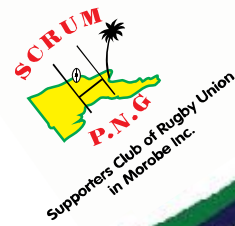


RUCK & MAUL

Official SCRUM Inc. Newsletter



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Welcome SCRUM members to the Ruck and Maul newsletter which has been resurrected, bringing you updates on all SCRUM and PNG Rugby related activity on a quarterly basis.

SCRUM luncheon #48 a Big Hit

Over 200 guests attended the Luncheon and a successful auction was a reason to celebrate.

Guest Speaker Benn Robinson was a force to be reckoned with during his visit. After losing his bag upon arrival, which included a Wallaby jersy planned for Auction, Benn spent the Thursday morning fishing after a heavy introduction to Jack's Bar the night before and also helping the boys down at SCRUM oval with some scrummaging practise. He was spotted at several drinking holes around town over the 3 day visit, before being TANGFU'd and spending another night (Yes 4 nights) in Lae before eventually boarding his flight back to Sydney Tuesday morning missing a commentary gig for the NRC on Fox Sports. The #72 Test Wallaby Prop forward thoroughly enjoyed the visit and those who attended the luncheon would have no doubt enjoyed his company. He has promised to visit Lae again one day with his motorcycle crew, a spear gun and some footy gear to donate to SCRUM.



Tossa, Tyno & Benn make a mean looking front row.

HAMMER TIME - NPC 7s Champions.

The Hammerheads successfully defended their national sevens title back in October beating the Rabaul Stallions 26 – 17 in the final at the Sir Hubert Murray Stadium in Port Moresby under lights.

The Annual National Provincial Championships continue to be a major tournament where selections are made for the national team. A pathway for our emerging junior SCRUM players. **11 players past and present from our SCRUM Program were selected.**

H'HEADS win Jonah Lomu Legacy Cup.

THE Morobe Hammerheads claimed the inaugural Jonah Lomu Legacy Sevens beating the Black Orchids 22-7 in the cup final recently at Bava Park, Port Moresby. Big congratulations to the Hammerheads! Coach Joseph Wamsii who is also part of Robin's Rugby Development Team, and the **11 SCRUM boys** selected on the field to play.



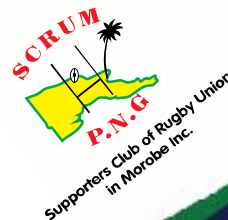
Jonah Lomu's wife Nadene presents the Trophy.



Enjoy some highlights from the tournament here

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UNDER 20's - MOROBE vs MADANG

A rugby initiative between SCRUM and Junior rugby in Madang has blossomed with annual matches being played between the 2 Provinces.

The under 20's game between Morobe & Madang was a popular fixture between the 2 clubs back in early November where a weekend of rugby was planned.

Morobe won the first match 7-5, whilst on Sunday Madang won 12-5. Both very tough encounters.

The Morobe team was stacked entirely of SCRUM boys from our program and the fixture again encourages our young schoolboy juniors (under 18) to continue playing through the Under 20's ranks and onto senior rugby with the MRFU competition.



Boys compete for a line out.

CHRISTMAS RUGBY POEM

T'was the night before Rugby Christmas, when all through the land,

All the pitches were quiet, not a soul in the stands.
Rugby socks were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes the red-dressed **Prop**, would soon be there.

Then up on the roof, was a heavy pitter-patter,
Was it an earthquake, would we be in tatters?
I burst to the window, like a **centre** would crash,
Broke it in pieces, gave myself a good gash!

His kit was all red, but didn't alarm,
I could tell straight away that he meant no harm.
New rugby gear was stuffed in his bag,
And the pep in his step ruled out jet-lag.

He was front-row material, built low to the ground,
and I laughed when I saw him move nimbly around.
He smiled but stayed silent and set to the task,
Of filling the socks hanging with stuff from his stash.

Then laying his finger aside of his nose,
Like a line-out leaper, up the chimney he rose.

"Happy Rugby Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"



NEW FENCING

Some new hinge mesh fencing is being put up around SCRUM oval, to secure our boundary within the Show Grounds. It will take some time to complete.

A portion of the fencing material was kindly donated by Atlas Steel and will take some time to erect. New posts have already been positioned and set in place with cement thanks to Rugby Development Officer Robin and his team of tireless workers.

