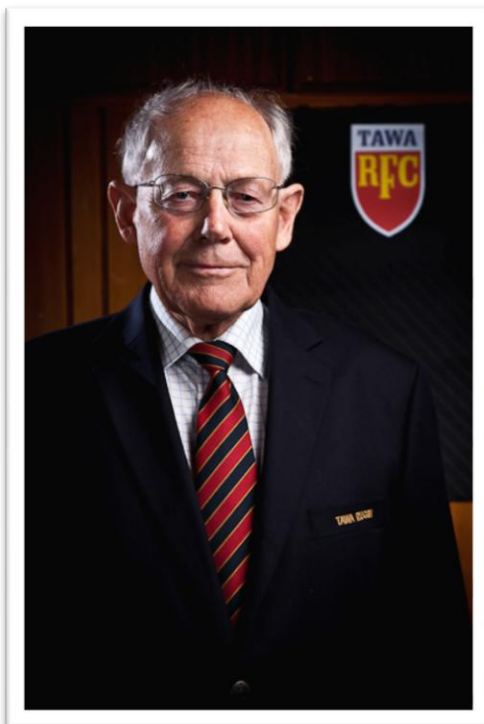




Last Saturday I watched our 85s play against Avalon. I must compliment the boys on the way they approached the game. They went through their pre-game drills with a lot of purpose and played an attacking game which was good to watch. They were all in proper jerseys, shorts and socks. After the game they came upstairs and enjoyed each other's company. Well done, boys.

Lex Will - Club Patron



Lex was born and bred in Southland in a town called Riversdale. He attended primary school there and went on to Gore High School.

After leaving school he played his rugby for Riversdale.

In 1948 Lex came to Wellington. Over the next 4 years he played for Athletic and Upper Hutt (but not at the same time).

He made the big move to Tawa in 1962 and has remained here.

Lex became involved in our Club through his son who wanted to play rugby and like many of us, he turned up and looked interested so was appointed a coach of the team. He later became a member of the Schoolboy Committee and was their Convenor for a period of time.

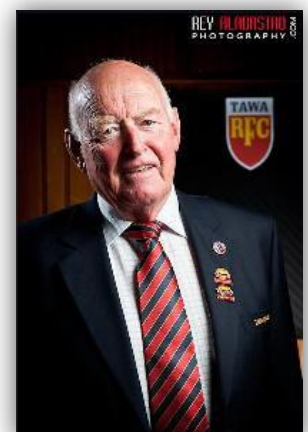
After his term as convenor, Lex was appointed to the position of Club Captain of the Senior Club.

Lex was President of the Club from 1971–1974. He coached our Premier side in 1977. In 2007 Lex was made Patron of the Club, an honour that he is extremely proud of.

What does Old Timers Day mean to Lex?

As far as Lex is concerned, it is a day in which we honour all past members be they players, coaches, managers, administrators or supporters. It is a day for meeting old stalwarts and people who have made the Club what it is today. It is also an opportunity for many to acquaint themselves with the current playing members.

IT'S ALL ABOUT RUGBY AND TAWA.



Paul McEnaney
President

Club Profile



First Name:	Levi
Last Name:	Finau
Nickname:	Coach/Uncle
How long I have played for Tawa:	Since 1983 (first Samoan)
Playing position(s):	Utility Backs
Most memorable rugby moment:	First game for Tawa
The person I admire the most:	Graham Mexted
My favourite home cooked meal:	Chop suey
If I was a car, I would be:	Nissan
Best advice someone gave me:	Stick to what I believe in

Upcoming Games – Saturday 16 April

	Opponent	Location	Time
Premiers	Wests	Lyndhurst Park	3.00pm
Senior 1st	Johnsonville	Lyndhurst Park	1.15pm
Senior 3rd	Avalon	Fraser Park 2	3.00pm
Colts	Petone White	Redwood	1.00pm
85s	OBU Onslow Spartans	Redwood	3.00pm
Presidents	Para-Plim	Lyndhurst Park	12.00noon
U7 Tawa Vaughanos Diesel Services	Paraparaumu Vipers	Lyndhurst Park 1	9.30am
U7 Tawa i-4 Clothing	Paraparaumu Boas	Lyndhurst Park 1	9.30am
U8 Tawa Hawkings Plumbing	Northern United Hornets	Porirua Park 2	9.30am
U9 Tawa North City Motors	Northern United Titans	Onepoto Park 4	9.30am
U9 Tawa North City Miab Hire	Para-Plim Dolphins	Kowhai Park 1	9.30am
U10 Tawa Harcourts	Para-Plim Eels	Kowhai Park 1	10.30am
U11 Tawa Totalflow	Waikanae Force	Ngati Toa Domain 2	9.30am
U11 Tawa Skinforme	Paraparaumu Boas	Ngati Toa Domain 2	10.30am
U12 Tawa Barbarians	Northern United Dobermans	Ngati Toa Domain 2	11.30am

