

CANTERBURY RUGBY SUPPORTERS CLUB



December Newsletter - 2011

It has been a difficult year for the Canterbury Rugby Supporters Club and Canterbury Rugby. Firstly following the February 22nd earthquake, the Crusaders were almost permanently on the road yet still made the final of the Super 15 in Brisbane. Congratulations to Todd Blackadder and his team, the boys certainly travelled some miles, even playing a world first at Twickenham – what a season. And then, Canterbury with a very young side won the ITM Cup yet again, congratulations to Rob Penny and his team. We look forward to supporting and watching this young team mature.

Many of us travelled to a number of Super 15 games both in NZ and Australia; and our headquarters in the Scout Den at Rugby Park proved a popular base for us during the ITM Cup campaign.

Now we are on the move again with the new base for the Crusaders and Canterbury being at the Rugby League grounds at Addington. At this stage we are in the process of working out where we are going to be based, either in or nearby the ground, watch this space.

On a sad note, the sudden death of Shirley Hitchcock was a big shock to us all. On behalf of the club I would like to offer our deepest sympathy to her daughter Sandy. Shirley was a great stalwart, not only of the CRSC but Canterbury Rugby. Shirley had a number of years on the Committee as well as being Secretary of the Club.

Of course the rugby season was capped off by the nail-biting win of the Rugby World Cup by the All Blacks - a team containing a number of Canterbury players. It was a very successful tournament, which we as a club would hope to reap some of the renewed interest in rugby and get some of our old members back.

Thanks to everyone who supported the club during the year, it has been a momentous 2011.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a safe and happy festive holiday season.

Dick Tayler
President

**Congratulations to Dick on being awarded a Life Membership at our AGM -
14 Years Well deserved**



CANTERBURY PLAYER OF THE DAY AWARDS - HOME GAMES

Thank you to **Ross Murdoch** from **Coasters Tavern, Redwood**, who has continued to support the Player of the Day Award

- Vs **North Otago** **Luke Katene**
- Vs **Southland** **Nasi Manu**
- Vs **Manawatu** **Robbie Fruean**
- Vs **Waikato** **Ash Parker**
- Vs **Northland** **Matt Todd**
- Vs **Taranaki** **Ash Parker**



2011 Capping

ANNUAL RUGBY AWARDS

The CRFU Board wishes to advise clubs and Affiliates that the 2011 Rugby Awards function did not proceed this year because of the financial position the union is facing as a result of the February and June earthquakes and the availability of many of the players post RWC.

A number of the Canterbury Supporters Club trophies were awarded and these were presented at team functions.

1. The Canterbury Supporters Club Canterbury Player of the Year Award
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Winner: Ash Parker

2. The Air NZ Cup First Year Player Award
Merivale-Papanui Trophy

Winner: Tom Taylor & Tyler Bleyendaal

3. Academy Player Award
Frank Creighton Trophy

Winner: Ben Funnel

4. Women's Player of the Year

Winner: Kimberley Smith

5. Colt Player of the Year
The WD Johnstone Memorial Trophy

Winner: Cody Taylor

THE LADY CRUSADER LUNCH RETURNS!

This special event is a great afternoon out for the ladies, as well as a fantastic networking opportunity. With guests including the Crusaders squad and MC's Si and Gary from More FM. Meet the 2012 Crusaders squad!

12.30pm to 3.30pm | Thursday 15 March, 2012

Showgate Lounge, Riccarton Park

Two course meal and drinks.

Price \$110 per person or \$1000 for a table of 10.

For more information, please contact Brooke Freeman: (03) 379 8300, ext 719, or by email brooke.freeman@crfu.co.nz

BE IN QUICK, TICKETS ARE LIMITED!

The CRSC will be having a table or two if you would like to join us please contact our Secretary Email: cathie.anderson@stats.govt.nz

2012 SUPER 15- Crusaders Squad

Richie McCaw, Nick Barrett, Tyler Bleyendaal, Dan Carter, Wyatt Crockett, Ryan Crotty, Israel Dagg, Tom Donnelly, Andrew Ellis, Corey Flynn, Ben Franks, Owen Franks, Robbie Fruean, Ben Funnell, Zac Guildford, Willi Heinz, Ross Kennedy, Quentin MacDonald, Sean Maitland, Tom Marshall, Patrick Osborne, Kieran Read, Luke Romano, Tom Taylor, Matt Todd, Joe Wheeler, Adam Whitelock, George Whitelock, Luke Whitelock, Sam Whitelock

CRUSADERS 2012 SUPER 15 DRAW

Fri Feb 24	Blues v Crusaders
Sat Mar 03	Highlanders v Crusaders
Fri Mar 09	Crusaders v Chiefs
Sat Mar 24	Crusaders v Cheetahs
Sat Mar 31	Lions v Crusaders
Sat Apr 07	Bulls v Crusaders
Sat Apr 14	Crusaders v Stormers
Sat Apr 21	Hurricanes v Crusaders
Sun Apr 29	Waratahs v Crusaders
Sun May 06	Crusaders v Reds
Sat May 12	Rebels v Crusaders
Sat May 19	Crusaders v Blues
Fri Jun 01	Crusaders v Highlanders
Sat Jun 30	Crusaders v Hurricanes
Fri Jul 06	Chiefs v Crusaders
Sat Jul 14	Crusaders v Force

**The Canterbury Rugby Supporters Club wishes you all
a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year**

