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THE BLUE AND GOLD BALL



It gives me great pleasure to launch the selling of tickets to the Blue and Gold Ball.

This years' presentation ball is a black tie event at the Roseville Golf Club on the 19th September. Tickets are \$100 each and \$190 for doubles and this includes your food, drink, entertainment and some transport.

Please reserve your ticket with either Matt or Emily McIntyre at emilygompertz@hotmail.com or m.mcintyre@cmcmarkets.com or transfer the required funds over to the Brother Account with your name as the reference.

There will be no door sales so you must have a ticket to attend

Direct Credit:

Account Name: Christian Brothers Old Boys Rugby Club

BSB: 062 295

Account Number: 1027 6686

Cash will also be accepted at training nights and games, especially the last home game of the season on the 15th Aug. So get your glads rags on and let's have a ball!

➤ Ladies Day 15th August

Time to reward the Ladies in your lives by bringing them along to the rugby for Ladies Day. The last home game of the season will be just for the ladies with treats a plenty and free wine and food.

Ladies will be able to trial and purchase Body Shop products by placing an order on the day with the Body Shop Consultant. Cash payments are required so make sure you bring your wallet to reward your lady. The orders will then be delivered through you at training. There will also be a raffle to win some lovely Body Shop goodies.

Ladies will also have the opportunity to have a Head and Neck Massage courtesy of Massage World and the discounted rate noted below, so bring your cash to treat her. To reserve a 15min or 30 min spot please email Emily at emilygompertz@hotmail.com

15mins: Cash - \$16.00, EFTPOS - \$17.50

30mins: Cash - \$32.00, EFTPOS - \$35.00

➤ Games Night – 30th July

Well with a week off we had a games night on thur with 2 teams against each other for chance to win 40 beers at the Orchard after ladies day. With The Tank leading the all stars (noodles and Ginger thought they had it sown up) and Brownie leading the rat bags (both Gibbs boys) it was obviously going to be a close competition. Well in the Tanks own words they where Useless, a team with the so called supper stars we where pathetic (and that was on Friday morning the competitive spirit burns deep in this tank, probably explains why at 40 he still packs down in the front row in 1st grade)

The tanks team were blown out of the water with brownies rat bags winning every game bar the last one. Special notes to Beau for being struck out twice playing rugby base ball, also to Paul Gibbs for being struck out with the bases loaded, boys hands are for catching the ball remember. On a coaches few point it was amazing to see the improvement in 3v2 with beers on the line you lot have serious drinking issues. Matt Mc for kicking the worst field goal I have ever seen, the Tank for hitting the uprights he winged so much we had to give him half a point, noodles for doing jack all the whole night and everybody for turning up to training.

Now the final event of the night carried the most weight the first ever iron guts run, which required players to drink warm beer, run, eat dry wheat bix, run, drink baileys curdled with lemon, run and finally eat a raw egg with an sardine and then finish off the run. Gerry crossed the line first but considering he was still eating wheat bix he was disqualified. The eventual winner was the lunatic Irishman Nial who showed he could be a distinct early favourite for tour legend. Anyway after some dodgy referring and some spectacular vomits we headed to the field goal sudden death final which tom brom calmly win giving the rat bags a well deserved victory.

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- **Poker Night TBC** – Watch this space for details of a Poker Night at the Orchard to raise funds for the end of season tour.
- **TOUR** - September we have the end of season tour. See Paul Gibbs or Scott James urgently if you are interested in going.

Committee Update

➤ **Team Photos**

Team Photos will be taking place at the last home game of the Season on the 15th August. Please arrive half an hour earlier than you usually would for the grades that you wish to be in the photos of.

➤ **Social Memberships**

Social memberships to Brothers rugby are available for fans and family.

Membership Only - \$30

Membership + Polo Shirt - \$60

Membership + Fleece - \$70

Membership + Polo Shirt and Fleece \$100

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[Please add your name as a reference.](#)

➤ **Subs**

We are still chasing some of you to pay your subs. The club does not run itself and we have bills to pay. For the payers that have not paid their subs, you will be harassed.

➤ **Look Smart**

We have designed a few extra items that you may be interested in buying. They are from Tsunami sport and the sizes are the same as the gear that you have been handed out this year. These are great for the wives / girlfriends to wear to the games on Saturdays.

