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NEWSLETTER

May 2015

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another year is well underway with Super Rugby and Club Rugby in full swing, with plenty to watch.

The Harlequin management have been busy setting up for a new year organising coaches, managers and selecting players for our different teams.

Again this year we are running our under 17's and 19's teams. A team for the 25th Year Silver Jubilee celebration in Te Awamutu, has been selected and then later in the year an Invitational team will be selected to play against a Stan Meads Cup selection team.

We are busy organising our Annual Dinner and Breakfast, which each year are well supported events with our sponsors contributing very generously to our club, by supporting us with money and goods for our auctions. We once again look forward to some good support from our members and supporters.

This year our under 17's trip is up north to play the Vikings at Taipa. This should be a good trip for the boys to see a different part of the country.

We are organising with the Chiefs coaching staff to have a session with our boys, which I'm sure will be a highlight for them and will be of great benefit.

Thanks again to St Pauls School and the Waikato Rugby Union for their involvement in our camp.

I am now looking forward to seeing the boys running on to the field and getting our season underway. I hope to catch up with you all at our functions and in the Harlequins club rooms.

Tony Tissingh President

NZ HARLEQUINS COMMITTEE 2015

President: Tony Tissingh

Past President: Graham Jefferis

Vice President: Kevin Hart

Club Captain: Lance Fletcher

Secretary: Paul Street

Treasurer: Murray Pratt

Committee: Brian Clarke, Martyn Steffert, Paul Martin, Reiner Van Der Nest, Dave Hall, Bernard Murphy, Hayden Ross, Dean Kaio, Dave Collins.

COMING EVENTS 2015

The Annual Harlequins Breakfast, 7 August, guest speaker TBC, bookings to Haydon Ross- Mob: 027 4 471 590
Email: haydonross@hotmail.co.nz

The Annual Harlequins Dinner: Rugby, Netball and Racing. 31 October. Guest speakers TBC, bookings to Lance Fletcher - Mob: 027 222 2185 Email: fletchl@xtra.co.nz

Under 17's will travel to the far North this year to play the Vikings, 17's will also play NZ Area Schools.

U19's 4 game programme, games against Waikato, BOP, Counties and Taranaki. 22nd August-11 September

Te Awamutu 25th Anniversary NZ Harlequins Invitation Match, Sunday 31 May Queens Birthday weekend 2015.

NZ Harlequins Premier team to play Stan Meads Cup selection, 19 September 2015, venue (TBC)

NZ Harlequins U13 open weight team to play BOP and Taranaki U13 in September 2015.

More details inside...

WAIKATO V BAY OF PLENTY

ITM Cup - Waikato v Bay of Plenty at Tauranga Domain, Sunday August 30th, 2.35pm - Harlequins are offered preferential booking for limited covered seats at the Domain for this match but need to contact Mike Rogers Mike@boprugby.co.nz
Phone 07 574 2037 or 021 570 911 for ticket purchase and the opportunity to park on the waterfront (just a short walk from the Domain).- this offer is for a limited time only, so get in quick.



Daniel Popping and Aaron Elliott playing for the NZ Harlequins U19's against Counties U19's 2014.



NZ HARLEQUINS SUPPORT TE AWAMUTU SPORTS 25th REUNION

The NZ Harlequins are supporting another local Waikato Club with their celebrations. Te Awamutu Sports are celebrating their 25th year jubilee on Sunday 31st May.

The day is kicking off at 12.30pm with a Te Awamutu Under 14 team playing a Under 14 NZ Harlequin Country invitation team.

At 3.00pm NZ Harlequins past player team will take on a Waikato Legends team.

Come on out and support NZ Harlequins and Te Awamutu in their celebrations.



Chris Wood gets ready to pass for the NZ Harlequins in last years match at Matangi Hillcrest 2014

NZ HARLEQUINS U17 2015

NZ Harlequins U17's will be coached by Logan Asplin, Paul Nathan and Ray Stowe. Managers: Brett Caton, Haydon Ross and Dave Hall

2015 season game-dates are yet to be confirmed.

