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President's Welcome

As usual it's an important week this week for the club.

On the field, we play the Swampdogs in both Under 18s and B Grade. These games are important - the Swampdogs are the team to beat in the Under 18 competition and our boys will want to try and continue their winning ways, while a win for B Grade will put them back into the final four. So come on boys, two from two this week.

Off the field, we have our major fundraiser for the year - the Royal Darwin Show Clean Up. This is our club's major annual fundraiser, with 2012 marking our 10th year of participating in this event. We're still seeking volunteers for some of the shifts, particularly the Saturday night, 7pm to midnight shift. Note that although the shifts are in 5 hour blocks, we don't work for 5 hours straight – there will be some time available to see and enjoy the show. If you can help on Saturday or any other time please contact me on 0417 082 531 asap. Thanks for your support.

This week saw our current Vice President Charlie Chambers leave town for family reasons. We thank Charlie for all the work he's done for the club over the years and wish him all the best. We hope to see you back sometime soon Charlie.

And lastly, now that the Aussie sides are all out of the Super 15's, I can officially say that the true Palmerston North will be backing the Chiefs, or perhaps just one Chief, this Friday. All the best to Tawera (Nerada) Kerr-Barlow in this week's semi-final against the Crusaders.

Ben Blyton



Go Nerada!

What's on this weekend					
FRIDAY	No games – Royal Darwin Show Public Holiday				
SATURDAY	Under 18 - vs. Swampdogs, 2.30 at Rugby Park B Grade - vs. Swampdogs, 4.00 at Rugby Park A Grade – Bye				



NTRU LADDERS

A Grade

Team	Р	w	D	L	Points
Casuarina	13	13	0	0	60
Souths	13	9	0	4	46
Dragons	12	5	0	7	24
University	13	3	0	10	17
Palmerston	13	2	0	11	10

B Grade

Team	Р	w	D	L	Points
Casuarina	16	13	0	3	64
Souths	16	13	0	3	57
University	16	8	0	8	35
Swampdogs	16	6	0	10	31
Palmerston	16	4	0	12	28
Dragons	16	6	1	9	25

Under 18's

Team	Р	w	D	L	Points
Swampdogs	13	11	1	1	55
Casuarina	13	7	1	5	40
University	13	5	1	7	27
Palmerston	13	3	1	9	21
Dragons	4	0	0	4	0

WEEKEND ACTION

A GRADE v SOUTHS



Around The Grounds



A Grade – Souths 32 Palmerston 0

Update from coach Greg Hill

What a letdown after last week's magnificent effort. Although we started well by both resisting and applying pressure and often had Souths scrambling to defend their line which, unfortunately, they did very well, we were unable to combat their speed outside and soon found ourselves down. The rest of the 1st half went along similar lines with our close in pressure earning us penalties. Ian had however left his kicking boots at home and he was not his usual immaculate kicking self. Smithy was denied an earlier try with a foul that earned them a sin bin but would almost certainly have gained us 7 points if the penalty had been whistled a second later.

At half time we were still upbeat and could see a strong possibility of winning this game but the half started disastrously with them scoring a try immediately from the kick off. I got the impression that some of us then decided that a win was a bridge too far and lots of old bad habits came to the fore. Our discipline fell away and our first up tackles and straight line defence went missing. When you play like this against a team like Souths who thrive on space and have the speed to exploit it you must expect the result we got as inevitable.

Thanks must go again to the new players who tried hard but who neither know the players around them nor the game we are attempting to play.

After many many years with the club, Charlie Chambers (right) attended his last game. Charlie started this year wishing to be part of the killer bees but has played almost the entire season in As with a large part of the whilst injured. I wish Charlie all the best in his new life.





A GRADE v SOUTHS



B GRADE v SOUTHS





UNDER 18s v UNIVERSITY





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B Grade –Souths 22 Palmerston 15

Tries - Blake Bishell, Errol Wilson; **Conversion** — Robbie Taylor; **Penalty** - Kurt Collie-Whakaue

Under 18's – Palmerston 28 University 15

Tries - W Bohning (3), S Davis (1); Conversions - G Svanfelds (4)



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Under 16's – Palmerston 73 Swampdogs 17

Tries - T Keppel (2), W Bohning (2), T Roe, B Hakes, B Kaart, G Svanfelds, G McHugh, J Boyd, X McKenzie (all 1 each); **Conversions** - G Svanfelds (5), W Bohning (2), P Ambrum (1)



UPCOMING PRUC EVENTS

Junior Camp

• When: Sunday 12 August

• Where: Moulden Oval, starting at 9.00am

Junior Presentation Day

• When: Sunday 9 September

• Where: Palmerston Water Park, starting at 9.00am

Senior Presentation Night

• When: Saturday 15 September

Annual General Meeting

When: Sunday 28 October

• Where: the Clubhouse





SENIOR SUBS

Senior subs are now due. **\$190** includes playing kit and insurance. Payment required so that your insurance is paid!

FOR THE DIARY

22 – 23 September NT Country Rugby Union Carnival

Saturday 25 August NTRU Presentation and Junior Fundraising Evening

CONCRETE FEET FOR SALE

We have some concrete garden feet for sale at \$10 each. They're at the entrance to the clubhouse if you would like to have a look. Payment to be made at the bar.



