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President's Welcome

Welcome again to another edition of Croc Tales.

We have another action-packed couple of days ahead: Level 3 Coach and club legend Colin 'Snogga' Snowden will be guest coaching at training this afternoon, all Junior sides will be playing on Friday night at Marrara, we have a stall at the Palmerston Markets to promote the club, and on Saturday we have home games for the Under 18's and Seniors which also doubles as our first ever Past Player Day.

This is something that I am really looking forward to... hopefully seeing some familiar faces down at Moulden as the current players take on the old enemy (I think everyone's enemy) from the early 80's. If we are super lucky Boulder may give his speech about Casuarina; now that's worth the \$20 alone.

See the flyer later in Croc Tales for details about Past Players Day. If you haven't been down to our home ground for a while, come down, watch the rugby, see the changes to the clubhouse and enjoy some fine company. The more the merrier!

Ben Blyton



Under 8's Palmerston vs Casuarina last weekend – a preview of our Senior games this weekend.

I wonder how many will be playing A Grade at our 50th Anniversary?

What's on this weekend...

THURSDAY	Guest coach 'Snogga' Snowden at Seniors training
FRIDAY	Under 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 and 16 at Rugby Park PRUC Stall at the Palmerston Markets
SATURDAY	Home Games and Past Players Day at Moulden Oval A & B Grade and Under 18's vs. Casuarina

Past Players Day



Palmerston Rugby Union Club would like to invite all

Past Players

To our Home Game on Saturday 21 April 2012

Come and socialize with previous past players

while our current players take on Casuarina at Moulden Oval

Games start at 3:30 with A Grade kick off at 6pm

Special Past Players Deal:

\$20.00 will get you 4 beers, a steak sandwich and transport home.

RSVP: Please RSVP by Friday 20 April

to Ben Blyton (ph. 0417 082 531) or Craig Leach (ph. 0412 377 578)

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NTRU LADDERS

A Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Casuarina	2	2	0	0	10
Souths	3	2	0	1	9
Dragons	2	2	0	0	9
Palmerston	2	0	0	2	2
University	3	0	0	3	0

B Grade

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Casuarina	3	3	0	0	14
Palmerston	3	2	0	1	10
University	3	1	0	2	5
Swampdogs	2	1	0	1	4
Souths	2	1	0	1	4
Jabiru	2	0	1	1	2
Dragons	3	0	1	2	2

Under 18's

Team	P	W	D	L	Points
Swampdogs	3	2	0	1	11
University	3	2	0	1	10
Casuarina	2	1	0	1	5
Palmerston	2	1	0	1	5
Souths	0	0	0	0	0
Dragons	2	0	0	2	0



A Grade vs. Dragons

(A and B Grade photos supplied by Fiona Austine)

Around The Grounds



THE SENIORS

A Grade - Dragons 29 d Palmerston 26

Update from coach Greg Hill

With a late withdrawal and a couple of late arrivals we were ill prepared to start playing and suffered from that to go down 17 – 3 just after half time. But Dragons completely underestimated the spirit of this Palmy team and we had their measure for the remaining 30 minutes of the game. There were some after the game that said to me “we are not so unfit, we were fitter then them” - not true! We outplayed them in the second half because we out-enthused them and were mentally stronger in our game and our belief. Fitter and we may have won.

I firmly believe that we are a better side than we give ourselves credit for being and that we are just 6 weeks behind where we should be at this stage. We have some problems with communication and jerseys but these are side issues that we need to correct where possible and put to the side so we can prepare effectively for each and every game. There were many positives from Saturday's game and I must say that I was extremely proud of the effort displayed and to once again be associated with this club. My thanks and best wishes to our servicemen who have been our early season stalwarts; sorry that you have to leave but we assure you that everyone at Palmy awaits your return.

Tries: Scott Rasmussen, Chris Hocking, Brock Evans, Michael Nicholas; **Conversions:** Scott Rasmussen, Tyrone Gerschmizen, Brad Hogan; **Players' Player:** Scott Rasmussen.

B Grade - Palmerston 40 d Dragons 0

Update from acting coach Craig Leach

The Killer B's had a great moral boosting win against old foes Dragons last Saturday winning 40 nil. With plenty of players to select from, we kept the opposition scoreless. Captain Paul Williams led from the front, and the backs ran in tries at will. We were able to give some of our colts game time, with Garry Keppel and Ryan Cotton having strong runs. Alex Cornell-Hewlett was finally able to run out as a hooker after a long apprenticeship in 2nd row last year, and we wish him well at Uni in Armidale. Best on ground was breakaway Lachlan Wade, who was everywhere.

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More A Grade action



B Grade



Under 10's at half time



Under 8's



Under 6's at training

B Grade (continued)

Tries: Chris Hocking, Daniel Lee, Paul Devir, Scott Werlemann, Gary Keppel; **Conversions:** Robbie Taylor, Paul Devir, Gary Keppel; **Players' Player:** Lachlan Wade

Under 18's - won by a forfeit, 28 – nil

Well done to Gary Keppel and Ryan Cotton who stood up for a B grade game and played really well.



