

HORORATA



BLACK DIAMOND

SELWYN R.F.C.



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Introduction

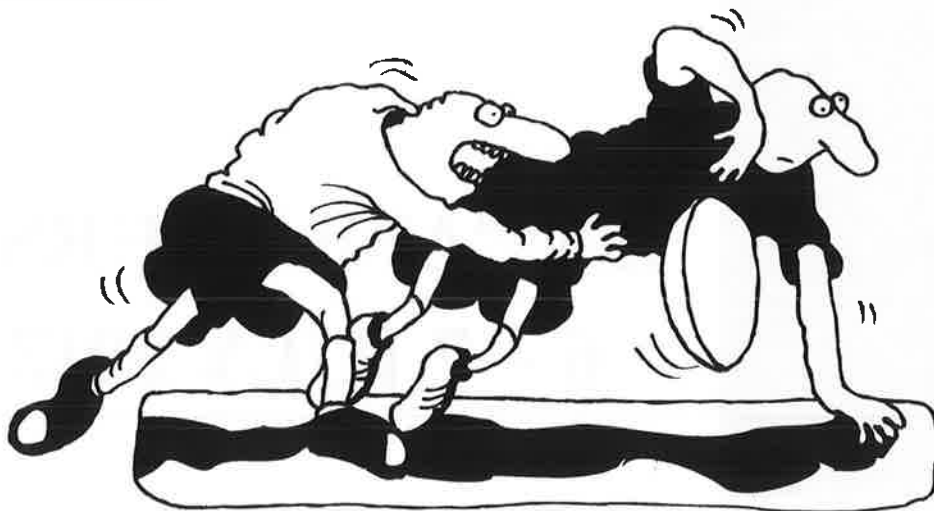
Welcome to you all.

**Welcome to the 125th Anniversary of the Black
Diamond/Hororata/Selwyn Rugby Club.**

**We hope you have a great weekend, catching up with
old team mates and reminiscing about the old days.**

**We have printed this booklet as a memento of this
occasion, we hope you enjoy it.**

The Organising Committee.



A CENTURY OF RUGBY

This is an attempt to record the history of the Black Diamond, Hororata and Selwyn Rugby Football clubs. Inevitably some names and events will be omitted, but we hope to do our best with the information we have.

EARLY HISTORY

Compiled by R. Nimmo and C. Milne

Not many years following the famous day when young Ellis picked up the ball and ran with it at Rugby School in Britain, the Glentunnel football club was formed, in the 1880s. The population of Glentunnel and the surrounding areas was quite large, compared to other New Zealand country districts, due to intensive mining and pottery manufacturing being carried out at the time, a situation which existed for many years. Although all early players were not involved in these activities, many were, and it is not difficult to imagine a group of fit and tough young chaps looking for some form of recreation to fill in any spare time they were fortunate enough to have.

In those early days, football gear as we know it was almost unheard of, and one can visualise these young chaps in long trousers and braces, hobnail boots and bow-yangs, charging around the paddock kicking everything in sight. No one in his right mind would envy the referee his job, as rule books were as scarce as mouth-guards in those days.

It is not known for certain when the Glentunnel football club became the Black Diamond football club, but according to early history one Sam Smith is recorded as suggesting the name. As players were drawn from Whitecliffs, Coalgate and surrounding districts, as well as Glentunnel, it is not hard to imagine why a neutral name was chosen, and as many players were miners what better name than Black Diamonds. This name also had some bearing on the choice of uniform, the first one being a black jersey with a blue sash and black shorts. This was changed after a few years to a black jersey with black diamond on a white background, and black shorts. Years later, the club decided they would like a brighter uniform and changed to red jerseys with white shorts, but with the amalgamation to Ellesmere, the club again had a change, this time to the present green jerseys with white shorts. The Black Diamond emblem finally disappeared with the formation of the present Selwyn club.

In the early days permission had to be obtained from the Domain Board for the use of the football field for the forthcoming season. Much voluntary work has been put into the setting out of the splendid domain and it is easy to imagine the football team seeking permission (with cap in hand) from a stern and authoritarian Domain Board, who were so very proud of their achievement. On at least one occasion the Domain Board members suggested that some sporting events held in the domain were spoiled by too much beer being consumed. The writer can record the odd occasion when some events were spoiled by not enough beer.

Many men have contributed much to the successful running of the football club and several families from early times have continually represented and given staunch support up to the present time. The club is proud of the fact that Bob Deans, 1905 All

Black (of the disputed try fame) originally played for the Black Diamonds. Mr William Deans recalls that on at least one occasion seven Deans' boys played in the same team for the Black Diamonds. The Bob Deans Memorial Cup, presented by the Deans family, is still awarded annually to the club member who gains most points for club support work during the season. The Powell Cup is still in circulation and is presented for good club work by any member, player or otherwise. Many other trophies have been presented throughout the years to club members, such as most improved player. Some of these trophies have probably found their way to many parts of New Zealand by now.

Quite a number of players have gained representative honours throughout the years in various grades both in the Malvern and Canterbury area, and in other districts in New Zealand after leaving the area. Many school teachers have contributed much to the Black Diamond club, and some old identities can recall the good work done by men like Mr Benjamin in the very early days, followed by Mr Allard. Both were very enthusiastic about rugby as well as other sports. In the 1930/1940's, Mr L. A. Marshall also contributed much to the sport in the district, mainly by encouraging enthusiasm to sport by his pupils at school. He instilled a great sense of patriotism not only in our own club, but also in New Zealand and of course, the "Empire" as it was then called.

