



SOCIAL NEWS

Blue and Gold Ball 19th Sept

AGM 6th September

Tours 25th-28th September

Social Update



If you have put your name down for a ticket you **MUST** pay for this ticket by the **4th September**. Your name must be on the list of attendees that have paid for a ticket prior to the ball, there will be **NO DOOR SALES**.

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

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

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. Please see Keith Bromwich to make this cash payment.

➤ **POKER NIGHT – EVENT BOOKED 4th September**

You've got to know when to hold' em, know when to fold' em!

To raise tour funds there will be a poker night on the 4th Sept at the Orchard Tavern. Bring your friends along for this night of bluffs and bravery.

Date: Friday 4th September 7 pm

\$50 buy in (includes Free drink)

Last year saw an outsider (non-brothers player) scoop the big money – let us not let that happen again people.....

➤ **Ladies Day 15th August**

Ladies Day this year was a wonderful affair where the Ladies got to eat yummy food, have a relaxing massage and spend big on Body Shop products to sooth the skin. Many a glass of champers was consumed and I delighted in the sight of the boys waiting on us Ladies! Many thanks to everyone who helped with the day we look forward to next year!



- **TOUR** - Boys Tour is going to Cairns. I don't want to know what will be going on up there but if you are interested please see Paul Gibbs or Scott James
- **WAGS TOUR** – This year see the first WAGS tour and we shall be having a lovely time in Byron (no Paul this is not to close to the boys tour, however I am sure we could probably smell you from there). Please contact Michelle in regards to coming on tour - shellhewitt@yahoo.co.uk
- **Casa Bella Night**

The Casa Bella night this year as a Halloween feel to it as it is taking place on the 31st Oct. Come along for wonderful Pizza and Pasta and a game of footy as we watch the last Bledisloe Cup during dinner. Details to follow, fancy dress is a must. OC can come as a Happy Coach – now that would be scary x

Committee Update

- AGM - 10am on September 6th 2009

A decision has been made for the date of the 2009 Brothers Rugby Club Sydney Annual General Meeting (AGM). This will be held at the Orchard Tavern, Chatswood at 10am on September 6th 2009. The Orchard will be putting on some food. All Supporters, players and members are encouraged to come.

Mad Sunday will follow the completion of the AGM

If you have any agenda items or life membership nominations for the AGM, please email Matt McIntyre at mattmcintyre@live.com.au

- **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 – Time to pay up**

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 and pay for your order before they run out!

➤ **Up Coming Games**

22nd Aug Vs Hills Away

4th Grade Finals - 29th August at Redmond Field, Francis Ave, Brighton Le Sands. Kick-off at 11.20.

➤ **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

Straight into it... the Feisty 4th's Actuarial Department has been crunching number since the twilight warriors **28-0** win over Epping last Saturday... and it's official... we're in the finals!!! Woo hoo!

Thanks to Tommy B, Dizz, Pat, Brett, The Riddler, Greg, Slutty, Enda, Hans, Kieren "*are you deaf...I'm 100% not playing footy this year*" O'Hegarty, Iain Tuipupu, Coops, Jaquesy and Welshy.... well done.

Over to the newsdesk...

THANKS AND SALUTATIONS...

To **Krenmayr Bierhaus International** for their ongoing support at **The First Fiesty 4ths Fabulous and Fantastic Festival of Fine Meat...and beer** a couple of Sundays ago. A great day out was had by all.

Matching the heir to the brewing empire's generosity was Ian from **Welsh's Animal Emporium** who also went above and beyond (one of a few shaky souls on the day who apparently attended Paso's baby's head drenching the night before) and put on a carnivore's delight of tastings.

A couple of notable mention on the day go to Brett who assembled a small village of state-of-the-art outdoor furniture including BBQ, and once again Hans, who's curatorial efforts with his antique esky collection was a sight to behold.

HOUSEKEEPING... and the 'T' word.

As we approach the finals there are a couple of things looming their ugly heads. Firstly, if you haven't paid your subs, this is your last opportunity to right your wrong. No subs = no semis... see Keith this Saturday.

And secondly (sit down for this bit Roy), we're having a training run before our final game of the season. Good to get in early before the season gets away on us eh!

This will in the most part be **Pickle's Pick'n'Drive Master-Class** for forwards, but all are welcome... and we can have a beer after.

We'll also pick the semi's run-on side this Thursday.

RUMOURS...

There's been recent talk of a tour.... no real details as yet and definitely mutterings only at this stage... but something worth discussing further perhaps.

And check this out... <http://www.2009worldmasters.com/Rugby-Union/default.aspx>

Apparently there's a Crusty Convention coming our way. Let's all have a chat and see whether we're interested in having a go.

