm.

Junior Grades (U6-U12)

- Change of playing conditions (U6-U10): 20mins each way (max), 2mins half time, no on field presentations. At the final whistle, both teams must move off the field to shake hands. This will enable more games of rugby to be played at this level on a Saturday.
- Half field games will go ahead as normal but will be played at a variety of different venues and will not follow a home and away format.
- Parents and supporters are NOT ALLOWED to stand in the middle of the field between the two games as this causes further damage to the full-sized fields.
- U6-U10 games will go ahead as planned however are subject to further ground closures; we are looking at back up plans and welcome any further suggestions.

General Information

- Games will go ahead as normal but will be played at a variety of different venues and will NOT follow a home and away format.
- Draws will be dependent on further weather cancellations so will be published later than usual. Please check the CRFU website and app for the latest information.
- Council ask that NO vehicles are to be driven on to the fields; this includes those used to set up the pads and flags
- This clearly impacts training as well – please work with your nearby schools and clubs to arrange training times where possible. Contact the CRFU if you require assistance with this and we will work with other codes where possible.
- For those of you that are lucky enough to have fields still available, you will find that these will be used by other teams. We thank you in advance for helping set these up and helping rugby all over the city.
- Football has reallocated a field to Rugby at Hospital Corner so some games will be scheduled there in the coming weeks.

There are some privately owned fields and we are working closely with these groups to maximise game time throughout the coming weeks and thank them for accommodating rugby.

1 Other

1. Why are NC and Ellesmere still playing?
 - a. These grounds are owned by either Selwyn District Council or Waimakariri Council, or the clubs themselves. The clubs tend to manage the use of these grounds themselves so are able to play more rugby.
 - b. Why do Div 1, UC Champs and Women's get priority?
 - c. There are only six games in Div 1 and four games in Women's to accommodate and the UC Championship games are played on school-owned fields.
 - d. What if the weather gets worse?
 - e. We have some contingency plans in place which will mean that some grades may be temporarily moved to alternative days. E.g. Sunday mornings or afternoons.

For any other questions, please contact a member of the community team and we will respond as soon as possible.

Thanks everyone and stay dry,

The Community Rugby Team

GO FOR GOLD RESULTS

Thank you to all ticket holders for their generous support of our Club.

Week One			
1st	\$500	72	Andrew Kelso
2nd	\$200	75	Brian Archer/Robbie Arnold
3rd	\$100	37	Ashley Fitchett
4th	\$100	69	Tyson Keats
Week Two			
1st	\$200	115	Rob Arnold/Wayne Reeves-Smith
2nd	\$100	36	Steve Messervy
3rd	\$100	88	Dawne Aitchison
4th	\$50	94	Graeme Ellis
Week Three			
1st	\$200	117	Fitchie17 Syndicate
2nd	\$100	61	John Makuru
3rd	\$100	112	Michael Burry
4th	\$50	49	Andrew Littlejohn
Week Four			
1st	\$200	95	Jarrod Ward
2nd	\$100	45	Paulie Gonzalez
3rd	\$100	44	Wayne Burleigh
4th	\$50	102	Tony Christie/Ben Hanham
Week Five			
1st	\$500	47	Ceddie Smith
2nd	\$200	125	Christina Harris
3rd	\$100	76	Ian Penrose
4th	\$100	66	Geoff Atkinson
Week Six			
1st	\$200	90	Paula & Kieran Le Beau
2nd	\$100	79	Marcel Cummings-Toone
3rd	\$100	95	Jarrod Ward
4th	\$50	123	Doug & Cara Stewart
Week Seven			
1st	\$200	86	Alan Hyett
2nd	\$100	66	Geoff Atkinson
3rd	\$100	116	Warwick Reid
4th	\$50	101	Garth Samuels
Week Eight			
1st	\$200	88	Dawne Aitchison
2nd	\$100	107	Ching Evans
3rd	\$100	133	Dennis Mitchell
4th	\$50	20	Michael & Kathryn Woodrow
Week Nine			
1st	\$500	72	Andrew Kelso
2nd	\$200	147	Paul Holdem (c/o Paulie)
3rd	\$100	35	Jamyn Keats & Dayne Wipou
4th	\$100	101	Garth Samuels
Week Ten			
1st	\$200	133	Dennis Mitchell
2nd	\$100	6	John Te Amo
3rd	\$100	35	Jamyn Keats & Dayne Wipou
4th	\$50	47	Ceddie Smith

Week Eleven			
1st	\$200	95	Jarrod Ward
2nd	\$100	47	Ceddie Smith
3rd	\$100	47	Ceddie Smith
4th	\$50	21	Ron Vette



OXFORD GROUP LOYALTY CARD

The Management Committee have recently joined the Club up to a Loyalty Programme with the Oxford Group who own a number of bars/restaurants around Christchurch.

This scheme will act as a fundraiser for the Club as a proportion of all purchases made by Club members will be returned to the Club as a rebate. The Club member will also be offered a discount at the time of purchase as well.

We have a limited number of Loyalty Cards that have been distributed among some teams, but all other members are simply asked to **say you are a member of New Brighton Rugby** when you go to any of these bar/s/restaurants so your purchase can be recorded.

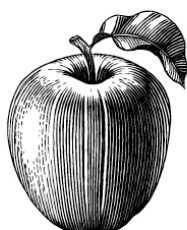
The Bars/Restaurants concerned are -



FAT
EDDIE'S



KONG



ORIGINAL SIN



THE
Bealey
ALE AND STEAK HOUSE



The BOG
irish bar

AN UPDATE FROM OUR RDO

I have been on the ground now for 5 weeks and have enjoyed being part of the environment at trainings and Blazer Day presentations.

My main objective over the past month has been to observe and have conversations with players, managers, coaches and committee members to get a clear picture of where we are at as a club, what needs strengthening and what we do well. We have sent out a player review document to get a wider picture view from a players perspective and we have some really good information within the report to work with going forward. I have been working with the Junior Committee to put in place some coach development for all of our Junior coaches and this will take place next week around front row, run catch pass, tackle tech and ripa games.

I have begun the process of identifying recruitment needs along with the coaches by establishing a club wide depth chart so we can continue to promote within and also supplement with new talent either at the colts level or Open Grades.

As a club we are competing at a high level with our Premiers in the Top 6, Colts Premier in the hunt and our Seniors top of the table. This is a credit to the work ethic that I have seen from coaches, managers and players.

The next phase for me will be focused on supporting our Open grade coaches week to week with player movements and adjustments, Colts and Premiers through Hudl analysis preview/review, assisting the Junior coach development, and putting strategies in place for recruitment plans leading into the offseason.

Check out the Club website or Facebook page for an exciting junior coaching opportunity over the coming July school holidays.

Regards
ANDY

CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE

This will be emailed to members early next week.

The Club recommends that members take this opportunity to provide feedback. All feedback is welcome - positive or negative.

SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

FRIDAY 24 AUGUST 2018

Put this date in your diary!