The writer can well remember the issuing of football gear before a big school match. Although some of the jerseys were a rather pale grey colour instead of black, they were allocated with great reverence and worn with great pride. Some lads were in fact known to have slept in them on the odd occasion, Black Diamond and all:

On the subject of gear, many people recall the arrival of some of the back country boys at a ' Saturday match, with only a few minutes to go before the starting whistle. After dragging his coveted gear from under a pile of damp lucerne and dogs, where it had lain faithfully in the back of his ute since the last match, unwashed, smelly and extremely uncomfortable to wear, it was given a good shake and was as good as new (?) Then, after undoing one bootlace from the truck door handle where it served between games as a door lock, a quick wash of the boots in a puddle of water to remove most of last week's mud, and the high country boy was as ready as anyone else.



Changing sheds were very primitive in the early days and no washing or showering facilities were available at most country grounds. Showers were installed in our new pavilion when it was built in 1965. This building was a combined club effort spearheaded by Snow E3uchan, Dick Workman and Gough Wilson. How pleased Mums must have been when the lads beds were not full of mud on Sunday mornings.

Those club members who were at some time involved in coaching various teams remember the last minute struggle to field teams due to injuries and the like. In desperation, the coach would call at the Coalgate pub on Saturday morning, in case some fit young chap, looking like a footballer, might be present. The writer can plainly remember on one occasion a coach placing his foot alongside a complete stranger in the pub, to estimate the size of the stranger's foot, and then whispering to the captain "I think he's a size 9. Ask him to play while I go home and get some boots. The stranger did play that day and on several other occasions during that season, although he had only played soccer in the U.K. previously. Another Pommy soccer player also made the mistake of calling at the local one Saturday and as he was six foot seven inches tall, it was only natural that he was immediately chosen to play at No 3 in the line-out. Although he took the ball well, he was never too sure what to do with it, but he played quite a few games for the club. One young Dutchman, fresh from Holland, also played for the club. During his first game he seized the ball and, being a big robust chap, took off at great speed for the goal-line • ours — fending off his own as well as the opposite players and completely ignoring the not too friendly comments from his team mates. Only a full-blooded tackle by our fullback pulled him up short of the goal line. It was only then we realised that he didn't understand much English and he thought the boys were shouting words of encouragement rather than abuse.

After-match functions were always an important event and in the old days were more commonly known as smoko's or smoke concerts, the preoccupation which consisted of having a hare drive a week before to allow the hares to hang for a few days to ripen and provide a bit of flavour for the hare soup. A carton of water biscuits, a big slab of cheese and a bucket of saveloys were also purchased as well as a few kegs of ale. One contest regularly held at the smokos was that each person present took turns to eat four water biscuits and whistle, or try to whistle, a certain tune. This always caused much hilarity and many crumbs blown over the floor. Another favourite game was the lazy stick, which entailed two chaps sitting opposite each other on the floor, gripping a broom handle and trying to lift the opposing player's posterior off the floor. Another popular event was known as sing, say or pay Every person at the smoko had to participate.

No women were invited to attend these events and these so called friendly contests often led to roaring brawls. Some of the older members will remember an awful row being caused on the occasion of the one and only Coalgate vs Glentunnel match held in Selwyn Watson's paddock while the domain was being resown. So much scrapping took place that the executive committee of the club cancelled the smoko which was to follow the game, for fear that there would be no uninjured players left for the competition the following Saturday.

To the best of our knowledge, Coalgate never had a team in any local competition, but records show that Whitecliffs did field a junior team in 1927, and boys teams were entered in the seven-&side competition a junior team, winning in the 1930s. Greendale also had a team in the junior competition in 1926 and perhaps other years as well. Springfield too had teams in various grades throughout the years and were very strong in the early years. Railway staff made a good contribution in this era. Strange tales and true were often told of Black Diamond players from the Lake Coleridge and Rakaia area riding on horseback through the Lyndon road to play against Springfield and back again in the early hours of Sunday morning. Sheffield, Kirwee and later Darfield, were regular rivals of our club and, of course Hororata, known to the locals at one time as the River Rats. They in turn referred to the Black Diamonds as the Underground Savages.

During both World Wars, as many players were away serving King and Country, Hororata and Black Diamonds combined to form teams. On the second occasion the combined team was known as 'Glenata." Both teams retained their former status upon the return of servicemen. After the War, so called friendly games were played throughout the years against Springbank, Dunsandel, Zingaree from Timaru, Oxford, Methven and Mt Somers as well as several town clubs. An old identity recalls biking with a mate to a Friday night dance at Mt Somers in the 1920s, staying the night and then biking back home to play rugby at Glentunnel the next day - this being a return journey of nearly 100 miles and on very rough roads.

When the South Malvern cycling club was in action, several Black Diamond players pushed bikes on quite long road races and then played a game of football on the same day. It was quite common for some players to play a full 80 minutes in the junior team and then another 80 minutes in the senior team if they were short of players.

One man who contributed much to the club in the 1920s was Dr Dickson, an ex Canterbury, Otago and All Black player. It was he, who when coaching the local team, introduced our first lighted practise ground, which was alongside the Glentunnel hall, with lights strung along the spouting. He also introduced the local team to the spearhead dribbling rush, which was most successful about that time.



Up and Under

Being a first-class referee was another of his attributes. The only thing that resembles a dribbling rush in football today, occurs at the aftermatch function when the lads are drinking up large in the hope of getting another one in before the last drink sign goes up.