WORD OF THE WEEK: 'FANSY'

Comes from our much loved Kieren "*are you deaf...I'm 100% not playing footy this year*" O'Hegarty.

Overheard using the word during one of his famous sideline commentary moments last weekend, he explains it's cultural significance as follows: *dat'swotyosaywendefokineejitactslikeagirlyfoker*...Enda nodded knowingly at this point.

THIS SATURDAY...

Is **LADIES DAY!** So bring down your **W.A.R Bride** so they can begrudgingly drink free champagne, try cosmetics and even get a massage. All the while watching some of the earth's most spectacular examples of manhood run into each other and get sweaty.

We're playing Hawkesbury... please leave your Fijian Seven's game play at home... we don't need it again this year.

And be there by 11.30!

(A special mention must go out to Greg at this point. This man has taken **The Lull** to a new level...he's doing it on us! It would appear that Greg sits in his car until he hears the ref's whistle, and then is astoundingly back in the car before the dust has settled at the end of the game.

Do you get the feeling that he's told the missus he's just 'popped out at 11.50 to grab some milk, or to grab some fuel for the mower? Gav... take note... it can be done)

The penultimate game of the season, and our last home game for '09, saw the crusty ones deliver a **22 - 10** victory over old foes Hawkesbury Valley.

Thanks to Welshy, Pickle, Coops, Kieren "*are you deaf...I'm 100% not playing footy this year*" O'Hegarty, Iain Tuipupu, Buzz, Hans, Clarky, Pat, Slutty, Greg (*true to form arriving 11.59... gone by 12.58*), The Riddler, Brett, Dizz and Tommy B.

This latest win sees us camped at number three on the ladder, and playing Petersham in our first semi-final... details further on...

Twas Ladies Day and a big thank you to Emily and girls who put on an amazing day for all **W.A.R Brides** best seen in living memory... even the ambos were taken aback at the spread on offer.

Now a 22 - 10 win belies what was a fairly gritty encounter... one not without casualties...

Mafioso In The Wars

The club's final two remaining *capitanos* of the North Ryde Mafioso both had hospital-worthy injuries on Saturday... a bum and a thumb.

Sadly one of them was a dearly loved representative of our major sponsor **Krenmayr Bierhaus International**.

Hans, the heir to the brewing empire, had a nasty rear-upper-leg muscle (bum..... or technically Hamstring Grade 2) injury which saw a free ride in an ambulance on offer. It was heartbreaking to see his own now-famous elixir having little effect on the master-brewer.

Feeling a little better in the days after... he's vowed to make a comeback for the Grand Final!

Our other fallen warrior was none other than Iain 'Tuipupu' Davison. Thumb permanently ensconced in plaster we hope to look forward to his direction, leadership and rousing half-time speeches in coming weeks.

No, sadly, he hasn't been plastered in the thumbs-up position.

How these injuries happened is still not clear... all we can say definitively is that they happened within moments of each other... and John Hopawate has made himself available for any counselling if required. Come back boys... heal well!

The Dirty 'T' Word

Yes gents of the more high-brow fraternity... it's **Pickle's Pick'n'Drive Master-Class** this Thursday... compulsory for forwards and 'encouraged' for backs.

You can hardly say we've overdone any aspect of training... or any form of physical fitness if we're being honest... and there's certainly no danger of starting any precedent - it being the last game of the season and all.

So come on down... we can't do it with half the pack... and we promise that it'll be geared so as that we're not too stiff for Saturday.... and there will be beers... and there will be beers.... and there will be beers....

Finals Fever

Our first semi-final against Petersham will be on **Saturday 29th August at Redmond Field, Francis Ave, Brighton Le Sands**. Kick-off at **11.20**.... no Greg, you can't get there at 11.19.

It's getting close gentlemen... and please don't do anything silly off the field... like rolling you ankle playing touch Enda ... we're dropping like flies. No Welshy...jogging would be fine.

Suitin' Up

Don't forget **Saturday 19th September** for the **Brothers Ball**. Most of us have put our names down... if you haven't, get in quick or you'll miss out on a great night.... and the more of us the merrier. Email club-capitano Matt McIntyre... there aren't many spots left.

And we need to pay online... no cash on the night.

What may be interesting to a few of you... whose names are to be mentioned next week.... is that the EFT details for the ball is the same bank account in which you can deposit your subs.... well I never... amazing! Take the final hint fellas.

