

Fellow Barrelhouse!

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2017/2018 season!

This will highlight some important dates and some plans regarding the Club for the new season!



This year our structure is going to be slightly different, whilst the pinnacle of the playing season will be Dubai 7's, we intend to offer all our playing members opportunity at 7's, 10's and 15's and on tour! Giving all shapes and sizes a run in the famous Pink jerseys! We will have 3 teams playing at Dubai 7's, if you're not involved in the playing and want to get involved, please speak to Matt Rubin(295). This means that everyone gets a chance to represent Barrelhouse during the season.

We are starting the playing season with friendly 15's game against the Beavers – our arch nemesis, in the Bar at Dubai 7's, These boys love a beer, and some rugby on the side... the perfect warm up game for us! This is happening on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> @ Kings School @8pm. Come down and throw your voice behind your Club... and join us for the post-match drinks at the unofficial club house (Taylors House) where the beers will be cold, and the good times awaiting!

This year we have a lot on our calendar, and we would like to have more members involved than ever before. That is why we are telling you dates a long time in advance... get the pink slips you may or may not need and help the club grow!

#### **Dates:**

7<sup>th</sup> Sept: 15's friendly vs Beavers

**6<sup>th</sup> Oct: Season Kick Off Party @ Cabana on the palm**

17<sup>th</sup> Nov: Eden Park 7's – leg 1

24<sup>th</sup> Nov: Eden Park 7's – leg 2

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

TBC: Barrelhouse 10's tournament (in 2018)

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

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

Unfortunately we have lost our headline sponsor Active life. As such we are looking for new sponsors to help us keep the club going, if you or your company is interested in sponsoring the greatest rugby club in the GCC, please do get in touch with us. This is Urgent.

With the loss of such a big sponsor, there will be a small tightening of the purse strings this year, however we have developed a few incentives that should bring the club closer together and generate a few extra Dirhams to help us out... these being the season kick off / season end parties, there will be more gatherings related to rugby as they arrive, the sale of supporters merchandise (more details to come) and the **beers with barrelhouse** initiative: basically an opportunity for you to get your hands on some fresh cheap beers, without having to do the run to Barracuda (one of our new sponsors – speak to us to get your

10% discount card), whilst adding a tiny margin to the Barrelhouse kitty. If you would like some beers, speak to myself, Sean Haynes(319) or Matt Rubin(295), we will sort you out.

### **SEASON KICK OFF PARTY**

Most importantly, for everyone needing their pink slips is the season kick-off party. This will be at Cabana on the Palm, WAGS are definitely invited, and all your mates who haven't experienced what Barrelhouse is about. Tickets best bought in advance, these are **350aed each** – includes food and drinks for a good portion of the day, followed by discounts on the drinks thereafter. This is on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October Afternoon kick off**. We would like to see 200 Barrelhouse people down there, in pink, making noise, making friends and having a great time! details about tickets and final timings will be confirmed closer to the time. All of Barrelhouse is invited, young/old playing and retired (Tim W (293) - only player to formally retire!) - also Orders for Tilley Hats will be taken - these are 400aed each.

At the moment there are biweekly practice sessions for our playing members, but we also have specialised training sessions with our in house PT (2x a week) - get in touch if you would like to join? these are perfect for playing and non playing members a like!

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Regards,

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- Secretary

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