THE JUNIORS

Under 16's - Palmerston 41 d Dragons 17

Tries: W Bohning, G Svanfelds, T Keppel, J Boyd, X McKenzie, J Harris
Goals: G Svanfelds, P Ambrum

Under 14's - Palmerston 75 d Dragons 31

Tries: K Quaakawoot, M Cubillo, M Ellis, M Norris, I Teuati, T Brown
Goals: T Brown, M Cubillo, H Martin

Under 12's - Dragons d Palmerston 53 –7

Try: T McManus; **Goal:** M Theyers

Under 10's - Palmerston 35 d Dragons 7

Tries: S Deo, J Blyton, J Humphreys; **Goals:** R Reid

Under 8's

Another great game by the Under 8's, with all players putting in a huge effort and coach Cody doing a good job at ensuring everyone gets a run.

Under 6's (update from coach Ricky Hoe)

We had a terrific game this week at Rugby Park. With enough players to fill one and a half teams (usually there is enough for two!) a big thank you to Kai and Oliver for helping Pints and Souths create a team. During our warm up we performed a "Haka" rendition due to an ant problem! Well done Xavier for being brave and still playing! There were many tries scored especially over the one try line that was painted (some great U turn running at times!) Hamish will be remembered for his stylish celebrations after a great tackle! Well done to Isaac for great listening, tackling and try scoring! A big thanks to Kelvin (Oliver's dad) for offering to help diffuse the pre-match chaos, Oz (Noah's dad) for helping line up the troops and Julie (Olivia's Mum) for being a super manager and supplying sherbert bombs to reward our fantastic U6 players!

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PALMERSTON MARKETS

If you can help out at our stall at the Palmerston Markets for ½ an hour or so, please feel free to drop by.

35th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Our 35th Anniversary Dinner is just over two months away and we are looking for assistance in making the night a success. **If you would like to be a part of our organizing committee please let us know.**

SENIOR SUBS

Senior subs are now due. **\$190** includes playing kit and insurance. Balance paid in full by end of first round. Payment required so that your insurance is paid!



MONSTER RAFFLE

The Club is running a **Monster Raffle**. The raffle will run throughout the year and prizes drawn at Presentation Night. See **Dennis Grant** for tickets.

CASH FOR CANS

Recycle your containers at the clubhouse and raise funds for the club at the same time:



Other news...

Thank you

A special thanks to Paul 'The Painter' Theyers (Under 12 parent) who has successfully managed to give the goal posts a coat of paint. Paul kept the Under 10s amused at training, by standing on the roof of his ute with a very long pole to reach to the top of the goal posts. The club is also very thankful to Paul for painting over unsightly graffiti that appears on the fence next to the clubhouse – thanks very much Paul!



Palmy stall at the Palmy Markets

The Palmerston Markets are back on for the Dry this Friday. We've been provided with the opportunity to have a stall at the markets for the next two weeks (i.e. Friday 20th and Friday 27th April). We will be promoting the club and advertising for players. If you can help man the table for half an hour feel free to drop by.

Over the airwaves

Past player Paul Dale will be broadcasting from the Palmerston Markets on ABC local radio, with a hard hitting, in depth radio interview with current President and son at approximately 4:30.

2002 Photos

Past player Matt Brocklehurst is chasing some 2002 photos:

"I am just wondering if anyone has a copy of the Grand Final winning side from 2002? There was a good photo in the NT News but if someone has a copy that they could scan it would be really appreciated. I am also chasing a copy of the 2002 Mozzies side, if anyone could help me out it would also be greatly appreciated".

If you're able to help out, please email Matt at m.brocklehurst@bigpond.com





Kim and Ricky, back to the 70's



Roman Ricky



Ricky as Mr Graetz



Ricky the Under 6 coach

In the Spotlight... Ricky Hoe

Past player and current under 6 coach

Well, I first fell in love with Rugby at Marist Brothers Ashgrove as a boarder (I was sent there to set a good example to troublesome youths who were also sent there), where with spherical and elipsiodial leather balls in hand we developed our own; let loose on a myriad of grassed, concrete and bitumen surfaces. My stature should have seen me become a jockey, but a failed 'High O Silver' pony mount saw my equestrian interest disappear... and my Jatz Crackers go into hiding.

After moving to Darwin, I played on the wing for Souths... once I slowed Al Woodcock's finger down with my eyeball, delaying a Palmerston try. I then got the opportunity to play for The Crocs where I discovered that wingers could actually get the ball in attack, and that hiding behind Woody was a much better idea. Along with Tony O'Grady during a 1998/99 7's or 10's tournament we donned the tri colours and I haven't taken them off since. Tony's first effort resulted in a broken leg (his) and I went on to become a vice captain on the wing (coach Snogga had a great ear for talent).