Here's the link...<http://www.brothersrugby.com.au/subs/>

Guess Who Don't Sue

- Which Feisty Fan has laboured under the misapprehension until very recently that the Fiesty 4th's have a green-thumbed Pablo Escobar in their midst?
- Which much-loved Feisty... one who played quite hard-to-get at the start of the season... has already committed to season 2010... and he says he'll be fit!
- Which green-thumbed Pablo Escobar is looking for a ball date... within the team! Logic is that by going as a double with his teammate he'll save \$5 - thereby proving he's no Pablo Escobar.... because everyone knows that drug barons have lots of money.
- Which fluidly-competent antique has promised to bring his boots down for the final game of the season? It's Brute! Damn... gave that one away...

Lots of love,
Roy, David and David

3rd Grade

Epping
Brothers 22
Epping 12

Our second win for the year and to state the obvious a win sure beats losing.

The last two games have been tough due to lack of numbers and I was hoping with last weekend off due to a wet weekend round it would give the club the opportunity to regroup. This has been the case with a number of players returning from injury and unavailability and of course we had a few of our Terrey Hills friends come along for a game.

The most pleasing aspect of this other than it greatly helped in obtaining a win is that it dramatically cut the number of players that had to back up.

On to the game which was a close contest in the first half. The down side to alot of changes from one game to the next is that team work can at time be non existent. The Club needs to work hard on player numbers for next season which would help to stabilize the teams.

Two unconverted tries to Dom North saw the Brothers ahead 10-5 at the break.

Ben Newbury who is always strong in defence had also a great half in attack and Ben is nothing if not

committed.

Andy Carroll who is back after a month out with a shoulder injury also had a good half and will be better for the run.

Second half saw Dom North continue the try spree and took his tally to four. We have not seen a lot of Dom this year so I hope he can commit to the remaining two games.

Three points went to Dave Thew his speed around the park and work at the breakdown was excellent. We have not seen a lot of Dave this year due to work commitments however he can play the next two which is good news.

Dom North for his four try effort and he was unlucky not to score a fifth which would have equalled the Club's record received two.

The ever improving Leon Filihia earned the one.

Also a mention to Club stalwart Adrian Brannan who showed the benefit of giving up the fags (smokes variety) and had his best game of the year.

Also welcome back to Elvis after a long lay off with a broken finger.

Please come along to training or do some fitness work yourself as we want to have a good finish to the season and I can't think of a better way to do this than two wins.

Hawkesbury Valley
Brothers 7
Hawkesbury Valley 50

After our good win last week and being our final home game of the season I was confident that we would put up a good showing against the Valley however they were too good on the day and I honestly thought they were one of the best teams we have come up against.

The day did not start well with a few withdrawals including two front rowers and with the injury to Adrian Brannan in the first half we were looking a bit thin upfront when Adrian and our hooker Leon were replaced. Uncontested scrums in the second half saw Tristan in at hooker and Pat Gortley on in the second row.

Looking at the positives there were some strong performances for the Brothers.

Elvis has returned to the building after a stint on the sideline and he is more than welcome as he is usually good for two games. It is unfortunate that we have to call on guys like Elvis Adrian Leon and Joe Vuli to do it but there are not a lot of options. I thought Elvis had a strong aggressive game and received the three points. No more blues though we need you healthy and on the field.

I also thought young Andrew Neate had his best game of the year. His defence in particular was excellent and brought of numerous tackles against big forwards well done Andrew and two points. One point went to Aido for his strong first half and courageously stayed on the field with an injury to half time when we could replace before going uncontested.

Thanks to our Terrey Hills mates for helping out.

Last game coming up one last effort.

2nd Grade

Epping

A fine day at Epping saw us assisted by some lads from Terry Hills and some good individual efforts from Ned Brown, in particular, who was dominant at the breakdown and forceful in tackles. Gerry Shannon was also strong in defence and Hugh Eriksson was very active around the field. We were not aggressive enough in defence generally, however, and were allowing them too much space and made them look a lot better than they really were.

Hawkesbury Valley

A good first half fell away in the second, and for the second time this year we were concerned about one of our boys with a potential neck injury-fortunately, it was mainly precautionary and Andy Carroll is fine, apart from a sore neck and it was only the early part of his evening that was disrupted. Thanks to the Hawkesbury fellows who assisted with ensuring that all care was taken in those important early stages. Unfortunately, Elvis was on the receiving end of a bit of rubbish, apparently, with his exceptional good looks being adjusted once again. I also noted the great attitude of Daniel McIntyre to pull up the game in 1sts when a Hawkesbury guy seemed to be in trouble.

Hugh Eriksson rated highly for his non stop effort, always being the first to the ball from kick offs and being the first to a large number of tackles. Greg Johnson, an old CBOB from wayback, and former Kentwell Cup Coach, made a number of favourable comments about his attitude. Niall O'Riordan is starting to really get the message about tackling and running hard. Our problem with the backs, however, continues to be the leaving

of gaps when we come up in defence.

