

Fellow Barrelhouse!

Trust you are well? And have enjoyed all the first quarter of 2018 had to offer... I know that we did!

Our 2nd annual Barrelhouse 10s tournament was a roaring success! With over 450 people attending during the day, 9 mens teams, 6 vets teams and 3 womans teams all playing for their chance of going home with a Barrel!



On behalf of the Club I would like to extend a huge thank you to **Taylor Hamilton** and **Shane Born**, who took the tournament to a new level! Everyone loved it, referees included! This is a testament to the style of rugby we believe in, and the community of Rugby that Barrelhouse is apart of: Fun ; played for the love of the game ; and always inclusive. Taylor and Shane's planning and execution was flawless, this was felt by all players and spectators involved. A special mention must be made of **Alex Robertson**, who MC'd the day, kept the mood light, and the schedule tight! Bravo and thank you to you both.

Luckily we have **Matt Rubin**'s skills and connections to help in times of need... a venue change was required after being dropped by a supplier, and Matt stepped up perfectly, showing his long standing with JA Hotels in getting us those pitches... believe that's the first time rugby has been played on those fields... nicely done, thank you.

We would like to thank our amazing sponsors, specifically **ROCKTAPE**, who came out and put on an awesome display, strapping all players for free, and introducing many people the world that is **ROCKTAPE!** We thank you for your support, and long may this relationship continue!

MEDICLINIC provided the ambulance service and medical assistance; and after reading the medical report, I can say that even though a social tournament, the hits were hard, and players definitely knew that they had played some rugby the next day!

POCARI SWEAT provided some much needed cold hydration on what was a pretty warm day, along with **MAI DUBAI** who made sure all the players were well watered!

RAW COFFEE was on hand providing the caffeine fix that many require; as usual the tastiest coffee in Dubai!

A Final thank you to **JEBAL ALI HOTEL & RESORTS**, who hosted us and put on a superb show! The beers were cold, your staff friendly and the Location very accommodating!

Check out Yalla Rugby for some great photos of the tournament, as well as you local rugby news!
<https://www.yallarugby.com/rugby-images/barrelhouse-10s-060418/>

Congratulations to all the Teams involved!

To the Dubai Eagles for taking the Woman's inaugural title! Great to have you there and a part of our Day!



To the Rocktape Vandals, who clinched the Vets Category, well done gents!



To the RAK Goats who took home the plate in the Men's Section:



To the Al Ain Amblers, who clinched the trophy in a hard fought final against our Mediclinic Warriors Team! Congrats again!! Looking forward to seeing you guys again next year!



Thank you to all of the Barrelhouse Family who came down and supported! I hope your kids loved the

jumpy castle as much as we did!

Now onto the vinegar strokes of this season:

Club Social – Friday 25th May – keep your eyes on the Facebook page for more details – but this promises to be a blast!

Club Tour – 22-24th June – the Annual tour ; this year to Krakow looks to be a new level of special! We are still looking for more players and tourists to join us, young/old, player or ex-player all are welcome! Please let me know ASAP if you are interested as your custom made tour kit needs to be ordered yesterday!

End of Season Formal – still in its planning stages, but promises to be the party we want it to be!

Looking forward to next Season

We have decided to join the community league, with our own 15 a-side team in the local competition! This is a huge undertaking and commitment for us. We will be looking to the whole club to help us achieve success in this, both in terms of players, but also as supporters. We are all about the Club and need to make sure anyone who encounters us feels that special vibe! This is open to all players – Young, Old and the in-between....

This commitment has brought about some requirements we've yet to have to deal with as a Club of 36years in the UAE; we will finally be fully licensed and have UAERF sanctioning, KHDA Sanctioning, General Authority of Sports Sanctioning to operate as a rugby club in the UAE. This means that will be able to take advantage of the player insurance offered by the UAERF only to registered players of affiliated clubs. As we all know the cost of injury can be staggering so this is a huge plus! Along with this we will be formally part of the Rugby Society in the UAE.

This has taken a lot of work, and through a management agreement all at a significantly reduced cost, however still at a cost.. which we need your help in covering. Now don't read this a plea for a donation... rather we simply ask that you support your Club...

Enroll your kids in the **ACADEMY** – which is growing from strength to strength, with multiple locations and times on offer... keep an eye out for our INDOOR sessions during the incoming summer months, and for our SUMMER Camp – all details can be found on our website! Don't just enroll your kids, get all your mates kids down together and help us grow our community...

Join us at our Club Social...

Buy some merchandise – the Club Ties and Towels are available through me... along with TILLEY HATS. An order will be going in soon, so please contact me if you would like to order one!

Finally if you happen to be in a position where sponsorship is something you might be able to help us with, please let us know!

Regards,

Matt Born (299)

Barrelhouse RFC

- Secretary

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