In the early days Black Diamonds proved to be very strong opposition, winning the majority of their games, but in later years it would be fair to say that we lost more games than we won. However the team was renowned for being able to topple the giants when least expected, and managed to win the Senior Malvern Shield on eight occasions. Many older players and members will be able to remember the play-off for the shield against Sheffield at Sheffield, in about 1949. We were in front with only seconds remaining when members of the Black Diamonds were taken completely by surprise when the Sheffield first five-eighth took a rare penalty tap kick and scored near the posts, robbing us of the shield. Whether the tap kick as we know it today, was legal in those days or not was the subject of much debate, but on that occasion it was allowed, much to the chagrin of the Black Diamond players, not to mention the supporters. Games were always played in great spirit and the camaraderie of the players would be hard to equal, despite the occasional derogatory comment.

The juniors and other teams such as schoolboys had considerable success throughout the years and provided a good feeder of talent to the senior team as well as many other teams throughout New Zealand.

Black Diamond Football Club 1948



From Left

Back Row C Milne, R Hynam, T Dunbar, T Charles, D Workman, K Vaughan,
P Benny, J Benny

Middle Row: E Marsh, K Maffey, R Marsh, E Tilley, G Tilley, M Hynam, R Foster

Bottom Row: G Wilson, D Beatty, J Marsh, K Marsh, (Inset E Doak)

POINTS OF INTEREST

Foundation members and committee were chosen from the following: Messrs McIlraith, Deans, Aston, Afflick, Bisphan, Lamport, Nicol, Butler, Troup, Watson, Turley, Brown, Leeming, King, Thomas, Tarling, Weastell, Opie (schoolmaster) and many others not traced.

Subs: For many years 5s Senior, 3s Junior.

Transport The early years, horse and gig, cart, cycle etc. Around the turn of the century Berketts Transport supplied a light wagon drawn by 2 horses, with wooden seats and sides.

Many players travelled by hack . About 1910/12 private cars began to be used . By 1918 Stuarts Motors ventured into hard tyred "Republic" trucks and these were hired at a very low rate. Around 1923 Albert Charles provided cars and later a bus, then the Railways and Midlands carried on from there.

Preparation of the ground: Padding the posts, cutting the grass sidelines by scythe, chipping the sidelines 4in wide, all for a fee of 4s. For representative matches, the whole field was scythed for a very small sum. In 1921 a rep game was played against Ellesmere. The ground was covered by 4in of snow the night before the game, so players, children, Mums and Dads set to and rolled the ground clear and the game was played in perfect conditions.

Black Diamond Seniors 1955



From Top Left: M Stuart, T Joyce, B Smith, B Kellaway, I Joyce, O Stuart, P Cotteral
S Marsh, R Hellier, D Workman, G Wilson

Middle Row from Left: B Smith, H Joyce, R Green, N Rothwell, G Nimmo

Front from Left: N Milne, B Smith (Captain), J Marsh, R Stuart, J Chadwick

CLUB OFFICIALS

BLACK DIAMOND

(Owing to incomplete records, we have been unable to fill in all positions)

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	CLUB CAPTAIN
1923	C. Powell	W. Teale	D. Hartsonge
1924	C. Powell	H. Weastell	G. Parker
1925	C. Powell	W. Teale	
1926	J. Harwood	F. Mitchell	
1 927	J Harwood	F. Mitchell	T. Simpson
1 928	J Harwood	F. Mitchell	J. Stuart
1929	S. Marsh	C. Powell	
1930	J. McCaughan	B. Powell	
1931	J. McCaughan		
1932	J. McCaughan	J. Mitchell	
1933	J McCaughan	E. Williams	
1934	J. Benny	G. Scott	E. White
1 935	J. Benny	A. Thompson	
1936	W Smith	J. Harrison	
1937	S. Watson	H. Schau	
l 938	S. Watson	A. Spivey	
1 939	S. Watson	A. Thomson	
1940	F Harnett	N. Dodd	
1945	J Andrews	I. Doak	R. Miller
1 946	J, Andrews	A. Teale	D. Workman
1947	J. Andrews	A. Teale	D. Workman
1948	J. Andrews	C. Milne	D. Workman
1949	J Andrews	C. Milne	D. Workman
1950	S. Watson	D. Workman	T. Marsh
1951	C. Milne	D. Workman	T. Marsh
1952	C. Milne	D. Workman	
1953	T. Joyce	D. Workman	
1954	T. Joyce	D. Workman	J. Marsh
1955	T Joyce	R. Smith	B. Daly
1956	T. Joyce	D. Bates	O. Stuart
1957	T. Joyce	D. Workman	O. Stuart
1958	T. Joyce	D. Workman	O. Stuart
1959	W. G. Smith .	D. Workman	B Smith
1960	W. G. Smith	D. Workman	B Smith
1961..	W. G. Wilson	R Turner	B Smith
1962	W. G. Wilson	R Turner	R Green
1963	W. G. Wilson	T Turner	R Green
1964	W. G. Wilson	B Smith	G Nimmo
1965	W. G. Wilson	B Smith	R Vaughan
1966	B Smith	R Charles	B Buchan
1967	B Smith	P Shaw	J Davey
1968	B Smith	P Shaw	G Mason
1969	B Smith	A Clucas	R Charles
1970	B Smith	A Clucus	A Karst

**Black Diamond Football Club
1947**



From Left:
Back Row: J Benny (Coach),
D Beatty,
E Magon, P Benny,
R Hynam, A Teale,
R Marsh, D Workman
Middle Row: M Hynam,
E Doak, T Dunbar (Captain),
E Tilly, G Tilly,
T Joyce (Line Umpire)
Front Row: J Marsh, E Marsh, G
Wilson, K Marsh

