



# Weekly News

31 March 2011

Hi All

This is the first issue of our weekly newsletter. You will see in the next couple of weeks that the appearance of the newsletter will change. We will be using an online program to deliver the newsletter.

So look out for the email asking you to opt-in!

This week we have been busy with the Colts, Senior 1<sup>st</sup>, Junior Coaches and Committee profile shoot. There was a great turn out! I would like to say a big thank you to all involved especially Rey Alabastro and Jun Tanlayco our photographers!!

## Upcoming Games

	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Premiers	9 April	Wainui	Wm Jones	3.00pm
Senior 1 <sup>st</sup>	9 April	Para-Plim	Ngati Toa	3.00pm

## Upcoming Events

Date	Description
5 April	Premier Profile Photo Shoot
16 April	Old Timers Day

## Club Profile



<b>First Name:</b>	Andy
<b>Last Name:</b>	Vailini
<b>Nickname:</b>	Most Wanted
<b>How long I have played for Tawa:</b>	8 years
<b>Playing position(s):</b>	Hocker, Prop
<b>Secondary school attended:</b>	Onslow, Aotea College
<b>Most memorable rugby moment:</b>	Scoring 2 tries for Prems after playing 8 years
<b>The person I admire the most:</b>	Jesus
<b>My pre-game rituals:</b>	Going for a 3km run
<b>My favourite home cooked meal:</b>	Stir fry
<b>If I was a car, I would be:</b>	A fast one
<b>Best advice someone gave me:</b>	Dont stop, wont stop, you're unstoppable

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## Club President

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Welcome to the 2011 Club Rugby season where we are hopeful of many successes.

The committee has been working hard over the summer period on a number of projects including altering the Premier change room, creating a new website, introducing the old playing colours for the Premiers and Senior 1<sup>st</sup>, looking for sponsors and attending to and all the usual matters of the club.

This is the first edition of our weekly newsletter which we have decided to do this year. The newsletter will be emailed out as well as being available in the clubrooms each Saturday.

We have purchased an overhead projector which will be operating every Saturday in the clubrooms giving all the daily results and other news plus advertising our sponsors.

I would encourage you to have a look at the new website [www.tawarugby.co.nz](http://www.tawarugby.co.nz) this is a vast improvement on the old one. On the website you will find information about the club, player profile, results, galleries and much more

We are as always looking for additional sponsors and if you are in a position to assist, please contact one of the committee members.

I trust you will enjoy these new initiatives which I am sure will be well received by all.



*Paul McEnaney*

## Premiers

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Old Boys University v Tawa

Half time 17 - 6

Full time 23 - 21

The opening gala day round, held at Trentham Memorial Park, didn't turn out to be the dream start we had wanted. The team struggled for continuity at times and a steady stream of penalties enabled OBU to always keep ahead on the score board. At one point we were down 20-6, but we showed a lot of character and with good support from the bench, we were able to score 2 tries in the second half.

Points

Tries: George Tilsley (2)

Conv: Randal Bishop

Pen: Randall Bishop (3)

*Graeme Ross*

## Senior 1<sup>st</sup>

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Season didn't kick off too well, going down 25-5 to OBU. But the score doesn't reflect a gutsy performance put in by all the boys.

It was an arm wrestle for 30mins of the game with a number of mistakes and lost scoring opportunities by the boys. The half time score was 12-0.

In the second half, it didn't change much with poor handling errors but we did strike first with a nicely worked try. Losing our 2/5 Pat who was making a number of breaks throughout the game was a huge loss, late in the game OBU scored 2 more tries.

Outstanding players:

Pat, Isaac, Alex and Wise who will continuously trying hard.

*Jason Holtham*

## Pressies

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After a concerted effort by all in the off season, including thousands of kms on road and mountain bikes, hundreds of kms in the pool, countless gym sessions, mountain climbing and a few very important meetings at the local establishment, the Tawa Presidents are ready to go!

We are expecting the usual top table clash start to the season, similar to last year when we narrowly lost our only game to The Army at their base at Trentham. We drew out to a 5 tries to 2 lead at half time only to be hauled back 7 tries to 6. I blame the ref!

In recent years we have also started against Avalon and Petone, the latter beat their Prems in a preseason game last year and our spy informed us that both clubs had a run against each other on Sat. The local derby is usually decided by brutality which could work in our favour if drawn against either of them.

On behalf of the Presses I would like to wish all of our teams a safe and successful season and don't forget....

***WE ARE THE BOYS FROM TAWA! JUST ANOTHER CLUB FROM UP THE ROAD - IF YOU'RE WALKING BY - COME IN FOR A PIE - COS WE ARE THE BOYS FROM TAWA!***

This chant was a product of the Prems training camp, which was great to hear on Saturday night.



*Rick Stonnell*

## Club Captain

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Well here we are off to another Rugby Season. The Wellington Rugby Union Gala Day at Trentham Memorial Park was well supported with a total of 18 games being played over the course of the afternoon.

Our senior player numbers are very strong at this time and we are endeavouring to accommodate our extra Players into possibly a Senior 3<sup>rd</sup> team.

The Colts had a "hit out" on Saturday at home with the Coach (Referee) Petelo being somewhat pleased with the outcome.

It is a few weeks before the 85's, the Reserve and of course, the Prezzies start their competition.

This season with a few new Club Members (Coaches, Committee, Players, etc) we are hoping to build on a family atmosphere within our Clubrooms. There is a feeling this could be a very good season for Tawa Rugby Club – so come on down and soak up some of the good spirit and comradeship of your Club.



*Allan G. Davidson*

## Photos from our Gallery.



To view more photos from our gallery go to [www.tawarugby.co.nz](http://www.tawarugby.co.nz)