

## Wairarapa Bush Newsletter Trust House Memorial Park



### Welcome to 2014.

The 2014 Club season kicks off on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April with a new format and a 10 team competition.

1st Round - Moose Kapene Memorial Cup.

Then the top 5 play off for the Tui Cup and bottom 5 for the Hodder Steffert Cup.

The Senior draw has been confirmed and is available on our webpage [www.waibush.co.nz](http://www.waibush.co.nz)

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### Round 1 Senior Draw (2.30pm) 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014 (Home teams first)

Bush vs. East Coast  
Eketahuna vs. Carterton (Nunn Shield)  
Greytown vs. Marist  
Martinborough vs. MRS  
Pioneer vs. Gladstone

### Preseason Games

All teams wanting preseason appointments of referees for your games MUST email your request to Pete Debney ([pa.se@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pa.se@xtra.co.nz)) as early in the week as possible. Late requests may not be able to meet.

### Senior Reserve Competition

This competition will kick off on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April also.  
A draw will be advised 24<sup>th</sup> March

### NUNN SHIELD

The Eketahuna currently hold the Nunn Shield from 2013 season. Will Carterton upset last year's finalist and secure an early trophy.

### Rippa Rugby After School

Three Tournaments have been organized prior to JAB season commencement.

They are to be held in Masterton, Featherston and Greytown.

The tournaments are timed to fill in the void between summer and winter sports.

Rippa rugby offers the opportunity for girls to enjoy a rugby experience.

Two girls must be on the field at all times. The tournaments also provides an opportunity for clubs to register potential new player for the season. The tournaments are of 4 weeks duration

### Past Players/Old Timers Days

Greytown has advised 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014 when they host Martinborough. Spread the word.



### Dead Ball Charlie's Highlights of the week

Three weeks to go to the senior competition Dead Ball Charlie is already dusting off his stats book and ready to go.

I hear there is a new sponsor for the senior reserve competition – can't wait for the launch.

Everyone will be happy to know that the only place the Hurricanes have won in 2014 is MASTERTON-Lets make Trust House Memorial Park the new home of the Hurricanes.

### 3 Questions of the week:

What year did Sir Brian Lochore make his debut for the All Blacks?  
What year did the Central Vikings start?  
What year did Eketahuna RFC form?

FIND DEAD BALL CHARLIE ON FACEBOOK

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## Administration Information

### Developing Rugby Coaches (DRC)

#### Course Level 2

Developing Rugby Coaches (DRC) Course Level 2 are starting up at end of month. Please pass onto any coaches wanting to go further in coaching.

**March 24<sup>th</sup>** Monday Memorial Park 6pm Module (Planning) presenter Tony Hargood (info on what he's covering on night will be out next week)

**March 30<sup>th</sup>** Sunday Memorial Park 10am Module (Scrum) presenter Wes Clarke

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>** we're inviting any player(prefer front rowers) to attend Scrum session too there will be 1 hour session to go over tips and drills at end of DRC



#### Small Blacks

Once again a good range of dates to enable all coaches to attend. See below for all the dates coming up.



#### Rugby Smart Dates

A good start of coaches have attended the Rugby Smart course. Please ensure your coaches and managers get along to a course. Check the calendar below for dates in your area.

### Player Passes

These will be provided to our players in the men's competition to enable players and management to enter the grounds. Females will not get entry showing these cards. You can purchased a season tickets for your partners which covers all club rugby and Rep rugby at Trust House Memorial Park.



**Mouth Guards** are compulsory and must be worn at all times. Wairarapa Bush Union has them for sale \$3.50 each. We would hate to see anyone yellow carded for no mouth guard.

#### Season Tickets – Great Value

We have these on sale for \$60.00 which includes entry to all games at Trust House Memorial Park including club and representative games. (Includes a car pass)

That is 16 weeks of club rugby, all Representative games at Trust House Memorial Park. Pop in to our Office at 149 Dixon Street to purchase.

### JAB

#### Online Registrations

Reminder to clubs that they are been encouraged to register their players online. NZRU held a seminar regards online registrations. Those attending that took up the opportunity were full of praise of the system. It was an appropriate tool that allowed players or their parents to register personally online. For further information please contact Deb at WBRU.

#### New Rule for Student Rugby

A study was carried out of students to get their thoughts on issues pertaining to Rugby growth and development.

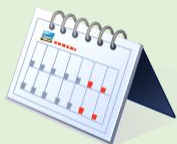
Students cited lack of playing time as a major reason for giving up playing. As a result of the findings the NZRU have introduced a new rule that stipulates all players registered to a team must have half a game.

This applies to all grounds below 1<sup>st</sup> XV.



Look for this logo on our webpage under "Draws/Results" to get all Club rugby draws and results when the competition kicks off on the 5<sup>th</sup> April.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Event	Date	Details
<b>Rugby Smart Courses</b>		
	March 17 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Greytown Club 6pm
<b>Electronic team Card Training included on this night</b>	March 19 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Union Rooms 6pm
<b>Last night of Rugby Smart Course</b>	March 26 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Union Rooms 6pm
<b>Small Black Courses</b>		
	April 7 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Greytown Clubrooms 6pm
	April 11 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Gladstone Complex 6pm
Front Row Factory, Tackle Box, Small Blacks	April 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Memorial Park 10 am (All under 8's coaches)
	April 23 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	Tuhirangi Club Rooms 6pm
Front Row Factory, Tackle Box, Small Blacks	April 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Memorial Park 10 am (All under 8's coaches if possible)
	April 30 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	Eketahuna Club Rooms 6pm
<b>Council of Clubs Meeting</b>	April 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	Union Rooms 7 pm
<b>Wairarapa Bush AGM</b>	April 14 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Union Rooms 7 pm
<b>Wairarapa Bush Club Rugby Starts</b>	April 5 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Both grades around the Wairarapa Bush Province
<b>Developing Rugby Coaches (DRC) Course Level 2</b>		
	March 24 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Memorial Park 6pm Module (Planning)
	March 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Memorial Park 10am Module (Scrum) Invitation open to any players
<b>Queen's Birthday Weekend</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	NO CLUB RUGBY PLAYED



## The Whistle Blower

This weekend we start to appoint referees to pre-season games. This brings with it the perennial problem: what are the Law changes and which teams play under which Laws. And this year is no exception. No surprise there.

The Domestic Safety Law Variations (DSLTV) have been re-written. One law change now allows defending halfbacks in all adult grades to follow the ball through the scrum to harass the ball winning halfback. And there are further changes around how many front row players are required to make up a squad.

A lot of the Domestic Safety Scrum Law - like pushing more than 1½ metres, scrum formations and wheeling scrums through 45 degrees - have been abandoned but may be reinstated by the provincial Union if they wish. We await advice from the WBRU.

And what is left of the DSLTV's now relate mainly to U 19 age-grade games, secondary schools games and below. The best summary I have found was by googling "Domestic Safety Laws + Steelers" and you will find a pdf file prepared by the Counties Manukau REO which gives all the detail you need.

I hope I will be able to clarify things for you all in our next newsletter. Watch this space.

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