

Fellow Barrelhouse!

Welcome to the 3rd newsletter of the 2017/2018 season!

We are about to start the rugby 7's and 10s season and I figured you all need an update.



### **New Gold Sponsor Rocktape Middle East**

We have some fantastic news in that we have secured another headline sponsor, someone who aligns with the club and rugby as a sport. That is Rocktape Middle East. Some of you will have personal experience with Rocktape and its applications, all of you would have seen it on professional rugby players (the coloured tape they strap themselves with). I won't tell you about all of its benefits in use but will direct you to their website: [www.rocktape.ae](http://www.rocktape.ae) where you can purchase the tape directly and avoid having to buy through a physio or importing it.

Rocktape put on a flossing class for us for lower limbs, which was incredibly informative. We will be providing more injury prevention workshops in the coming months and when we have another one coming up we will let you know.

We are very proud to have Rocktape as a partner in sponsorship and look forward to a long lasting reciprocal relationship with them. Rocktape will be incorporated into 2 of our teams names and our 10s tournament in April will be named the Rocktape Barrelhouse Rugby 10s.

### **Eden Park and Emirates Airlines Dubai Rugby 7's**

Onto the Rugby, the first leg of the Eden Park 7's is next Friday. Hosted at Dubai Sports City, this is an all-day event, and we would like to have a sea of pink supporters for our teams. Get down and support us!

There will not be a 2<sup>nd</sup> leg of Eden Park this year so this is an all-important tournament for us to cut our teeth on leading into the Dubai 7's.

The schedule for the Emirates Airlines Dubai Rugby 7's pool games have been announced, with 3 teams entered this year: Warriors, Vandals and Redbacks, there is a lot of rugby to watch:

#### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November:**

- 11:20 Rocktape Barrelhouse Vandals vs DAS Saracens @ Pitch 6
- 11:20 Mediclinic Barrelhouse Warriors vs Dhofar Nomads @ Pitch 3
- 11:20 Rocktape Barrelhouse Redbacks vs Hurricanes Vets @ Pitch 8
  
- 14:20 Mediclinic Barrelhouse Warriors vs Dubai Lankans @ Pitch 2
- 14:20 Rocktape Barrelhouse Redbacks vs Muscat @ Pitch 7
- 14:40 Rocktape Barrelhouse Vandals vs Riyadh Scorpions @ Pitch 6

#### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December:**

- 11:40 Mediclinic Barrelhouse Warriors vs Beaver Nomads 1's @ Pitch 8
- 13:20 Rocktape Barrelhouse Vandals vs Dubai Tigers @ Pitch 6
- 13:20 Rocktape Barrelhouse Redbacks vs Bahrain Golden Oldies @ Pitch 4

\*The finals will only be confirmed post the pool games. But we can anticipate a quarter final on Friday evening, and then hopefully semis on sat morning followed by the finals.

The **AGM** will be held post the final Barrelhouse game, whatever game that may be, on the grassy knoll. Look for the men in pink.

I encourage all players and spectators to be together, drinking together, lamenting on the good times together, but mostly to be as a club. We have pushed hard to grow and improve this year and this is the chance to show that to all non-Barrelhouse members.

There will be some new club attire available for purchase at these tournaments, Pink towels, Ladies supporters' vest, Ties (mandatory requirement for formal events). Please speak to Rubber (295) to get your hands on them!

The Academy has grown from strength to strength following a change of venue to Safa Park. Please do get your kids, your friend's kids, and even random kids you don't like involved! All details on our website and on the academy facebook page [www.facebook.com/barrelhouseacademy](http://www.facebook.com/barrelhouseacademy)

We have also launched a new facebook page for the club moving away from the old group. Please have a look at the page LIKE it and if you have content please pass to the management team [www.facebook.com/BarrelhouseRugby](http://www.facebook.com/BarrelhouseRugby)

**NB Dates:**

17<sup>th</sup> Nov: Eden Park 7's

**30<sup>th</sup> Nov – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec: Dubai 7's**

6<sup>th</sup> April 2018: Rocktape Barrelhouse 10's tournament

TBC: Sharjah 10's + Beavers 10's

TBC: End of Season Party

TBC: Barrelhouse Tour

TBC: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 15's friendlies

TBC Barrelhouse Golf Fay

- details of the TBC will come out as they are confirmed!

Looking forward to seeing you all in the next few weeks!

Regards,

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