EVENT REMINDER

Old Timers Day - Saturday 16 APRIL

11.30am	Formal function starts with light refreshments available in the clubrooms
12.00noon	The Tawa Presidents Team v Para-Plim
12.30pm	Lunch served in the Clubrooms
1.15pm	Tawa Senior 1 st v Johnsonville Senior 1 st for the Carmen Cup
3.00pm	Tawa Premiers v West's Roosters Premiers for the Forsyth Trophy
5.30pm	Speeches

Stay on into the night and enjoy Drink Specials and DJ

Premiers

Tawa v Wainui
William Jones Park
Halftime 13-15
Fulltime 32-35

Another close one and 2 tries by Wainui just after half-time again sealed our fate and Wainui held on for their first win of the season.

Both sides set out to play positive rugby and made their intentions clear early. Wainuiomata scored first through left wing Teru Time for a 7-0 lead. Tawa hit back through fullback George Tilsley, but Time scored again to give his side a 15-10 lead. With lock James Saolele cooling off in the sin bin, Tawa kicked their second penalty (Randall Bishop) of the first half and went into halftime trailing by just 13-15. But Wainuiomata broke the game open early in the second spell through two tries to substitutes Jason Love and Matt Sole and they now led 25-13.

Both sides crossed again, including a try to Salolele making up for his earlier 10-minute spell, and Wainuiomata extended their lead to 32-18.

Two converted tries to Tawa, the second their bonus point try, saw them come right back and set up a tense finish. Halfback Frae Wilson nudged Wainuiomata's score ahead by 3, but Tawa fullback George Tilsley was unable to tie the scores up at the end and Wainuiomata won the Chris Stirling Cup for the first time.

Player of the Day: TJ



Graeme Ross
Premier Coach

Senior 1st

This really was a game of 2 halves; the boys came out firing and out-played Para-Plim in the forwards and the backs. A quick ball from the base from halfback Mike gave the ball on a platter for the backs

And within 5mins scored a well worked backline move. The forwards lead by captain James George made little of the defence and marched Para-Plim all over the field to more well worked tries, taking the score to 22-3 at halftime.

I don't know what Para-Plim had to drink at halftime or what the message was from the coach but we need to find out and bottle that stuff up and sell it, because Para-Plim came out a different team. I'm going to keep this short cos it was embarrassing - they scored 50...yes it wasn't a typo 50 points and enough said.

Final score: 22-53

Player of the Day: Mike #9 played an outstanding game and kept fighting a losing battle in the 2nd half .



Jason Holtham
Senior 1st Coach

Colts

Our first grading game didn't go to plan going down 17-26 to a well drilled Wellington Club team. We started off well with a Simon Middleton penalty followed by a well executed try from Kalim Kalemete which was converted by Simon. At 10-0 up and after 20 minutes of play the Wellington team progressively chipped away and we went into the break at 10 all.

Giving away too many penalties after halftime and unfortunately also letting in a try, we found ourselves having to play catch-up rugby. A great forward try by Lotu Nuku was converted by Simon and lifted our chances of a come-back. At 24-17 down with a couple of minutes to go we were looking strong on attack but unfortunately we gave away another penalty with a final result of 26-17.

The game produced a good effort from all the boys with everyone getting a run on the day and Lotu Nuku receiving player of the day. Heaps of positives resulted from the game which will form the basis of our training over the coming weeks.

Player of the Day: Lotu Nuku



Juniors

U6 Tawa All Roof Solutions/U6 Tawa Absolutely Maintenance/U6 Tawa United Video

All three teams had a run-down at Lyndhurst Park. At present no competition games just, fun trainings; and skill sessions with players learning the basics in our nursery grade. Competition games to start in early May.

The Tawa Under 6 Yellow Ripper team took on the Tawa Under 6 Blue Ripper team. The kids had a great time and some great tries were scored by kids playing their first game of rugby.