Thames Valley U18

Auckland U18

King Country U18

BOP U18

Northland Vikings U18

NZ Area Schools



NZ HARLEQUINS U19 2015

NZ Harlequins U19's will be coached by James White, Ben Paurini and Max Kemara. Managers: Dave Collins, Paul Burborough and Paul Martin.

2015 season games dates are yet to be confirmed.

Taranaki U19

BOP U19

Waikato U19

Counties U19



NZ HARLEQUINS PREMIERS V STAN MEADS SELECTION

The NZ Harlequins Club will continue with its annual fixture and select a NZ Harlequins team to play a Stan Meads Cup Team on the 19 September. Venue and time are still to be confirmed.

The NZ Harlequins team will be selected from the current Waikato Club rugby competitions.

In 2014 NZ Harlequins started out well, but the Stan Meads Cup Team came back strong at the end of the match Stan Meads CUP team winning 25-20. The game was played at Te Rapa.

NZ HARLEQUINS U13 OPEN WEIGHT VERSUS BOP U13

NZ Harlequins U13 Open weight team is set for its annual fixture against BOP. For the first time Taranaki have an open weight team and will be playing against NZ Harlequins U13.

There will be a 2 game programme this year.

Under 13 coaching Trial day August (TBC)

Game Sept 19 NZ Harlequins v BOP in Rotorua (Time TBC)

Game Sept 26 NZ Harlequins v Taranaki Otorohanga (TBC)



NZ HARLEQUINS ANNUAL DINNER AND BREAKFAST

The Annual Harlequins dinner, will have a new twist for 2015. The dinner will have a theme of Rugby, Netball and Racing.

There will be guest speakers from all 3 of the sports, followed by our traditional NZ Harlequin's auction.

31 October, Sky Casino, Hamilton. 6.00pm kickoff.

The Annual Harlequins Breakfast, 7 August, will be held at the Waikato Stadium.

7.00am kickoff, breakfast, guest speaker followed by the NZ Harlequins traditional Auction.

Get in quick for the Annual Dinner and Breakfast and book your tickets with Lance Fletcher - Mob: 027 222 2185
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The NZ Harlequin Rugby Club Hamilton, New Zealand, was formed in the State Fire Office, Hamilton, on June 15, 1938.

The Harlequins first team played in Tauranga in 1939. After the war In 1946, there was a meeting of the club and the club stated it's aims and objectives as:

- To renew and maintain old friendships of playing days.
- To engage in football free from competition, for the joy of it.
- To invite promising juniors to play for the club and teach such youngsters the spirit of the game.
- To play friendly games with similar clubs when such can be conveniently arranged.



NZ Harlequins Rugby Team 1939

Many All Blacks have played in the New Zealand Harlequin's jersey over the years and since the inclusion of the under 17 development programme in 1992, has given a clear development pathway for young up and coming Waikato rugby players.

The annual NZ Harlequins' under 17 programme has been hailed as an outstanding success since its inception in the early 1990s. Nominations for our trials, up to 160 in some early seasons, exceeded all our expectations.

In the earlier days the special squad trainings got the youngsters excited and the battle for places in the playing side was intense. "Every team featured players from smaller country schools and they grabbed their opportunities with relish. It's the same today."

The progress of youngsters such as Bruce Reihana, who made the first under 17 team, then Mark van Gisbergen, Isaac Boss, Regan King, and Brendon Leonard proved the value of giving these players the opportunity to shine.

Annual matches with NZ Area Schools and the NZ Vikings Club from Northland have become regular features. A NZ Harlequin camp, backed by the NZ Rugby Foundation and supported by the Waikato Rugby Union for approx 40-45 players, is held at St Paul's Collegiate annually.

With the new introduction of the Under 19 team in 2014, we look forward to continuing with this team in 2015, along side the under 17's.

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