Top one is the hoodie made from fleece material - \$45

Middle is the Fleece - \$45

Bottom is the wet weather training top. This has a hat in the collar - \$60



Also available for the summer are the Brothers Boardies. These will be designed as per below but with Yellow instead of Red and with **brothersrugby.com.au** across the arse! These will be approx \$35. Contact Matt McIntyre to put in your order before they run out!

➤ **Up Coming Games**

8th Aug Vs Epping Away

15th Aug Vs Hawkesbury Valley Home (Ladies Day)

22nd Aug Vs Hills Away

➤ **Coaches**

Please ensure you are in contact with your coach about training and availability for games:

First Grade – Tom Burns - 0404468040

Second Grade – John Andrews – 0434047827

Third Grade – Ian Mears - 0419479773

Fourth Grade – Dave Taylor - 0411172505, Roy Anderson - 0414 706 195,

David Bullard – 0414262638

Match Reports

4th Grade

Saturday 25th saw Fifteen-or-so Brothers old farts head over to Boronia Park to take on Hunters Hill. And wasn't it nice of them to have contested scrums in the first half.... them having a 5th Grade and all.... what a great bunch of fellas.

We shan't mope. Although *ye olde Brothers* went down **14 -11** after leading five minutes from the end, it was encouraging to see us play like the team of old.

Hugely important that we continue to keep up the momentum for the next few games if we're to have a crack in the semis... and a few bonus points wouldn't go astray.

After recently taking on the top three - Merrylands, Hunters Hill and Petersham, it's fair to say that the general feeling is that if we commit to playing like we all know we can, there's a championship there for the taking. Which brings us on a variety of matters.

THE UNSAVOURY

Time for a training run together boys.

There you go... short and sharp... like tearing off a band-aid.

If we really want to have a go - and I know that it's very important to at least a few of us - then it feels like now's the time.

Maybe we can discuss this further at....

THE SAVOURY

Next Sunday... the 2nd August... sees two very important gatherings...

It's **The First Fiesty 4ths Fabulous and Fantastic Festival of Fine Meat...and beer.**

Our major sponsor, *Krenmayr Bierhaus International*, has been in touch to announce that a new and lovingly created selection of beautiful brews has just rolled off the assembly line... and we're all invited to have a tipple.

July sees the worldwide release of a *Redgum Honey Lager*, *The Famous Treacle Steeped Draught*, and a new and improved batch of the much-loved *Hans Junior's European Lager*.

To match the wetness, there'll also be a meat tasting from **Welsh's Animal Emporium**. While recently overhearing the list of species on offer, it would seem that the Webber will need to be the size of the Deathstar... but what the hey... one shan't complain.

So please come down to the original Bobdome... **Willoughby Park**... for a **high-noon** kick-off next week.

<http://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au/Content.aspx?PageID=521&ItemID=38> The more the merrier.

Bring the kids, bikes, scooters, whatever you want to eat & drink beyond the tastings (there's a BBQ we can share) and of course the missus.... which brings us to the second and equally important gathering...

Next Sunday, high noon at Willoughby Park is also the inaugural gathering of **The W.A.R Brides**....W.A.R : Women Against Rugby.

That's right gentlemen... if you have a beautiful and understanding spouse at home who's interest in the game has somewhat waned from mild interest during courting days to a current level of abject derision, please make them aware that next Sunday there'll be some like-minded ladies in attendance.

Also throw 19th September in the diary for the Brothers Ball 2009... it feels like The Feisty 4th's should show the youngsters how to have a ball.

No game next week... hope to see you Sunday.

Lots of love,

Roy, David and David.

3rd Grade

Brothers 5

Hunters Hill 29

It was always going to be a tough day coming up against the competition leaders with our playing numbers being at their lowest level of the season.

However the score did not reflect that we were competitive for much of the game and it was only a couple of late trys to Hunters that pushed the score out.

Most of the first half the opposition enjoyed good field position but found it difficult to score against a stubborn Brothers defence.

The second half was highlighted by a fine try to Aaron Neate who has been making a habit of scoring 4 pointers this season. He just needs now to work on turning up on time.

Stuey Mangion also had a fine game and received 3 points.