**Black Diamond Football Club
Junior Team 1949**

From Left
Back Row: G Weastell, A Beatty,
O Stuart, I Joyce, R Hynam,
J Weastell
Middle Row: T Milne, J Nimmo,
M Hynam, R Stuart, J Carter
Front Row: J Marsh, R Nimmo,
R Smith
Absent: W Hunt, B Duckmanton



**Black Diamond Football Club
1957**



From Left
Back Row: M Stuart, T Joyce,
B Smith, A Kellaway, I Joyce,
O Stuart, P Cotterill, S Marsh,
R Hellier, F Workman, G Wilson
Sitting Back Row: W Smith,
H Joyce, R Green, N Rothwell,
G Nimmo
Front Row: N Milne, B Smith,
J Marsh, R Stuart, M Chadwick
Absent: D Mitchell, G Whiting,
A Marsh

**Black Diamond Rugby Football Club
Under 6st. 7lb Grade 1961
Placed Second in Competition**



From Left

Back Row: B Buchan (Captain), P Shaw, M Harris (Vice Captain) D Allison, B Pycroft

Middle Row: W Buchan (Coach), R Barnes, B Harrison, M Vaughan, L Parkin,
W Brown, B Clark, G Price (Ast Coach)

Front Row: G Powell, G Buchan, C Parkin, P Vaughan, P Clark

Absent: G Bisphan, R Derrett, K Powell

**Black Diamond Rugby Football Club
Junior Team 1963
Placed Second In Competition**



From Left:

Back Row: J Allison, A Karst, R Vaughan, D Mason, R Poskitt, M Cade, B Hunt,
P Rice (Coach)

Middle Row: M Clucas, D Allison, R Marsh (Captain), G Mason, H McKenzie,
H Barnes

Front Row: B Buchan, A Clucas

HORORATA RUGBY CLUB

As all the records of the early Hororata Club have been sadly lost, we are lucky to have some of the early history supplied by Mr H. Thorne. Pre 1900, Hororata had long distances to travel, playing Dunsandel, Mt Somers, Irwell, Oxford, Methven and Glentunnel.

Dressing sheds were almost non-existent, being just a few sheets of iron, or you changed under the trees.

Some of the first cars in the district were used to transport players. Mr S. R. Wright had a Model "T" Ford, registered No. 51 , and Mr A. W. Ironside had an Overland car, and these were packed full on a Saturday with players travelling near and far.

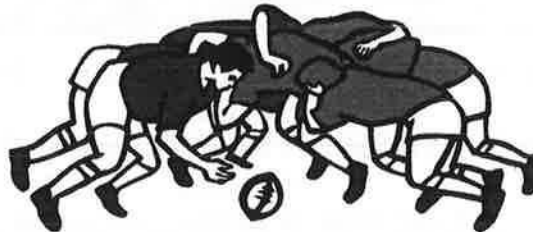
After the first War, the team played 19 matches before winning a game. In 1925, Lake Coleridge entered a team in the Malvern competition. It was made up from men who were working on the second pipeline to the Lake Coleridge powerhouse. They were a very tough bunch of men and would resort to fisticuffs at the drop of a hat. Hororata was the only team to play them twice.

The field has always been situated in the Hororata Domain, but its position has been moved 3 times. The first field was in the middle by the Wellingtonian trees, the second was near the tennis courts, and finally in front of the racecourse grandstand.

After the second World War, rugby was again played in the area, with Hororata winning the 1947 Challenge Shield and the Seven-a-side Cup. This was a very good team coached by Basil Parsons, the local publican, a top class player in his own right.

Around the 1950s Hororata had a junior team but couldn't sustain it. The junior members during that time joined the Black Diamonds or Sheffield clubs. In 1958 Hororata was again successful in winning the Challenge Shield for the second time as well as the Seven-a-side. The team only lost one game that year against Darfield. The following five years Hororata had good teams, but could not regain the Shield until 1964 and 1965. As this was the last year of the Malvern competition, Hororata had the distinction of being the last team to hold the original Challenge Shield.

In 1966, Hororata seniors played for Black Diamonds or surrounding clubs. The club carried on with lower grade teams until 1972, when it ceased to exist.



Hororata has produced one All Black in B. J. Fanning. Canterbury players to come from Hororata were B. J. Fanning, J. Ironside, E. H. M. Richards. There were also quite a few players who played for sub-union and country teams.

CLUB OFFICIALS HORORATA

(Owing to incomplete records, we have been unable to fill in all positions)

YEAR	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	CLUB CAPTAIN
1962	H. Evans	P. Shaw	S. Clucas
1963	H. Evans	P. Shaw	P. McGrath
1964	H. Evans	M. Fay	P. Blakely
1965	H. Evans	M. Fay	G. Beere
1966	H. Evans	M. Fay	P. Reddington
1967	H. Evans	M. Fay	
1968	H. Evans	M. Fay	I. Hutton
1970	H. Evans	M. Fay	

