

BRO NEWS ISSUE 3



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NEWSFLASH!

Subs go towards your insurance against injury and are mandatory for all

Committee Update

➤ **Pay up to Play the game – REMINDER! DUE TODAY!**

Subs are due on the **1st April THAT'S TODAY!!**

Students \$175 All Others \$225

Credit Cards pay online at www.brothersrugby.com.au/subs

Account Name: Christian Brothers Old Boys Rugby

BSB: 062 285

Account: 1027 6686

Please enter your name as a reference so we can keep a record

➤ **Non Playing Memberships**

Level 1 - \$30 member receives all Brothers social emails

Level 2 - \$60 Member receives Brothers Polo shirt and receives all social emails

Level 3 - \$70 Member receives Brothers Fleece and receives all social emails

Level 4 - \$100 Member receives Brothers Polo, Fleece and receives all social emails

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➤ **April 2nd Training, BBQ and Kit Pick Up – Can pay your subs here!**

Kit will be handed out to those who have paid their subs on Thursday 2nd April before the first game the 4th April. Gear provided as part of your subs include; Training T shirt, Club Polo, Shorts, Socks and Club Kit Bag. Other gear available includes; Hoodies, Fleece, Tracksuits, Wet/Cold Weather Jacket, Board Shorts, Hats and Caps. Prices on this gear will be available shortly.

➤ **Draw Confirmed (see attached)**

Blacktown Home 04.04.09 – **First Game of the Season**

Wet Weather Week 11.04.09 – **Happy Easter!**

UWSH Away 18.04.09 – **THE WORLD FAMOUS BUS TRIP**

Petersham Away 25.04.09

Merrylands Away 09.05.09

IMPORTANT

➤ **Coaches**

Coaches have been confirmed as the following:

First Grade – Tom Burns

Second Grade – John Andrews

Third Grade & Fourth Grade – Dave Taylor, Roy Anderson and David Bullard

➤ **Managers Needed**

Please contact Matt McIntyre with expressions of interest at m.mcintyre@cmcmarkets.com or call on 0404351577

➤ **Chocoholics**

Please contact Keith Bromwich keith.bromwich@bluefishsoftware.com.au if you would like to sell chocolates to raise money for the club. This can be done socially or at work and 66% of all money raised going to the club.

➤ **Rugby Tickets**

Unlike previous years, the ARU is allowing clubs to purchase group tickets to test matches in a simple manner - just complete the attached form and return it to the Union office. Note the deadline for orders is 22 April.

Trial Update

OC Corner

Well last weekend saw the end of the trials with a sat afternoon in sunny Newport. The Brothers Men trailed against Merrylands (who are in our comp this year), Newport and KWP.

The Day got off to a good start when I spied a certain ex Gordon 1st grader on his way home from a night out and conned him into playing for a case of beer. Daz thanks for the effort and the great story about your night out.

A Group of players who will remain unnamed until I get them at training kept the OC waiting outside his house for 15mins until he called one of them (this player did not resurface until sat night) and I was told they had a lift sorted and didn't bean bags tell me.

The trails began slowly as everybody had decided to have a sleep in, I have my suspicions that a few players had attempted to curb their enthusiasm and nerves by drinking as many schooners as possible the night before. Now trust me when I tell you this boy's beer the night before the game is no good, rum is a much better drink as you get less bloated.

The lower grades played some good rugby with a noticeable improvement on last week. It was encouraging to see some of the boys start to use some of the skills we are working on in training. A special mention to Liam who played at fullback for the first time and had a blinder, thanks to Nick and Justin also both new to the club this year and they played in every single trial on the weekend.

The first and second grade trials did not get off to a great start with the club being a bit tardy in time management, in the first trial we showed glimpses of the talent that is definitely there but it showed that we have not had a proper run together. The last trial showed us we have a long way to go.

With a lot of new faces and the combination of injuries and players availabilities we played as individuals rather than a team but I am sure after a few weeks we will begin to hit our straps. Thanks to everyone who played, watched and organized the trials, thanks to all the boys who have put in the hard work in the off season believe me it will pay off.

