



Barrelhouse Rugby Football Club

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Dear Members,

It is that time of year again, The Dubai rugby 7's has come around again and I look forward to meeting up with old and new members of this great club Barrelhouse.

This year we have a great turnout of teams at the 7's, with a total of 3 Barrelhouse teams.

I would like to welcome all the new members who have wisely chosen to join Barrelhouse and especially would like to welcome the merging of the Redbacks into the Barrelhouse family.

This year has been probably our most challenging as a club that we have had in the last three years. Our sponsorship from Active Life has ceased and therefore a large part of our funding has been removed. However, we still have the backing of Mediclinic and a new sponsorship from the Barracuda Beach Resort. Most notably, Rock Tape have been signed up as a main sponsor and will be a great fit for Barrelhouse.

This year we will have a large area dedicated to Barrelhouse by Pitch 2 for anyone who wants to come see how the club is getting on and I urge all members to come and have a chat with the new generation of Barrelhouse, who will be the ones that keep this great club moving forward for another 30 years.

Special thanks must be said for the guys who have very much, to my delight, made the Chairman's roll more symbolic than active.

Matt Rubin has dedicated more hours than anyone making sure that the club runs smoothly and constantly chasing and organising the player base as well as bringing in new sponsors.

Matt Born has taken over the Secretary role and has spent many hours making sure the paperwork and members are kept up to date with the goings on with in the club.

Taylor Hamilton has taken over the role of running the Barrelhouse Academy and doing great work on bringing rugby to not only our members' children but also the ever growing mini rugby community. I would like to thank Rob McLaughlin for all his hard work in running the academy for the last three years and the decision to change was purely a financial one for the club and future funding for the club moving forward.

There are many others who I have not mentioned that have contributed in many ways in ensuring that the club's various functions and events are a success and to you all I thank you very much for your time and effort you have put in to the club.

The Dubai 7's is understandably our major focus in the yearly calendar but there are many more events and tournaments that Barrelhouse members can attend and support the club, which Matt Born is regularly sending out reminders. It would be wonderful to see more seasoned members at these events and begin to bring the full weight of the ever growing membership list together to help support our club in general and the players that represent us all on the pitch.

With this in mind, please come to Pitch 2 and introduce yourself to newer members and regale them with the amazing stories you most certainly have. This year unfortunately the free flowing of beer we have enjoyed in past years will not be so free flowing due to the changes of our sponsorship so I ask if you can arrive with a bag of beer and we will help you empty it.

The AGM will be on Saturday near Pitch 2 and the time will be determined after the last final we win. Please check the social media sites we are on or ask someone for confirmation, the more people we get at an AGM, the more visible the club becomes and the more likely sponsors are going to give us money. This is exactly what happened at last year's AGM with Barracuda Beach Resort.

I really look forward to seeing everyone at the 7's again this year, I will be down for the 3 days and you can spot me as the drunk in a silly hat.

Please check the schedule and let's get as many members to the games and support the players that have trained so hard to represent this great club.

Thanks for your time.

See you at the 7's.

Andy Stanley

Barrelhouse Chairman

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