

Wairarapa Bush Newsletter Trust House Memorial Park



*"Our Rugby -
Just brilliant"*



Tui Cup Senior Draw
Round 1 Senior Draw (2.30pm)
3rd May 2014 (Home teams first)

East Coast vs. Gladstone
Eketahuna vs. Greytown
Martinborough vs. Marist
Pioneer vs. Carterton

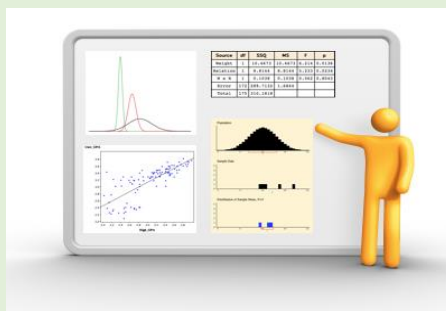


Burger King Senior Reserve
Competition (1.00 pm)

Bush vs. Marist
East Coast vs. Carterton
Eketahuna vs. Pioneer
Martinborough vs. Gladstone
Tuhirangi vs. Greytown

Burger King Player of the Week
Wins \$50 Burger King Bucks
Voucher
Jaden Field Greytown

This week's Burger King
game will be
Eketahuna vs. Pioneer



2014 Stats

Tui Cup 3 Top Points Scorer

Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 47
Tom Meuli (Eketahuna) 42
Tipi Haira (Martinborough) 42

Tui Cup Most Tries (More than 5)

Inia Katia 5

Tui Cup Most Conversions

Joseph Thompson (Pioneer) 16

Tui Cup Most Penalties

Byron Karaitiana (East Coast) 9

Ultimate Club Points Machine

(Senior & Reserves combined)

Pioneer 290
Greytown 275
Eketahuna 230

Ultimate Try Scoring Premier Team

Greytown 30
Eketahuna 23
Pioneer 20

2013 Nunn Shield

Eketahuna retain the Nunn Shield and goes on the line against East Coast this weekend

WHO WILL BE THE FIRST TRY SCORER FOR 2014?

Tom Meuli (Eketahuna 10 minutes)

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Ground Sign Sponsorship

We have our last Four Sign spaces available for 2014.

Support Wairarapa Bush Rugby at Trust House Memorial Park.

Get your name in lights and on TV – there are 4 spaces left at the southern and northern ends of the ground.

Costs \$1,000.00 per annum and one-off cost of sign (approx. \$1,000.00) plus GST. In return you also get 4 season tickets with lanyards, be in the draw for All Black test tickets, 7's tickets, Wairarapa Bush rugby jersey, Rugby balls, pre match hospitality and your logo in our newsletter.

If you are keen to be part of our elite group give Deb or Tony a ring on 06 378 8369 or email debby@waibush.co.nz.



BREAKING NEWS

WBRU Annual Awards Dinner will be held on August 9th 2014.

This is a new concept and we will have more details to follow.



Dead Ball Charlie's Highlights of the week

The next three weeks rugby are the most exciting for the union for years – it is fair to say either Eketahuna, Pioneer or Greytown will win the Moose Kapene Cup but since they all have to play each other DBC says “our game – just brilliant”.

Eketahuna versus Greytown looks like a real cracker and whoever wins then has the opportunity to take on Pioneer for effectively a finals game for the Kapene Cup – who would of thought it would be this close?

Then you have 5 teams hunting down the important 4th position on the table going into the second round. All we need now is Carterton and East Coast to sneak an upset win and it is all on for those 5 teams.

Well done Rebecca Mahoney for the change of career to refereeing – DBC reckons she will go all the way as a referee. (Read 1st May Times Age)

On a disappointing note – heard some well-abled people, parking in the invalids car park at Memorial Park – **come on guys** lets respect our community and do the decent thing.

Dead Ball Charlie is gearing up the duck shooting season – but remember lets be safe out there.

Question of week

In 1999 Wairarapa Bush played Central Vikings twice – what were the scores?

