

PINE RIVERS PUMAS RUGBY UNION CLUB INC

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BJRU Club of the Year 2007, 2008

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2009.

FIRST GAME

Elton Carmen's U16 side kick-start their pre-season competition this Sunday 22nd - 3.20pm at Home.

Come down and support the guys in their first game. Kick back with a cold drink and a burger and enjoy the rugby.

They will be playing under the new ELV's (Experimental Law Variations) which should speed up the game considerably.

IMPORTANT ITEMS:

SIGN-ON (registration and fees)

This is a gentle reminder that if you are intending to sign-on for the 2009 season at the PUMAS, then you need to do so at our last sign-on nights, Thursday, February 27 & Friday, February 28.

We have run sign-on days at the clubhouse for the past 3 weekends, and I must say that it has been disappointing that still a large number of parents have not chosen to actually attend sign-on yet.

The club has specific set dates for sign-on for very good reasons. They enable:

- Our management committee (who are all volunteers) to allocate our time to attend set dates. Most of us also fulfil other roles such as Coaches, Managers, etc which as the season advances we spend more of our time against.
- Our Registrar (who is the only person able to sign-on players) to set aside key dates and to try and schedule his work around these dates as he often is required to go interstate for long periods.
- The club to define teams and nominate to the BJRU, the teams that the club will be entering into the season's competition. All team lists **MUST** have a list of "registered" players. Players intending to play and who have not yet registered simply **CANNOT** be submitted.

Please address all correspondence to: The Secretary, PO Box 37, Lawnton, Qld 4501. Email: secretary@pumasrugby.com

Clubhouse – Les Hughes Sporting Complex, Baker Street, Bray Park, Qld 4500. Telephone: 3889 7574

President: Mal Logan – 04 0030 0460

Secretary: Lisa Keeble – 04 2352 5566

It takes the Registrar a considerable amount of time to update the player databases for the BJRU and ARU and process all the necessary paperwork to enable the appropriate team nominations.

If you haven't signed on yet, your child could even miss out as there are several teams where numbers are close to being capped. (IE in those age groups, once capped NO more registrations will be accepted unless there are sufficient numbers for a second side.)

Please do NOT wait till training night and hope that the registrar is available with paperwork to complete your sign-on.

Instead, make the effort and attend the last official sign-on nights on Thursday, February 27 & Friday, February 28.

WIN BACK YOUR REGISTRATION FEES!

If you pay your fees in full by 31 March 2009 you will go into the draw to have one player's registration fee refunded.

IF you need to pay your fees over time, contact the registrar, Shane Robbie to make an arrangement.

Fees MUST be paid in FULL by 31 May 2009.

MOUTHGUARDS

AFFORDABLE MOUTHGUARDS

(A division of "Sandgate and Deagon Denture Care")



Will be attending the clubhouse on **Friday 28 February at 6pm.**
Any queries call:

Peter Deckart on 0408 868 301 or
John Fletcher on 0419 660 038.

The club also now has supplies of standard non-moulded mouthguards for purchase.

DEALS AND SUPPORTERS



STRUDDYS at Lawnton is offering 5% discount for club members.

CANTERBURY at Chermside, City and Indooroopilly are offering club members a 15% discount from 1 February to 31 March 09 on a range of drill shorts, boots, headgear, shoulder pads, mouthguards etc. Just mention our Club name to receive the discount.



ACCREDITATION

We had 33 people attend the SmartRugby and Level 1 Coaching session at the clubhouse last Friday, which is a fantastic demonstration of the willingness of our club members to participate in and obtain and or renew their accreditations for the benefit of your children.

We have about 15 club members doing their Level 1 Coaching Accreditation.

DATE CLAIMERS

Thursday 27th and Friday 28th February 6pm at Clubhouse

Last dates for sign-up and completing registration paperwork.

Monday 2 March at 6.00pm

All Committee members, Coaches, Managers, Sports Trainers, Referees, Touch Judges and officials are required to attend the BJRU Club forum at the clubhouse.

All members are also welcome to attend.

VALE

Former PUMAS club member Mick Ponder passed away on Sunday, 15th February 2009. Mick was a winner of the Club's Presidents Trophy and had three boys play rugby with the PUMAS in the 90's until being moved to Darwin with the Army.

The funeral for Mick is this Friday, 20th February at the RMC Chapel, Duntroon, Canberra. Please remember his wife Margaret and sons, Darryl, Matthew and Stephen in your prayers.

GROUNDS and FACILITIES

A BIG thankyou goes to Elton Carmen for his work in repairing the seats and in painting the posts and the fence.

Also our thanks go to Terry Hunt who in the off-season continued his mowing and looking after the fields.

I'm sure you will all agree that with the efforts of these two club members the place is looking really good for the start of the season.

Also thankyou to Jason Brown who added the light switch for the verandah in the change room.

Enjoy your rugby,

**Mal Logan
President**

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Many Thanks goes to Peter Dutton
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