

## ELIZABETH SEVENS

### Congratulations to our Elizabeth 7s Cup Winners!



Back L-R: Blake Giarola, Chris Steel, Mitch Sallis, Chingy Mpala, Liam McDonough, Peter Cross, Ben Suttell, Chips Bartlett  
Front L-R (kneeling): George Bretag-Norris, Nat Linder-Patton, Jim Hopkinson, Timmy Chew

This is the first time we have won the Cup since 1979. Read the match reports below to marvel at our Cinderella victory. Well done, lads!

We saw a great team effort in each game, and a solid performance from each and every player. It was particularly pleasing to note that the team is made up almost entirely of players who've come up through our juniors, and are from all four senior men's grades.

We discovered with disappointment that the "Cup" is just a name and does not actually include a big shiny trophy. Well, accessories aren't everything, and at least our team wore special 7s jerseys which they had designed themselves for the occasion, in club-coloured hibiscuses. Hmmm....

Enormous thanks to coaching/management crew: Stewart Douglas, David Linder-Patton and John Steel, and to Kate Denley for med support. Congrats also to the OC lads who played in other teams and did very well; Alex Murphy (Development Squad), Jacob Basson and Mitch Oak (Flight Training Team). And a tip o' the hat to Jack Campion who assisted SA Rugby with the organisation of the event.

#### OC 52 v Mildura 0

We came at our first game guns blazing. The match was very physical, with Mildura proving a hard and heavy opposition, but they wanted to play XVs and it was their undoing. This was a good game for us to clear out the cobwebs.

#### OC 17 v Onkaparinga 36

We came out to a flying start and scored three early tries. We then fell asleep, and silly errors lost us too much possession. (Regular readers of our XVs match reports may be experiencing *déjà vu* about now...). Onkas took advantage and piled on the tries in a skillful display of 7s which made the most of their playmakers and speedsters. This loss was disappointing, and meant that we would be relegated to the Plate unless Onkaparinga lost to Mildura, which seemed unlikely. However, Mildura had learned from their game against us. They didn't rest in the shade like other teams, they trained hard on 7s tactics until their game against Onkas, by which time they looked a different team. Much to our gratitude and delight they won convincingly: 22-14. Mildura, OC and Onkaparinga had one win and one loss each. The rights to compete for the Cup would go to the team with the best 'for and against'. OC had to beat Elizabeth Indigenous by 20 or more to do it...

#### OC 50 v Elizabeth Indigenous 0

We looked good from the moment we ran out, and reached our required 20 points half way through the first half.

#### Cup Semi-Final: OC 19 v Bula Boys 14

In the Semi Final we came up against last year's winners, who were also this year's favourites. They had not yet conceded a try, and were clearly very capable and very confident. The first three minutes saw a scoreless battle, but the Bula Boys then made a strong impression by scoring two quick converted tries. We regrouped after those lapses, controlled possession, and started to bring it home. We scored twice and converted one to take the score to 14 - 12 with very little time to go. It was a physical and desperate match throughout, but especially so at the last. Finally, a strong run from Peter Cross fed Chris Steel on the very edge of the touchline for a sprint to the winning try after the buzzer. It was the game of the day!

#### Cup Final: OC 24 v Souths 22

We had a lighthearted warm up and a slow start which saw Souths get a strong early 17 - 5 lead, but we gained momentum and staged our comeback in time to match tries and win on conversions. Yay!



## MORE RUGBY!



SA Rugby Presents  
**Summer 7's Series**  
Twilight Fixtures on 8<sup>th</sup> Nov, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec  
SA's Elite 7's Players Battle It Out!  
Incredible Prize Pool To Be Announced, More Details Released Soon

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### **RUGBY CLINIC FOR GIRLS!**

**SUNDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2013**

**Tregenza Oval @ 11.00am to 2.00pm**

Old Collegians is hosting a fun day of rugby for girls aged 12 to 18.

We are sure there are a lot of future Aussie reps in our midst and we want to flush them out!

Younger girls are also welcome and we will have age appropriate activities for them too.

There will be coaching, games, fun activities and prizes. A flyer is attached.