My greatest Rugby moment is actually also a cricketing one... to cut a lengthening story short, during an NT XV tour (my only) I bought a cricket bat in Kandi, Sri Lanka, hoping to run into the also touring Australian Cricket team... In Columbo Geoff Marsh agreed to trade a rugby ball for a bat signing during an Aussie innings and I walked away with it signed by them all. I kept the whole NT side waiting on the bus while I gave Stuart MacGill a pep talk in the Australian dressing room. I'm not sure why he listened to me and I'm *more* sure that I didn't help his career (later that night he was a little too vocal in a Sri Lankan Casino). Australia lost that tour (Steve Waugh and most of the side got *Soreearitis* that day and never recovered).

As a 14, 15 and sometimes 9 for Palmy I have enjoyed every second in the red white and blue, and I still get butterflies in my stomach when I drive past Rugby Park. I can't help but pull in every now and again for a run and a giggle. With my son Freddie and daughter Lilly having a go as juniors this year, I have taken on the U6 coaching role and am having a blast!

From the greatest ever rugby nick name (thank you B. Early), to Squirter's bus trip kit bag, Tommy's jokes and Brock's collection of things not nailed down, the 'PRUC' camaraderie and journey has been magnificent... of which I (and Kim and Freddie and Lilly and Lizzie) are proud to be a part of.

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Each week Croc Tales is running a "PALMY TRIVIA" competition.

Weekly winners will receive \$10 off their 35th Anniversary Dinner Tickets.

You may enter more than once, so keep those entries coming!!

Remember, email your answers by 6pm Wednesday each week to:

ben.blyton@bigpond.com or wleach@bigpond.com



This week's winner is Craig 'Squiter' Leach. No introduction required...



Previous winners are:

1 - Steven Roberts

2 – Garry Crone

3 – Jaz Deo

4 – Jeremy Bright

5 – Garry Russell

6 – Colin Snowden

7 – Dave Ley

8 – Rob Sloan

9 – Craig Leach

Palmy Trivia # 10

CAPTION COMPETITION



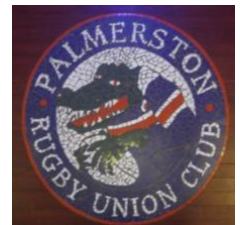
This week's challenge is to provide a caption for the above photo.

Here's one to start you off:

Bernie Bree like a good five-eighth, calls out "that was my touch"

CLUB HOUSE QUIZ

Here is last week's quiz, with Squiter's answers included below.



1. What time is it at the club house?
2. What is the barman's nick name?
3. What article of clothing should not be worn on the Sunday after the grand final?
4. Who officially opened the club house (refer last week's Croc Tales)?
5. Who is next week's home game opposition?
6. What is the art work on the floor of the club house?
(Editor's note: there was a clue here; have a close look at the photo of the Palmy emblem above)
7. What road takes me home?
8. What is the price of a XXXX gold?

Quiz answers: Q1. twenty to 8, Q2. Grumpy Granty, Q3. Undies (no undy Sunday), Q4. Barry 'the Bolter' Coulter, Q5. Casuarina, Q6. Mosaic PRUC emblem, Q7. Bronson with a silent 'r', Q8. \$4.50 - well at least that's what he charges me...!



35th Anniversary

TEN YEARS AGO – OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

With our 35th Anniversary just over two months away, we thought we'd reminisce with some photos from our 25th Anniversary dinner, held at the Chan Building back in 2002.



Team of the 25 years



Former Chief Minister Claire Martin



Bernie with ARU heavy weights



Life Members as at 2002



Brahman and co. in song



A night for everyone

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35TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The following people have confirmed their attendance at the reunion dinner:

DEFINITES

Fiona Austine
 Alan Babbs
 Jeff Hellfire Bennett
 Ben & Selina Blyton
 Bernie & Sonya Bree
 Dan & Evey Bree
 Dennis & Cec Bree
 Tony & Vicky Burns
 Greg Cottrell
 Jaz & Robyn Deo
 Graham Doyle
 Ben Emmett
 Brock Evans
 Dennis Grant
 Greg Jarvis
 Sean Killiner
 Craig & Mel Leach
 Wendy & Mal Leach
 Chris Marlow
 Stephen Roberts
 Garry & Marcia Russell
 Kerry & Sue Smith
 Mick Smith
 Colin & Alison Snowden
 Mike & Coral Wilson
 Alan & Michelle Woodcock

MAYBES

Paddy Bree
 Jeremy Bright
 Gary Harper
 Sean Kearns
 Anthony Ryan
 Nick Woodroffe

THINKING OF COMING?

* Email Wendy Leach and we'll add you to the list.
 *Contact Treasurer Percy Peel (percypeel@hotmail.com) for payment details.

35th Anniversary Dinner

When: 30th June 2012 @ 7pm

Where: Crowne Plaza Hotel, Darwin

Tickets: \$150.00 per person*



*To purchase tickets, please contact Treasurer Percy Peel at percypeel@hotmail.com for payment details.



For those who didn't recognise him last week, this is Garry Russell.



In a follow up to Paddy's words in last week's Croc Tales, Garry notes: *Paddy said he played many positions including halfback. It looks like Tony Burns and Merv are wondering what he was doing. Surely he wasn't meant to pass the ball to the back line; "keep it tight" Tony is thinking.*

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