LIFE MEMBER J. Locker

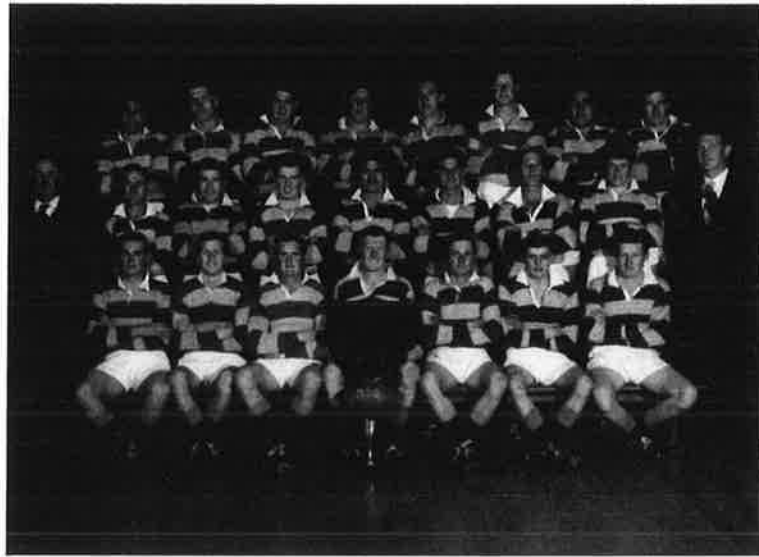
Hororata Club founded: 25th May 1888.
 1st Secretary J. A. Nelson
 1st Captain H. Thorne
 1st Treasurer H. Oliver

Hororata Football Club Winners of Malvern Sub-Association Challenge Shield 1947



Left to Right
 Back Row: C. Knight, L. Milner, D. King, A. Richards, B. Wright, R. Avery, J. Locker
 Centre Row: A. Jenkins (President), M. Ballagh, W. Oliver, B. Thwaites,
 P. Isherwood, L. Washington, I. Harris, B. Ballagh
 Front Row: J. Knight (Manager), J. Marsh, I. Baker (Vice-Capt.), T. Richards
 (Captain), C. Wells, J. Cran, B. Parsons (Coach),
 Inset: R. King

**Hororata Football Club
Senior Team
Winners Malvern Sub-Association Challenge Shield 1958**



From Left: Back Row: C. Preece, M. Grice, N. Duncan, M. Inch, W. Hammond,
S Hight, R. Pirika, S. Clucas
Middle Row: D Thomas (Coach), J. Johnson, B. Oldham, D. Pearce, J. Hura,
O. McCabe, R. Goulden, K. Searle, D King (President)
Front Row: D. Robertson, R. Parker, A. Locker, W. Inch(Captain),
L. Clucas (Vice Captain), E. Searle, J. Kennedy

**Hororata Football Club
7 Aside
Winners Bert Vickory Memorial Cup 1958**



From Left Back Row: K. Searle, C. Preece, S. Hight, N. Duncan, D. Pearce,
Front Row: E. Searle, S. Clucas (Captain), W. Inch

**Hororata Rugby Football Club
Winners Malvern Rugby Sub-Union Challenge Shield & Gray Cup 1964**



From Left: Back Row: R Mason, M Grice, P Reddington, P McGrath, P Shaw,
R Goomes, G Beere
Middle Row: M Fay (Secretary), J Oliver, E Searle, G Inch, M Pridie, R O'Donnell,
E Pirika, A Locker (Coach)
Front Row: T Clucas, T Harris (Patron), A Shaw, P Blakely (Captain), N Oliver,
T Evans (President), B Hunt
On Ground: A Clucas, F Marshall
Absent: O McCabe, C Thomas, J Lamason, M McCallum

**Hororata Rugby Football Club
Winners Malvern Rugby Sub-Union Challenge Shield, Tolerton Cup & Gray
Cup 1965**



From Left: Back Row: J Oliver, A Shaw, B Hunt, T Clucas, A Clucas, E Searle
Middle Row: R Goomes, P Reddington, P Shaw, M Harvey, M Day, M Fay (Secretary)
Front Row: G Sime, P Blakely (Coach), G Beere (Captain), N Oliver (Vice Captain),
T Evans, O McCabe
On Ground: G Rowley, M Clucas Absent: R Doyle, C Thomas, D Morgan

SELWYN CLUB

The Hororata and Black Diamond clubs were amalgamated in March 1972 because the lack of support for both clubs. The Selwyn River was the dividing boundary line between the two clubs and is the title of the combined club "The Selwyn Rugby Club". The Selwyn Club started with a Senior B team, and later moved on to Senior Reserve. Senior A had been played by the club up until 1968. Selwyn club enjoyed early success and has produced some fine players and staunch club members. One player in the 1977 Senior Reserve team, D. Symon, has represented NZ in both Rugby as a colt, and Rowing in the NZ Eights, and was a member of the Canterbury Rugby team.

FIRST SELWYN TEAM 1972

Colours: Green with Black socks, Green tops.
President: Mr T. H. Evans.
Secretary: Mr J. Taylor.
Club Captain: Mr I. Evans.

SENIOR B

Coaches J. Davey and G. Westland.

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| 1. R Baydon | 16. D Ogilvie |
| 2. I Armstrong | 17. D Thorne |
| 3. G Carroll | 18. I Titter |
| 4. B O' Sullivan | 19. M Collins |
| 5. A King | 20. J Williams |
| 6. N Gray | 21. G Percival |
| 7. A Karst | 22. A Thwaites |
| 8. I Evans | 23. P O'Sullivan |
| 9. A Clucas | 24. J Oliver |
| 10. B Cameron | 25. K Buller |
| 11. G Westland | 26. G Sime |
| 12. I Mackey | 27. G King |
| 13. P Entacott | 28. G Daikee |
| 14. A Thorne | 29. D Hunwick |
| 15. R Heata | 20. J Davey |

The 1977 Selwyn team had a very successful year, playing 16 games and only losing three. Points for were 364 and against 126, finishing second in the competition. The seven-a-side team that year won their grade by winning all four games played scoring 66 points for, none against. In 1986 Selwyn won the Doody Cup, which is played for annually against Oxford Rugby Club. The trophy was donated by Mr Tom Doody of Oxford and Mr Jack Doody of Whitecliffs in 1948. The first game was played at Glentunnel and won by the Black Diamonds.