Player of the Day: Dylan Schaare

U7 Tawa i-4 Clothing

Unfortunately there is no match report, as U7 Onepoto did not show for the game. Win by default.

U8 Tawa Hawkins Plumbing

Exciting first game as a reshuffled forward pack and an untested backline combination took the field. A tough assignment to start with, however the Tawa players gained confidence throughout the match. A great learning curve and foundation to build on for game 2!

Final score: Tawa 0 Waikanae 25

Player of the Day: Brey Lees, showing great athleticism during general play and no doubt he will be one to watch out for.

U9 Tawa North City Hiab

Tawa North City Hiab Hire won 35 -25 against Northern United Alsations. An excellent first outing which saw some good performances across the team especially considering 4 of the team were having their first games.

Player of the Day: Teone Swindells was selected showed great determination on defence and threw himself into the attacks.

U10 Tawa Harcourts

A hard-up first game against an Onepoto side with twice as many players. A loss was recorded 8 tries to 1 . Team played well and is looking good for the next game and season ahead.

U11 Tawa Skinforme

Tawa U11 Skinforme played Para-Plim at Redwood Park. Tawa won 37-5 with a solid all round performance with everyone contributing to the team effort.

Player of the Day: Caleb Clarke, who ran hard with the ball, supported others and tackled well.

U12 Tawa Barbarians

Tawa Barbarians v Waikanae Hurricanes

Halftime score: Tawa 31- Waikanae 0

Final Fulltime score: Tawa 66 – Waikanae 0

Point Scorers

Otto loane – 4 tries

Bos Hunt – 3 tries, 3 conversions

Damon Harris-Chandler 1 try

Flynn Aupuau – 2 tries

Rikeli Grey – 1 try

Tevaka Timoteo – 1 try

Total: 11 tries & 3 conversions.

Player of the Day: Rikeli Grey

Coaches' comment: There were a number of players worthy of this award. It was very tough between Rikeli and Otto loane but I awarded the

Player Award to Rikele for his go forward running and stiff defence.

Team Report: We made some fundamental errors, which we hope to clean up before our next game. - Syd, Cliff and James

U13 Tawa Rough Terrain - Prem 2

A tough 1st game against Upper Hutt at Petone Rec. Tawa only had 15 players, so the boys did it hard. Let too many tries in the first half, with some very creative refereeing. No need to worry about knock-ons, forward passes or even an off-side rule! After some discussion at half time with the ref, Tawa looked far better in the second half. Fulltime score 64-5. Great to see the boys pick themselves up in the second half, even when Upper Hutt could roll on and off 7 subs at a time!

Junior Coaches



Prezzies

The Prezzies 2nd game of the season was a much improved performance and was rewarded with 8 tries to 1 of Johnsonville's.

The game was played at Frazer Park in perfect sunny conditions and with an opposition that played good clean rugby. Biddo was our stand-out player scoring 3 tries. Other try scorers were Flash with 2 tries, Paul H with 1 try, Silva with 1 try, and The Tawa Express (Hooch) with 1 try.

Thanks to Omar our stand-in referee, great job us, well controlled-intimidated (nobody F@&%\$ with Omar).

We are looking forward to our next round against Para Plim at Lyndhurst at 12pm coinciding with Old Timers Day which is always a great day, so hope to see a good crowd on Saturday supporting our teams doing it for TRFC.

Player of the Day: Biddo



Rick Stonnell

Club Captain

This weekend is Old Timers Day and with the games to be held on the Lyndhurst Park (with a few surprises), this looks to be another memorable day for our Club. The day starts with the Prezzies at midday, Senior 1sts v Johnsonville and the Premiers v Wests.

At the Clubrooms there will be two Tawa Rugby jerseys to be signed. All Committee Members, Players, Social Members and Friends of the Club are asked to sign both of the jerseys. The jerseys will become part of the Rugby World Cup Legacy. We do not know how they will be used, but envisage a huge flag or jersey knitted with all the participating Clubs in New Zealand. This will truly be a spectacle. There could be 800 to 900 jerseys. It is the WRFU's belief this could be unveiled at the first game and possibly others. This is indeed our chance to be part of history.

Another first, you will have noticed that we have started asking for the "Player of the Day" for each team. The response has been really good so far. There is a slight change - as from this weekend, the Player of the Day will be given a Certificate, a prize from our sponsor, SUBWAY and be asked to say a few words to the Guests, Supporters and Players. Please note that you must be present to receive your prize.



Allan G. Davidson
Club Captain

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