

We are the NTRU Club Champions for 2004.

This is the 1st time that we have won this award since the 1995-96 season.

It is awarded to the club that earns the most number of competition points throughout all grades over the season. Competition points are multiplied by a factor such that points earned by the more senior grades are worth more than the points earned by the junior grades. What this award shows is that we are a **strong club across the board from U6s to A Grade** and that is something to be very, very proud of.

Congratulations to everyone.

Coming Events

The **Seniors Presentation Night** is on this **Saturday, 11th September**.

It is being held at the Darwin Surf Lifesaving Club at Casuarina Beach. **Pre-dinner drinks** will start at **6.00pm** with the meal, presentations, music etc following.

Tickets are \$60 and can be obtained from Tom Hurse on 0409 896 546.

Ticket numbers have been limited to a maximum of 80 so call now to confirm your ticket.

Last Week's Games

C Grade Grand Final v Casuarina

This team hadn't played for a few weeks due to forfeits

and a passage straight into the Grand Final but it didn't hurt them one little bit. At full-time it was **Palmerston 59 – Casuarina 0**. A 9 try, 7 conversions to nothing win. The team was dynamic and had the large Palmerston crowd cheering for more. The forwards punched the ball up in the middle and soon this left gaps for the backs to race

through and score the tries. Late in the game the forwards got a bit sick of this approach and decided to run the ball themselves and scored a couple of tries of their own. There were far too many good things to list them all but a couple stick in my mind. The first was **Scott Reed** taking the ball up the blind side from a ruck, giving a back handed flick pass to **Ian Hogan** who was in support who then gave a great pass to **Murray Liddle** as he was tackled by a couple of players. Murray raced away to score the try.

Another was **Colin 'Gecko' Hillery's** joy on scoring the first try in the Palmy corner. And the final was the great performances of our U16 players, **Tom Cummins, Ian Hogan and Blake Chadwick**. Tom was in everything and being very effective, Ian was strong and mobile in the front row while Blake was very strong under



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pressure and almost got a try in the Palmy corner.

Try scorers were **Scott Reed, Dan Curtin, Chris Cuthbertson, Ben Sage, Mike Palmer, Tim Randell, Murray Liddle and Colin 'Gecko' Hillery.** Alan Babbs slotted over 3 conversions while **Dan Bree** drop kicked another 4.

The esteemed trio of **Sean 'Boulder' Killiner, Michael Barnard** and **Daniel Barnard** had the job of selecting the best players. They deliberated long and hard before giving the **whole forward pack** of **Scott Reed, Sam Jeffries, Vince Kelly, Dan Curtin, Alan Babbs, Tom Cummins, Steve Mount and Dan McIntyre** the 3 points, **Steve Mount** 2 points and **Chris Cuthbertson** and **Joe Tadeo-Vovili** 1 point each.

Juniors

In the **U14 competition** we finished as **Minor Premiers** and shaped up against University in the Grand Final. Unfortunately the fairy tale was not to be with University **beating us 15 – 22.** On the night they simply out pressured us but this hiccup can't take away the great year that this team had.

Tries were scored by **Fred Norris, Blake Bishell** and **Mitchell Russell.**

The **U12s** played Dragons in their Grand Final and unfortunately went down in a hard fought match. **The final score was 7 – 19 to Dragons.** Coach Cat saw the game this way: *Our players took a little time in the first half to find their feet, (Grand Final nerves perhaps) and this allowed the Dragons to put on two unanswered tries. The defence tightened up as the game continued and we limited the Dragons to only one try for the remainder of*

*the game. Our only try was scored by **Snow Levauasour** and converted by **Shaun Astral.***

Cat and all Palmy players and supporters congratulate all of the U12 players on a great season.

Cat looks forward to seeing all of them again next year at the club. She is firmly of the view that there are more than a few players from the team who will go far if they stick to the game.

In their round robin game the **U8's** had a **narrow 5 – 15 loss** to Dragons. Our **try scorer** again this week was **Rhys White.** Well done to all the players. **Coach Robbie** said *"I have had an absolute ball this year coaching these kids. They have ALL improved so much since the start of the year. I recommend anyone who really loves their rugby, to have a go at coaching. It's a chance to give something back to the game that gave them so much. Thank you very much to everyone for their help this season including a very special thanks goes to Kelly and Allison."*

The **U6s** had a 10 minute game during the half time break in the A Grade Grand Final. 15 kids took to the field with 13 of them being Palmy kids; **Koby Snowden, Mahlia Snowden, Gavin Anderson, Tom Callaghan, Brett Mullin, Blake Windler, Michaela White, Connor Rowland, Isaiah Dau, Rhys Rodda, Malcolm Tiedman, Kai Longley and Jake Longley.**

How good is that!!

Coach Alison Snowden tells me that these kids have had a great season. There have been a few new kids this year, who've really taken to the game, learning the basics well. Alison thinks we could have some future Wallabies amongst their ranks.

She also thanks the parents who helped out on and off the field. She's sure you also enjoyed your games of rugby. Also thanks to **Liam Longley** for helping out when needed, we look forward to seeing you back on the field next year.

Icy Poles

And last but not least all the junior players, coaches and managers say a big **THANK YOU** to **Moulden 5Star Handimarket** and **James Ballantyne** for donating the icy poles every week. The kids really appreciated them after their games of rugby.

Level 1 Coaching Course

If you even have the smallest thoughts of helping out with the coaching of a team next year then you should get along to the Level 1 Coaching course that is being held on the week-end of the **9th & 10th October.** The course runs from 9.00am to 2.30pm Saturday and Sunday. The club will pay the course cost for people who volunteer to help out with a team. Contact Alison Snowden on 8932 2719, 0402 865 706 or alisnowden@bigpond.com if you need any more information or wish to attend.

Croc Jottings

Who was the Palmy player who lost their mobile phone during the 'No Undie Sunday' celebrations? Jesse, that is one way to make sure you don't get a server calling you out!

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Stop Press

Today work is in progress installing the switchboard for the **Moulden Park Oval lights.** At last, they should be ready "next week". Anyone for a training run?

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