Members of the Black Diamonds team in the first Doody Cup game were -
R Hynam, T Dunbar, T. Charles, S. Workman, K. Vaughan, P. Benney, E. Marsh, K. Maffey, R. Marsh, E. Tilley, G. Tilley, M. Hynam, R. Foster, G. Wilson, D. Beatty, J. Marsh, K. Marsh and E. Doak.

Selwyn has only won this trophy once before, in 1973, in a memorable game played in the mud. The club was one player short and Jim Hall's brother Mick was down from the North Island and being on holiday, had been celebrating and was suffering a good dose of the "staggers". He was promptly pushed into the fullback position, from where, late in the game he took a high up-and-under at full speed. Carrying a fair bit of weight and ballast he crashed over the line to score the winning points, becoming an instant hero.

A good idea the club has adopted is to supply a barbeque after each home game and this has proven very popular with visiting teams as well as local players and supporters.

Little has been said about the Junior Grades. Some of the players who started in the early days are now the backbone of the club in playing and administrative positions. Early coaches and officials also need a special mention in dispatches. The Junior Grades through the years have had a lot of success, some winning their grades and seven-a-side competitions. In the 1980's the lower grades dwindled, in numbers.

In 1987 the Selwyn Senior Second Grade team had every reason to celebrate the 100th centenary year as it won the Maddock Cup and the Doody Cup. Coached by J. Heffernan as they had been for the last five years,. Good rugby was played by friend and foe alike and was a treat for spectators and supporters.

**Selwyn Rugby Football Club
Senior Second Grade Team
Winners of Maddock Cup and Doody Cup 1987**



From Left:

Back Row: R Bell, D Ballagh, R Halkett, H Stuart, G Merriman, J Lange, J Mason
Middle Row: J Heffernan (Coach), R Mason (Coach), B Karst, T Webster, S Smith,
N McAndrew (Manager)
Front Row: K Marsh, D Wright, B Walker (Captain), D Kennedy (Vice Captain),
B O'Donnell,
Absent: R Merriman, B Hammi, K Johnson, T Hapu, G Lawson, M Ellis, B Hutton

In 1993 new club rooms were started to be built by the Combined Sports Group in the Glentunnel Domain. These were built by a huge amount of volunteer labour. They were completed in 1995. That year the club also updated their uniform with new jerseys. They were green with 5 black stripes across the front, back, arms and shoulders with black collars

The 25th Jubilee was held for the Selwyn Rugby Club in 1997. There were games and photos on the Saturday and a dinner held at the Hororata Golf Club on the Saturday evening with a fun day on the Sunday.

The first lady President for the club was elected in 1998 with Anne McAndrew being the lucky recipient. Anne wanted to put her time and energy into seeing the Junior Rugby up and running in the club again as the numbers had dwindled over previous years but that year saw a huge influx of young players wanting to play. The Junior teams have continued to grow with 2012 having 10 teams in the Junior competition. Some of these teams are combined with players from other clubs to make up the teams.

The Selwyn Senior team won the Senior B Jack Masefield Shield in 1998 for the first time after being runners up many times. They also won it again in 2002. This was a great achievement for a small club.

In the centenary year Selwyn had the following teams in the Ellesmere Competition:
Division 3

Under 18 Combined with players from Darfield

Under 16 A Malvern combined team

Unders 14.5 A Malvern Combined team

Under 13 Combined with players from Sheffield

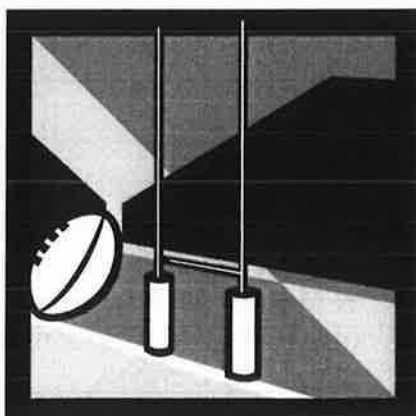
Under 11.5 Combined with players from Sheffield and Kirwee

Under 10 Combined with players from Sheffield

Under 8.5 Combined with players from Sheffield

Under 7 Three Selwyn teams

The club is in good hands with top class coaches and officials and we look forward to many more years of enjoyable rugby within Selwyn Rugby Club.