See **Dennis Grant** for tickets.

PRUC FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/PalmerstonR ugbyUnionClub



Other news...

CAMPER TRAILER RAFFLE

Club sponsor, James Ballantyne from *Outback& Beyond Camper Trailer Hire* has donated a one week hire of a Challenge Camper Trailer (pictured) to the club. Thankyou James!



Raffle tickets for this great prize are **two dollars each**, with only **100 tickets** to be sold. Tickets are available at the bar. Be sure to get in early!

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AN INVITATION FROM UNIVERSITY RUFC



University Pirates RUFC

Darwin, Northern Territory - Established 1987

The University Pirates are celebrating their 25th Anniversary this year and are holding a Celebration Dinner on the evening of 4 August 2012 at the Darwin Convention Centre with past members flying in from interstate and overseas. Cost is \$150 per head which covers dinner and the usual drinks package. The paid entertainment will be provided by Dr Elephant although there are one or two other items planned (and no doubt one or two unplanned). The University Pirates RUFC would like to invite the NTRU and Rugby Union Clubs to attend this remarkable event. The 25th Anniversary website and Facebook page for this event is:

http://www.facebook.com/home.php?clk_loc=5#!/groups/25thUniPirateshttp://www.unipirates25th.com/

If you would like to attend please either RSVP through the Facebook page (payment details are there also), or contact myself.

Regards, Daniel Wagenaar, Chairman University Pirates RUFC M: 043 803 2796 E: Daniel.Wagenaar@nt.gov.au















Celebrating 35 Years



HALL OF FAME

John Sullivan

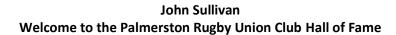
John 'Sully' Sullivan played over 200 A Grade games for Palmerston. At all times, he demonstrated outstanding playing ability, sportsmanship, commitment and character and in doing so, made a major contribution to the game of rugby in his era.

Sully was always a man of view words; however his significant achievements speak for themselves:

A Grade Player: 1990 to approx. 2006

Five times A Grade Best & Fairest Winner: 1992/93, 1996/97, 2002, 2004, 2005

NT Rugby Union Representative Player 1992, 1994 - 2006













STORIES FROM THE ARCHIVES

For a look at the way things were, here's the first page of our Newsletter No. 2 / 1977:

PALMERSTON RUGBY UNION CLUB INC.

NEWSLETTER No. 2 / 1977

29 AUGUST 1977

Gove Trip

The trip to Gove in mid-August proved to be very successful both in terms of football and in fostering rugby competition outside of Darwin in the NT.

Palmerston won 13-4 and carried home the trophy donated by TAA, which will be compete for each year. Our team was so keen to demonstrate their provess that they actually played three games: one against the Gove side, a demonstration game on the tarmac of Gove Airport, and a game (or was it a series of mini-tests) on the aircraft on the way home!! The trip was summed up by our touring correspondent Bernie Bree - "You need leather balls to play rugby for Palmerston."

Training

We've been training for a month now and the roll up at Nakara Park has been good, but it could be better. Some signed up players haven't been seen yet, and others have appeared but briefly. It we're going to be an effective team, we must train as a team and that means coming to training. Come to training and bring a friend - remember we hope to have two grades this year.

NAKARA PARK : 5.45 PM, TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Raffles

Our main source of revenue comes from our twice weekly raffles run at Lim's Hotel, Rapid Creek on Thursday and Sunday afternoons. Roger Villis is the organiser this season and he's drawn up a roster to share the work around. (A copy is attached.) You get one turn every four weeks, and its important you do your share. If you're not on the roster, or you need to swop please contact Roger or one of the other committeepersons.

Building Fund

Your committee has decided to set up a building fund for the eventual purchase and/or building of clubrooms. From 1/9/77 20% of all income will be deposited in this fund, and applications are invited for Foundation Members who receive Life Membership of PRUC for a donation of \$100, which is to be used exclustively for building funds. Very appropriately Dave Cooper is the first Foundation. Member....now, let's see the colour of your money.

If YOU have some ideas on how to raise funds for the club let us know.

End of Season Trip

Last year we almost got to Brisbane for a game with Brothers, but time beat us. This year we want to get things going early so we really can arrange that trip at the end of the season, ie about April 1978. Now's the time to start organis -ing, so let Dave Cooper know where you reckon you'd like to go, and if necessary we'll organise some special fund raising activities.

Social Activities

The other half of any successful rugby club is the social side of things and we need places where we can have our club 'do's. So if you have a barbeque, swimming pool, shack in the bush, or anything worthwhile that can be used let Col Russell know.

First Game

Palmerston vs Larrakeyah, 3 PM, Saturday 3/9/77 at Larrakeyah Army base. Be there by 2.30PM so we can get ourselves organised, and bring your boots, blue shorts and soxs (the last two can be purchased at Keith Kemps -our soxs are blue hose with red and white hoops on the top). REMEMBER, you must be a financial member of the club to play, so join up now.

(Rosetto's Sports Store will give you 10% discount on boots, etc)

.....AND REMEMBER, THE AIM OF THE GAME IS NOT SIMPLY TO WIN, BUT IT BLOODY HELPS!!!



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