Thanks to Emily for organizing the first ever social Olympics, I think every one will agree It was a great night. No one will forget Grants Dancing, the dwarfs limbo, noodles vanilla ice efforts, and to top the night off the OC introduced his perspective first graders to his first of many inspirational speeches (just wait for my half time talks). I will be announcing the bus tour sponsor in a few days so get your outfits ready and be scared.

Finally welcome home to Michelle (noodles long suffering partner in crime), at least now noodles wont lock himself out of his house, loose his garage remote, wallet and camera, sleep with B1 (paul gibbs) break the front door and flood the bathroom. Thank god your back shel. UTBNB.

OC

Development Day



Bright and early on Sunday morning the 15th March, a dedicated band of lads from Brothers went along to help out with the St Pius X rugby development day (our junior club). Over 200 rugby mad boys from the school attended the morning session to learn a few new skills from some battle weary veterans such as Adrian Brannan and Scotty James.

Tom Burns had devised a number of stations for the boys to move around, over the course of the 2 hours, where the boys would learn some new skills in, ruck & maul, catch & pass and tackling. This was a great opportunity for 'Brothers' to get in front of these boys who will hopefully be Brothers players of the future.

My thanks to Tom and all the dozen or so lads that came along to help out. Hopefully it will pay dividends in 2010 with some of the Year 12 boys coming along to the club

Social Update

➤ The Inaugural Brothers Social Olympics



The first ever Brother Social Olympics took place on the 28th March 2009. In attendance were 37 willing participants ready to have themselves tested in all ways imaginable. 5 Teams took each other on in drinking, quizzing, singing, dancing and bending (that's limbo to the uninitiated) and saw the Team Hurricanes take out the coveted trophy. The drinking rounds saw the one man drinking machine, Jon Evans take his team The Hurricanes into a comfortable lead. The quiz round saw The Brethren and Team Noodles catch up with Noodles player Tom Burns proving useful (?) with his Brothers rugby knowledge and The Brethrens Adrian Brannan confirming that he has been at the club since the dawn of time. Round 3 saw the Shitzu Keepers come to the fore showing fantastic charisma in their singing of Bohemian Rhapsody and the Weapon Heads with a fantastic team effort of I Want It That Way. The 4th round of So You Think you Can Dance proved undoubtable that No, We Know They Can't Dance but effort was defiantly put in with the Bootylicious booty dance of Niall O'Riordan and the near perfect Britney Impression by Grant Broadley. The timed drinks relay was uber competitive and yet again saw the Hurricanes win with a record round of 17.75 seconds, a real team effort. The ever controversial limbo round saw a committed effort by everyone to get under the bar but there was no doubt that this round is for Dwarfs and although there were a few gentlemen that got very close the girls took this one with the very bendy effort of The Dwarf. Thank you to everyone who attended and assisted in the organising the event, I am sure everyone had a really good time and I look forward to the 2010 Brother Social Olympics,

➤ APRIL EVENT – The World Famous Bus Trip



The World Famous Bus Trip is well..... World Famous! Every year against UWSH away is a BUS TRIP. However, this bus trip is with a difference. So, we dress with a difference and as long as it's World Famous then you can wear it.....just make sure you wear something.

- Expressions of interest for the 2009 Social Committee should be emailed to Emily McIntyre at emilygompertz@hotmail.com
 - WATCH THIS SPACE
- April Event – Players Dinner and ANZAC Day celebrations

PLAYER PROFILE



Player Profile



Full Name: Adrian Brannan

Specs: (height, Weight) 5ft 11.9 inches, weight not stated

DOB: 26.04.73

Position: Hooker!

Most respected opponent: Dave Taylor

Most famous player played against: Craig Leckie

Best game you ever played: 2005 Semi Final versus Blue Mountains

Any strange pre game rituals: Smoking 2 cigarettes whilst setting up the marquee

Quick Fire Questions:

Holden or ford? Ford

Blonde or Brunette: Can't be fussy

Cheese or chocolate: Pie's

Boardies or Speedos: Boardies in between events

Star Trek or Star wars: Battlestar Galatica

Would you eat a horse? And chase the jockey

Last book you read? Mao's Last Dancer, Li Cunxin

If you could have one super power for a day what would it be (invisibility, immortality x-ray vision, super strength, Flying) Flying

3 famous dead or alive people you would invite to a dinner.

Jesus (save on catering), Marilyn Monroe, Adam Smith (18th Century Economist)