CLUB OFFICIALS SELWYN CLUB

(Owing to incomplete records, we have been unable to fill in all positions)

1972	H Evans	J Taylor	I Evans
1973	H Evans	J Taylor	G Westland
1974	H Evans	J Taylor	G Westland
1975	I Armstrong	J Taylor	
1976	I Armstrong	I Evans	J Hall
1977	G Chapman	I Evans	N McAndrew
1978	G Chapman	I Evans	R Bennett
1979	G Chapman	S Martin	N McAndrew/J Webster
1980	B Inch	R Mason	N Beatty
1981	B Inch	R Mason	G Sime
1982	B Inch	N Chapman	C Tomlin
1983	C Tomlin	B Hutton	N Walker
1984	C Tomlin	B Hutton	N Walker
1985	C Tomlin	J Leeds	N McAndrew
1986	J Heffernan	J Leeds	N McAndrew
1987	J Heffernan	J Leeds	A Goodsir
1988	B Karst	J Leeds	
1989	B Karst	J Leeds	
1990	B Karst	J Leeds	
1991	B Karst	R Keast	
1992	R Mason	L Stuart	B Dungey
1993	R Mason	L Stuart	B Dungey
1994	B Inch	L Stuart	A Williams
1995	B Inch	G Gemmell	
1996	G Sime	B Quinn	A Williams
1997	G Sime		A Williams
1998	Anne McAndrew	Alistair Sime	A Williams
1999	Anne McAndrew	Adele Coull	T Cochrane
2000	Noel Langridge		T Cochrane
2001	Noel Langridge		T Cochrane
2002	Anne McAndrew	Dylan McDonald	A Williams
2003	Anne McAndrew	Dylan McDonald	A Williams
2004	T Cochrane		A Williams
2005	Neil McAndrew	Andrew Patterson	
2006	Neil McAndrew	Rodney Oliver	
2007	William Innes	Rodney Oliver	
2008	William Innes	Rodney Oliver	
2009	Phil Freeman	Paul Wilson	
2010	Phil Freeman	Paul Wilson	Tim Rhind
2011	Glen Peddie	Melinda Quartley	Tim Rhind
2012	Neil McAndrew	S Awhina, Kihi	Tim Rhind

Life Members

J Reynolds, S Marsh, W Buchan, G Wilson, R Merriman, B Inch, W Chapman
N McAndrew,

**Selwyn Rugby Football Club
Senior Reserve
Second - Ellesmere Competition 1977**



From Left. * Ellesmere Rep
 Back Row: A Clucas, N Beatty, C Tomlin, J Fitzgibbon, R Pirika
 Middle Row: I Evans (Secretary) D Stringer, G King*, D Grice, B Churton, D Wright
 J Gardiner (Coach)
 Front Row: S King, N McAndrew, R Bennett*(Captain), G Chapman (President)
 N Thomas(Vice Captain), R Tibbotts, A Taylor*
 Inset: K Grice, G Sturt, J Webster
 Absent: K Pully, B Clucas, J.York, D.Symon

**Selwyn Rugby Club
Senior Reserve 1982**



From Left
 Back Row: S Turner, C Taylor, H Stuart, C Turner, R Merriman, N McAndrew
 Middle Row: J Herron, B Karst, R Pirika, N Walker, J Tahuna, B Inch (Coach)
 Front Row: B Richards, A Maxted, C Tomlin, B Churton R Marsh, J Webster

**Selwyn Rugby Football Club
Second Grade Team
Winners of Doody Cup 1988**



From Left:

Back Row: J Lange, R Halkett, H Stuart, T Firth, R Bell, J Mason

Middle Row: R Mason (Coach), T Knott, D Kennedy, J Heffernan (Coach)

Front Row: T Webster, B Karst, B Walker (Captain), P Simpson (Vice Captain)
R Keast

Absent: P Paul, J Klto, A Keast, S Davies, R Merriman, G Merriman, B O'Donnell,
C O'Donnell, J Carter

**Selwyn Rugby Club
Senior B
Winners of E.R.S.U Presidents & Doody Cups 1995**



From Left

Back Row: B Inch (President), G Inch, J Davies, P Hill, R Pirika, T Chapman

Middle Row: B Carter (Coach), D Atutolu, D Hynam, S Helmore, R Merriman,
S Nation, N McAndrew (Coach)

Front Row: A Coull, B Quinn, M Sime, P McAndrew (Captain),
A Sime (Vice Captain), S Chapman, W Rhind

Absent: J McGrath, K Smith, D Te-Kapa, G Merriman, C Richards, C Caulkin

**Selwyn Rugby Club
Senior B 1998**

Winners of: 1st Round, 2nd Round, Doody Cup, Competition Jack Masefield Trophy, Club Competition Canterbury Supporters Club Trophy



From Left

Back Row: A Williams (Club Captain), B Cameron, A Sime, J McGrath, D Davies,
B Lamont, J Clemmens, A Coull (Manager)

Middle Row: A McAndrew (President) S Moore, H Dickson, M Sime, D Hynam,
W Innes, D Keown, P Kane

Front Row: N McAndrew (Coach), M Clucas, P Hammett (Vice Captain),
P McAndrew (Captain), J Davies, M Fitzgerald, S Chapman (Coach)

Sitting on ground: P Hill, D Jones

**Selwyn Rugby Football Club
Senior B 2000**

Winners ERSU Shield, Mitchell Cup, ERSU Presidents Trophy



From Left

Back Row: G Worster, N Kennedy, W Smith, D Wanihi, R Jones, F King, A Sime,
M Irvine

Middle Row: T Cochrane (Club Captain), P Hammett, S Crowe, D Hynam, D Keown,
W Innes, D Atulolo, A Williams (Manager)

Front Row: N McAndrew (Manager), S Chapman (Coach), B Whittington, S Dickson
(Vice Captain), P McAndrew (Captain), P Matt, B Churton (Coach)
N Langridge (President)

**Selwyn Rugby Football Club
Senior B 2001
Winners ERSU Presidents & Mitchells Cups**



From Left

Back Row: N Kennedy, R Taylor, D Nickol, J Galland, R Sincock, B Whittington, W Smith