RSVP to kim@oldcollegiansrugby.org.au

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### **HONG KONG SEVENS 2014**

If anyone out there in OC-land thinks they might be interested in coming to Hong Kong in March 2014 for the HK7s, either just as a tourist or to play in the Kowloon 10s, shout out!

We're trying to firm up some details now and will organise a tour if there's enough interest...

## OZTAG



**@ TREGENZA**

The Glenunga Oztag Comp is moving to Tregenza this Spring/Summer so sort out your team **ASAP** and email Oztag [here](#) to register your interest!

**Come 'n' Try Sessions, 6pm at Tregenza**

Monday 28 Oct 2013

Wednesday 30 Oct 2013

Monday 4 Nov 2013

Wednesday 6 Nov 2013

**Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays**  
for **Open, Mixed & Junior Teams**

**ENTER YOUR TEAMS NOW!!**

## SECOND XV PHOTO

The Second XV are requested to come to the clubrooms with their shorts, socks and jerseys

**This Friday, 25 October 2013**

to have their team photo taken at 6:30pm.

The bar will also be open and the Sevens team will be there for more celebrations!

## SOCIAL

### **Black Falcons Fundraiser TEXAS HOLD 'EM!**

SA Rugby are having a no-limit Texas hold'em poker tournament on 8 Nov to raise funds for the Adelaide Black Falcons tour of NZ next year. The tournament should be a great night with over \$2000 in prizes to be won! Please support the team and pass the word around. Check out the event on [www.facebook.com/events/227342737431685/](http://www.facebook.com/events/227342737431685/) or contact [kim@oldcollegiansrugby.org.au](mailto:kim@oldcollegiansrugby.org.au) and we'll pass on your details.



### **CLUB BAR OPEN FOR BUSINESS!**

Just a reminder that the club bar is open over the off-season, every Thursday and Saturday night from 6pm. We also expect to be opening for Oztag on Mondays and Wednesdays when it starts up in a couple of weeks. Pop by for a cleansing ale.

### **BARTERCARD SPRING TOUR LUNCH**

SA Rugby's annual Spring Tour lunch will be at the Coopers Alehouse on Friday 22 November. Stick it in your diaries. More details to follow soon...

### **CHRISTMAS DRINKS**

At the clubrooms, Thursday 19 December 2013

## NOTICE OF MEETINGS

### **JUNIORS ANNUAL MEETING**

**6.30pm, Tuesday 29 October 2013 in the clubrooms**

We'll be having a debrief of 2013, go through some official business, and plan for the 2014 season.

#### **ALL WELCOME!**

If you would like to get more involved with your club, please let us know. We are always looking for more volunteers to be on the Juniors subcommittee.

Contact Jane Richards for more information at [jane.richards@gmail.com](mailto:jane.richards@gmail.com)

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Where: Clubrooms**

**When: 7.00pm, Thursday 5 December 2013**

For the purposes of presentations of the officers' reports, annual accounts and balance sheet, for the election of new Life Members and for the election of officers and selectors.

Financial social members with voting rights, financial playing members and life members are entitled to attend and vote at the meeting, or may appoint a proxy in writing.

Formal notices of AGM will be mailed to all financial members.

#### **NOMINATIONS ARE INVITED FOR:**

##### **Life Membership**

*for at least ten years of conspicuous service*

##### **Quindecim**

*for fifteen years of senior rugby*

##### **Committee Positions**

*President, Vice President, Registrar, Secretary, Treasurer, Selectors (2)*

*Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Committee Members*

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# CLUB NOTES

## 2014 COACHING & MANAGEMENT POSITIONS

We are currently reviewing our coaching and management appointments in all grades and ages. Expressions of Interest are welcome for the role of coach and/or manager for a 2014 team. Register your interest [here](#)



We'll be playing a little social bocce (a little like bowls or petanque) on Saturday nights over the summer.

Details are still being ironed out but if you are interested, register your interest [here](#).

## TREGENZA OVAL

You may have heard that the cricket pitch on Tregenza is being removed. For those who have not already wandered past this week, the view looks something like this. We could use some extra hands to help roll out new turf on Thursday morning. Willing and available? [Let us know!](#)



## PHOTOS & VIDEO

Photos of our matches regularly go up on our website, FaceBook page and YouTube account, see links below.



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