Answer on the last page of the newsletter

Old Timers/Past Players Dates

Carterton 24th May

Greytown 14th June

Club Rugby Draws & results

Look for this logo on our webpage under “Draws/Results” to get all Full Club rugby draws and results. **“OUR RUGBY JUST BRILLIANT”**

Team	Wins	Draws	Losses	Bonus	Points
Greytown	4	0	0	4	20
Pioneer	4	0	0	3	19
Eketahuna	4	0	0	2	18
Gladstone	2	0	2	2	10
Marist	1	0	3	2	6
Martinborough	1	0	3	1	5
East Coast	0	0	4	0	0
Carterton	0	0	4	0	0

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Pioneer	4	0	0	3	20
Greytown	4	0	0	3	19
Marist	3	0	1	4	16
Eketahuna	2	0	2	3	11
Martinborough	2	0	2	3	11
Tuhirangi	2	0	1	1	9
East Coast	1	0	3	1	5
Gladstone	1	0	3	0	4
Bush	1	0	2	0	0
Carterton	0	0	4	0	0

Note the Bush vs. Tuhirangi game was postponed to a later date.



Duck Shooting

Good luck to our fellow duck shooters out there this weekend. Keep warm and say safe, here's a recipe to try out (Food lovers co):

Duck Ragout

2 TBSP Olive Oil, 3 Rashers bacon chopped, 1 Onion finely chopped, 2 medium Carrots chopped, 1 stalk of celery sliced, 1 tub of brown mushrooms halved, 1 cup red wine, 300ml chicken stock, **600 gm duck breast fillets, no shotgun pellets, sliced into fingers**, 3 fresh bay leaves, 6 fresh sage leaves, 3 sprigs thyme.

Preheat oven to 140c.

Heat the oil in a cast iron casserole, and cook bacon, onion, carrot & celery until the onion is tender. Increase the heat and add the mushrooms. Pour over the red wine and allow to boil and reduce by half. Add the chicken stock, duck fillets and herbs. Season to taste with salt & freshly ground black pepper. Cover and place in the oven, cook for 3 hours, checking on liquid levels. Thicken if required. YUM



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Event	Date	Details
Queen's Birthday Weekend	31 st May – 2 nd June	NO CLUB RUGBY PLAYED
WBRU Annual Awards Dinner	9 th August	More information to come
Heartland Season Kicks Off	23 rd August	Vs. King Country Taupo (Book your accommodation now)

CEO response to last week's Whistler Blower re clash of jersey colours.

It has been brought to my attention regarding the Whistle Blowers comment around the clash of jersey's between Gladstone and Eketahuna. There is a very good process which clubs follow regarding the change of jerseys and all clubs and the referees are part of the process.

As CEO, I accept responsibility for all comments in the newsletter and understand while it was the Whistle Blowers opinion, I am happy and very supportive of the process the Council of Club used to determine the approval of club strips.

Tony Hargood - CEO



The Whistle Blower

At this time of the year I always take stock of our referee performances. This analysis allows me to reflect on where our referee performances sit in comparison with other Associations.

I have watched seven games so far this year. The one factor that sticks out above all else is how well our referees are managing games. What do I mean by management? Well it's a combination of appropriate Penalty Counts, Sin Bins and Red cards; reduced Scrum resets; fair application of the Law and the reduction in needless interference from the whistle carrier.

Across those 7 games, I have seen penalty counts in the range we would expect – 17 to 23 per match (down by almost 15 per game on several years ago) and with scrum completion ratios well above 90%; disciplinary action down from previous years and a general feeling from players in post-match conversations that they are enjoying the lower level of referee interference, I am very happy with how our refs are performing. And isn't that what we want? Players being allowed to catch, kick and run with the ball and to have that feeling at the end of the game that very little of the end result was down to poor adjudication from Referees and Assistant Referees.

This weekend we see two visiting Premier Referees come to our senior competition. One from Auckland and the other from Marlborough. I am confident they will be up to their tasks. But it will be interesting to compare their performances against those from our own Association. I'd like to think that our boys would get the nod on a straight head-to-head comparison.

Why don't you go and have a look. I will be.

The Whistle Blower.

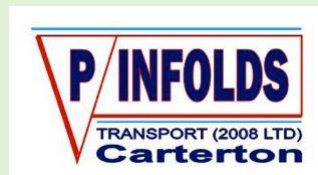
1XV Games this week

Wairarapa 1XV vs. Mana
Wairarapa College 1.00 pm

Kuranui 1XV vs. Wainuiomata 1XV
Greytown Rugby Club 1.00 pm

**Eketahuna 2ZE FM 106.5FM will broadcast live from
Martinborough Rugby Club
Martinborough vs. Marist
Commentator: Colin Hutchby**

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Answer: Lost 79-12 (Palmerston North) and lost 3 -55 (Masterton)