It was good to see Justin Cook get the opportunity to play in a position where he wanted to play. He has been great all year, playing out of his preferred position, just because he was asked to do so, when we were lacking players in a few positions in the backs. He hassled well at flanker and I hope he enjoyed the extra involvement. Duncan Fraser continues to improve and is one to look to next year to be one of the star performers as he grows more comfortable with the game.

1st Grade - OC Corner

Epping

The trip out to Epping saw the Brothers boys take on the fourth placed team on the ladder and with semis around the corner we knew we would be in for a tough game.

The last time we played Epping on veterans day was the only time our forward pack had been put to the sword this year so the first grade pack were out for revenge. At training we decided to change our normal game plan and play a bit more expansively. We trained well except for a little confusion when Johnny "Santa" Gavan could not quite come to grips with the Turtle and Not a Turtle move (even though all he had to do was to run the exact same lines both times).

The first half was a see sawing affair with Brothers in control for the first 15 mins before they were put on the back foot by Epping. We spent the next 10 mins defending our line with some great determination. We went in at the break 4 tries to 2 up and the boys brimming with confidence. A typical stirring speech by the OC at half time combined with Epping's season been on the line saw us slip into our old habits and Epping turned up the pressure, (the last and only time I give you guys a wrap at half time). The second half was a tough affair with Epping camped on our line, but the boys held firm and with two tries to two moves we had trained for coming off in the second half we came out on top with a well deserved win. The skipper, Noodles the front row and pretty much everyone else put in a solid performance.

Valley

Our last home game of the season saw the men from the Valley head out to play for nothing much more than pride as both sides had no chance of finals footy. After our encouraging win the week before and the inclusion of some classy backs for the weekends game we decided to once again mix up our style with going wide rather than up the middle all day.

The end result of 32-7 pretty much summed up our dominance, especially considering we only converted the one try. From start to finish the boys dominated and played some pretty good footy. I knew it was going to be a good day on thur night when Scotty finally satisfied his drop goal fetish by wining a case of beer of the coach.

3 points went to Mick at 5/8 who controlled the game well, 2 points to daz who ran and tackled strongly all day and a point each to JE and G. 12 tries in two outings against two strong footy sides suggest we are heading in the right direction, each week we add something to our structure and game plan and we are looking forward to trying to giving Hills a tough game this weekend. Special mention to Matt and Johnny Gavan who played their last games for the year both players have played well and trained hard so thanks for the effort men.

Now off the field our last home game provided me with a few little bits of gossip. Firstly I never knew Popeye was into getting slapped around so much (def one to stay away from on tour) his stomach was still red on Sunday morning. Now sticking with Popeye as we all know he is not the soberest of chaps at the best of time and once again the eyes of our sponsor's security guard were on him. I managed to convince the manager that I could take care of Popeye if he could see to it to let him stay, just as he uttered the words no worries tom Popeye decided this was the best moment to try throwing a chair across the bar. Johnny Gavan impressed with his wrap dancing, the Oc impressed with the drink form left field (shumounger) which left 15 burly rugby boys drinking two Bacardi breezers upside down in a schooner glass(thanks boony for that one). Alex Metcalfe for trying to convince anyone that he could beat tom brom in a 100m race, the bet was made race is to be run thur and the looser is going to the ball nude, what is wrong with you kiwis?

I would like to give a special mention to two of our finest off field exponents Bean Bags and PP. Now they can't remember what time or who they left the orchard, they do remember eating half a chicken at Bean Bag's house and then deciding they needed more beer. So off to the Glass House they went obviously not showing any signs of intoxication, somehow they managed to get in and get a beer before they were spotted for what they really were 2 completely trashed individuals who had no concept of time or place, they were asked politely to leave which brings me to my favourite part, they tried to convince the bouncer that they should be allowed to stay as they were sprinting enthusiasts and the semis of the 100 world champs were on and who could expect them to miss it. Needless to say they were not believed, so on deciding they needed to push the

point a bit they tried to keep watching the TV from the street to lend some weight to their pathetic argument, the security guards response was to lower the blinds on the window leaving our two intrepid sprint officiandos no place to go except home.

OC

Player Points V Epping

Epping	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade
3	Simon Kearney	Ned Brown	D. Thew	Dan Ridley
2	Matt McIntyre	Gerard Shannon	Dominic North	Iain Davidson
1	Jon Evans	Hugh Eriksson	Simon Goodman	Greg Keary

Player Points V Hawkesbury Valley

Hawksbury Valley	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade
3	Mitch	Hugh Eriksson	James Vianellos	Michael Bird
2	Darren	Niall O'Riordan	Andrew Neate	Dan Ridley
1	Jon Evans	Justin Cook	Adrian Brannan	Ian Welsh
1	George Teleahiva			