



Centurions Rugby Football Club (Inc)

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www.centurionsrugby.co.nz

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The new Centurions Committee for 2010 have had their first meeting and we are already hard at work to ensure another successful year for the Club. I welcome Ray Rowsell to the position of Treasurer. Ray will be a huge asset to the Club and brings with him a wealth of experience. Rugby in 2010 has not started all that positively, with only one NZ team currently in the S14 top four, the Canes sitting 7th, the NZRU posting a record \$15.9 million loss, and our own WRFU posting a \$500,000 loss. But don't despair! The Centurions RFC is in great heart! We are in a strong financial position and have a great Committee. Our work this year will include, playing School First XV's, running our Centurions Secondary Schools Colts, and raising money for the Rugby Foundation via our Test luncheon and Annual Golf Tournament.

An important area of work for us is to develop a membership database and also to develop a plan to increase membership numbers. Over the past 33 years the membership register has been kept by Bill Brien. Since Bill's passing we have lost touch with a few of our members, and as a consequence our communication has been below par. I apologise for this. If you have changed your address or have a new email address please let us know as the database has already started to take shape. As the average age of our membership is increasing, our net growth in membership numbers has only been + 5 in 2009 and + 2 in 2008. Coupled with the fact that many of the past and present professional players and representative players do not understand, nor value the rugby club environment and values, we face challenging times to ensure that our numbers remain strong. It is my aim in 2010 to formulate and implement a plan to grow our membership. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, or wishes to nominate a new member please let me know.

The games against School First XV's kicked-off in 2010 with a match against HIBS at Trentham. This game acted as a trial for the selection of the HIBS First XV for 2010. We played 4 x 20 minute quarters which proved a real test of fitness for our boys! The game was a huge success for the HIBS coaching staff. It is amazing to see the improvement in the standard of this school since we played them five years ago. Thanks to all the Centurions players for making themselves available, especially during work hours.

The next game is against St Bernards on Wednesday 28 April 4.00pm at St Bernards.

Finally, all the best to the Canes for the match against the Chiefs on Saturday night. A five point bonus win would be nice! We would love to see you at the Clubrooms either before or after the match. Feel free to try on the new Club wardrobe. Brendan Gard'ner or any Committee member can take your order.

Mike Russell

President

Annual luncheon

A reminder that our annual luncheon will be held in the Westpac stadium on Friday 16 July, the day before the All Blacks take on the Springboks in the Tri-Nations series at our Westpac stadium. The luncheon is almost completely sold out at this stage so if you have not already done so it would be advisable to contact our organiser, John Burrows, with your requirements as quickly as possible.

New Member

We welcome Glynn Champion as a new member of our club. Glynn is associated with the OBU club, and played senior rugby in both Wellington and Palmerston North. Glynn is currently involved in coaching Junior Rugby and we look forward to his involvement in our activities.

Subs are now due

There are still a considerable number of member's subs which should have been paid by now. If your subs are still outstanding payment as soon as possible would be appreciated please.

Subs are	Membership	\$30.00
	Additional guest pass (Max 3)	\$10.00
	Donation	\$.....

Subs may be paid by cheque posted to The Treasurer, P O Box 11,101 Wellington 6142 or by Internet banking to Westpac account 03 0502 0167978 00 and please include your name and details of payment (e.g. "sub and 2 guests") in particulars/reference columns so that your payment can be correctly identified.

If you have not received an invoice it may be that we do not have your up to date contact details and if this is the case we would greatly appreciate being advised of your correct address.

We need your help.

As stated in the Presidents message we are in the process of building an electronic database containing our membership information. This will enable us to keep our membership records up to date more easily, to streamline our accounting systems and communicate with you in the quickest and most efficient manner. We are particularly keen to send our newsletter by email and are therefore anxious to have members email address where they have one. However be assured that where a member does not have an email address or prefers to receive their newsletter by post we will continue to do this.

If your contact details have changed and we do not have your correct details or if we do not have your email address it would be greatly appreciated if you would supply the updated information.

Please post to

**The Secretary,
Centurions Rugby Football Club,
P O Box 11 101,
Wellington 6142.**

Name.....

Address.....

Contact phone..... Email.....

Or email correct details to grahamwgstephen@hotmail.com

Visit our website now. www.centurionsrugby.co.nz

Membership

We will be working hard this year to improve our membership level. Usually the best method of recruiting is through existing members who are generally aware of like minded potential members within the rugby community. Simply put, the membership criterion remains the same as always, services to rugby. Membership nomination forms can be downloaded from our website or any Committee member will be pleased to supply one. Alternatively a simple letter of nomination signed by two existing members and outlining the candidate's rugby history will suffice. Nominations please to our Secretary, Brian Coomber, or again any Committee member will be glad to receive a nomination.

Centurions Charity Golf Tournament (In support of NZ Rugby Foundation)

We are pleased to confirm that the annual Golf Tournament will take place once again

Where: Shandon Golf Club
When: Friday 20 August 2010.
What: Four Ball Best
Two Ball Stableford
Programme: 11.00am Tee Draw, BBQ & Registration
12.00 noon Shot Gun start
Dress Code: Clean, tidy golf attire and soft spikes
19th Smart casual
Entry fee includes: Starter Pack, BBQ, Course catering and watering, Aftermatch drink vouchers, Finger food, Prize holes and table, Quiz.
Cost: Entry fee for team of four \$200.00 GST incl.
Hole sponsorship \$100.00 GST incl.
More information: Brendan Gard'ner, ph b 577 0313, mob 021 609 095.



Send to: Brendan Gard'ner
30 Golf Road
Paraparaumu Beach

Team Name:

Contact person:

Postal address:

Telephone:

Email: \$\$\$.....(cheque incl.)



Rebel Sport Super 14

The following is the Hurricanes itinerary for the remainder of the season.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opposition</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sat 1 May	Chiefs	Home	7.35pm
Fri 7 May	Reds	Home	7.35pm
Fri 14 May	Waratahs	Sydney	9.40pm

All dates and times are in New Zealand time.

Remember our Clubrooms are open before and after all our home games so get along to support our team and join your Centurion colleagues in our most convivial rugby environment.

Corporate wear

The Club's corporate wardrobe is available for purchase by members. The clothing is all of excellent quality, projects a very presentable club image and is extremely reasonably priced. Items available are: -

Padded jacket	\$100.00
Long sleeved jersey	\$100.00
Short sleeved jersey	\$100.00
Beanie	\$20.00.
Tie	\$25.00

All items will be on display in our Clubrooms and Brendan Gard'ner is the person to see for purchase.

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