



Fellow Barrelhouse!

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

We would like firstly to say thank you to everyone who came down to join us for the Season Kick-Off party. With nearly 150 people coming down over the day, it was a massive success! To those who didn't make it, you missed out on a great event and some incredible prizes in the raffle. A massive thank you must be given to those who so graciously donated prizes to the club – Thank you! Beers on us next time we catch up!

This party was an important one for the club, with lower sponsorship than we're used to, we need to take every advantage to raise some funds to cover the cost of the mighty pink jersey. In the same tone, I am very happy to announce that Mediclinic has reconfirmed their sponsorship of the Warriors and Barbarians team for the season and have agreed to sponsor the medical support for our tournament in April 2018. This sponsorship goes a long way to covering the running costs of the club. However we are still looking for sponsors for our other teams and for the academy so please be in touch if you can have any ideas or leads who might be able to support us.

The academy has started with great success, offering a more individualised approach to Kids rugby, making sure all players get a lot of "hands on ball time" and shown how much fun rugby can be! Please share the academy with all you friends who have kids – its more conveniently located than other academy's and operates during the week. All details can be found @ www.barrelhouserugby.club. Taylor Hamilton (325) is the most incredible kids coach and our sessions are at a far more competitive rate than others which is a winning combination.....

I also remind everyone of the "**Beers with Barrelhouse**" initiative... those in the know, know how easy this service is. Those who don't, please get in touch with myself or Sean Haynes (319) and he will get you your beers!

On the rugby front the preseason hard yards are going through at full pace. We enjoyed our 15s friendly vs the Beavers, previous community league winners. Proudly we trounced them 72-0. Although a friendly this shows the real fire power we have in our ranks.

We are training 4 times a week, twice rugby and twice rugby fitness details of which can be found through me or Matt Rubin (295) or Taylor Hamilton (325). These sessions are open to all players; please let us know if you are keen to join.

Key Dates for your Diary:

17th Nov: Eden Park 7's – leg 1

24th Nov: Eden Park 7's – leg 2

30th Nov – 2nd Dec: Dubai 7's + AGM

6th April 2018: Barrelhouse 10's tournament

TBC: Sharjah 10's + Beavers 10's

TBC: End of Season Party

TBC: Barrelhouse Tour

TBC: Barrelhouse Golf Day
TBC: 2nd and 3rd 15's friendlies
- details of the TBC will come out as they are confirmed!

Some glorious pictures for your enjoyment:
The victorious beavers thumping team:



Photos from the Season Kick Off Party:
The Saffa winner/raffle rigger in one of his prizes....



Our "retiree" packing down in the scum:



Andy always keeping an eye on his member....(s):



Customised Academy Jerseys:



And 1 blast from the past:

Our Chairman with the missed John Le fish (75)



Im assuming that the fines for not being seen in pink on a rugby field were huge....

Regards,
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