2 points went to Paul Brown who had a great game at full back and 1 point to our hooker Leon Filihia who keeps improving with every game.

A big thanks to all the 1st 2nd 4th graders who helped out.

A special mention to Tom Burns who played a full game in 4s and 3s with a crook hamstring and Adrian Brennan who is still recovering from a dose of the flu played full games in 3s and 2s and had some time in the 4s. I think there may have to be multiple Clubman of the year awards.

The bye this week has come at a good time as it will give us time to regroup. I would expect to see at least half a dozen players that have been out for various reasons back for the Epping game.

We are also playing a few of the weaker teams in our next two games so I' am looking to finish the season with a couple of wins.

2nd Grade

Brothers Seconds v Hunters Hill at Baronia Park 25/07/09

In what must have been the worst day yet for numbers, a few of our First grade Brothers went beyond the call of duty and put their hand up to assist. Paul Gibbs played a full game, then turned around and played first grade, as did Alex Metcalfe, winger extraordinaire. Much appreciated guys. Not to mention the others from 3s- Leon Filihia, who is trying to get up his 50 games in his first season with the Club and Hans from 4s who volunteered with a little pressure from me. And thanks to all the others-Brownie, Keith, Pat Gortley and the brothers Neate etc-for backing up.

The best on the day, on a day where everyone deserved a point, were Arron Neate (2), for his attack; Gerry Shannon (2), for his defence, Keith Bromwich (1), for all round solid game and Andrew Neate (1) for putting his body on the line in defence on numerous occasions when big gorillas were charging at him.

If you were wondering who the young bloke who played the second half of the 3s and all of 2s at five eight was, I can now inform you his name was Jason, he lives at Gladesville, he turned up and asked your coach who the team in the blue and gold was, and within 2 minutes he had been provided with a pair of boots (size 11) and shorts and socks-I was a little encouraged by his answer to the question as to which Club he had played for when he said WEST HARBOUR. I found out later that he in fact turned up to meet a bloke from the opposition!! Oh well, we must take our opportunities!!

Hopefully when we return to the paddock against Epping, we will have most of our injured back and we will be able to be competitive-we just need the bodies on the field all at once to be highly competitive. If you were interested, the score was in fact 0-51, but I regard the above as marginally more important at this stage. Lets try and finish our last three games on a positive note.

1st Grade - OC Corner Hunters Hill

The visit to Hunters hill saw the club struggling with numbers again, special thanks to Johnny Gavan aka Santa and Scotty James for playing third grade also thanks to Paul Gibbs and Alex for playing second grade, all four players then had to back up and play first grade against second on the table.

This is the first weekend where I feel it merits mention that the referee made it very difficult for both teams in the ruck area and some stages it seemed he had now idea what he was doing leading to two very frustrated forward packs. Once again our forwards stood up and delivered the outside backs defence was strengthened with the addition of Artu at outside centre. 10-0 to hunters hill at half time and 24 -10 at full time with The Tank being denied a try at full time that would have given us a bonus point.

This was an interesting point for numerous reasons; firstly The Tank has had a few anger management issues at training recently culminating in the now infamous ill throw my toys out of the cot moment, well after diving over for what he thought was a try the ref called held up, at this stage common courtesy suggest the Tank cough up the ball, the majority of the players in the near vicinity reported to me that the following happened, Tank" no I scored" held up " No I scored it was a try" held up scrum " No I scored im not giving you the ball I scored give me the try or im going home." At this stage noodles stepped in to remind the Tank that we still had a 5 m scrum and could he please have to ball. This is the second point of interest, after calling held up he ref in his wisdom and continuing his method of re writing the rule book awarded the scrum to Hunters Hill.

3 points went to Artu for a great defensive game and I have forgotten who else I gave points to Matt should get me to write these reports the Monday after the game so its all fresh come on skipper pick up your game.

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Player Points V Hunters Hill

4th Grade		3rd Grade		2nd Grade		1st Grade	
Stephen Jaques	1	Leon Filihia	1	Andrew Neate / Keith Bromwich	1	Simon Kearney	1
Michael Wood	2	Wayne Brown	2	Gerard Shannon	2	Jonny Gavan	2
Iain Davidson	3	Stuart Mangion	3	Aaron Neate	3	Artu	3