Middle Row: A Williams (Manager), N McAndrew (Coach), B McNally, C Thwaites, H Bain, D Wanihi, J Rowe, T Cochrane (Club Captain), B Churton (Coach)

Front Row: F King, M Gillespie, H Guild, P McAndrew (Vice Captain), W Chapman (Vice President), S Dickson (Captain), G Wooster, M Rhind, B Eagen

Absent: L McNally, S Crowe, M Irvine, A Sime, C Roper, R Jones

**Selwyn Rugby Football Club
Division 2 2003**

**Winners of Jack Masefield Shield, Greg Hill Memorial Shield, Doodie Cup,
Bush Family Cup**

Winners Promotion-Relegation Div 1



From Left

Back Row: A Sime, W Milton, M Radford, H Rowe, J Chapman, W Smith, J Irving

Middle Row: R Perkins (Coach), S Dickson (Player-Coach), A Rowe, T Rhind, J McCorkindale, A White, E Hawe, B Innes, T Cochrane (Manager) G Wooster

Front Row: A Laugesen, G O'Carroll, H Guild, S Patterson, P McAndrew (Captain)
M Irvine, A Rothwell, S Crowe

**Selwyn Rugby Football Club
Under 14 1983**



From Left

Back Row: R Searle, M Searle, B Elvy, S Musson, R Adams, J McGrath,
S Summerfield

Front Row: S Clark, D Quigley, M Hynam, S Chapman, G Duncan, C Eccleson

**Selwyn Rugby Football Club
Under 11 1992
Winners of Under Age Doody Cup**



From Left

Back Row: D Wright (Coach), K McAleer, D Beatty, R Leeming,
A Thwaites, J Albon, R Grenell, W Radford (Coach)

Middle Row: C Buchanan, B Wright, M Pirika, W Smith (Ellesmere Rep)
J Smith

Front Row: G Radford, T Irving, S McAleer

**Selwyn Rugby Club
Midgets 1998
Coach: A Sime**



From Left
Back Row: B Hanson,
M Jorgenson, C McLeod,
B Mehalski, K Lange, H Moore
Front Row: E Parson,
T Zegerman, M Creelman,
T Brownlee, A O'Donnell,
B Moore

**Selwyn Rugby Club
Under 7 ½ 1999
Coach: T Jorgenson**

From Left
Back Row: K Lange, M Jorgenson,
C McLeod, T Zegerman,
B Mehalski, E Parsons,
Middle Row: S Burgess, H McLeod,
M Creelman, A O'Donnell, B Moore,
H Gould, T Searle
Front Row: D Berkland, K Johnston,
S Gibson, H Pinfeld



Selwyn Rugby Football Club



Under 7 ½ Black 2001
From Left
Back Row: D Cridge (Coach),
G Cridge, D Dalzell,
S Hammerley, P Dalzell,
R Stewart, R Nolan, M Searle
(Coach)
Front Row: T Johnston,
J Lancaster, F Johnston,
T Searle, W Chapman
(Vice President), R Lancaster,
J Taylor, C Townsend, J Searle

**Selwyn Rugby Football Club
Under 7 ½ 2003**



From Left
 Back Row: M Gameson (Coach),
 M Reid, J McMillan, J Searle,
 L Gameson, J Dixon, A Watson
 Middle Row: S Hill, L McKenzie,
 S McMillan, B Dixon, T Hughes,
 M Searle (Coach)
 Front Row: B Gameson,
 B Mowberry, C Hill, J Lowe,
 T Lancaster, J Power, K Dunlop,
 M Johnston

**Selwyn Rugby Football Club
Under 7 ½ 2004**

From Left
 Back Row: J Power, J Dixon,
 J McMillan, N Hamilton-Cross,
 T Lancaster, M Johnston
 Front Row: R Watson (Coach),
 A Watson, H Oakley, B Dixon,
 J Searle, M Batchelor, M Reid
 Absent: M Gameson (Coach),
 L Gameson, B Gameson



**Selwyn Rugby Football Club
Under 13 2005**



From Left
 Back Row: Corey Paterson,
 S McMillan, B Screen, J West
 (Captain) J Wanihi, F Terblanche
 Middle Row: W Innes (Coach),
 A Sayer, B Power, A Innes,
 R Perkins (Coach),
 C Terblanche (Coach)
 Front Row: F Johnston, R Lancaster,
 M Creelman, S Perkins, N Hughes,
 J Parkinson, B Owers
 Absent: K Johnstone

**Selwyn Rugby Football Club
Under 9 2006**



From Left
Back Row: T Walker, M Johnston,
C Wickliffe, J McMillan,
T Lancaster, B Gameson,
R Watson (Coach)
Front Row: A Watson, J Smith,
L McKenzie, M McKenzie, M Reid
Absent: J Power

**Selwyn Rugby Football Club
Under 14 ½ 2007**

From Left
Back Row: M Searle (Coach),
W Innes (Coach), D Wanihi
(Coach), A Sayer
Middle Row: R Hynam,
C Wickcliffe, E Ingle, S McMillan,
J Wanihi, J Taylor, A Dalley
Front Row: T Clucas, R Lancaster,
G Innes, T Searle, J Parkinson,
B Owers, O Horck
Absent: M Drabble, F Johnston, B
Power
Inset J Moore



**Selwyn Rugby Football Club
Under 7 ½ Green 2011**



From Left
Back Row: M Longdin (Coach),
W Dempsey, T Sarchett, E Longdin,
C Atulolu, M Lawrence (Coach)
Front Row: H Morgan, B McInerney,
R Morgan, H Lawrence, J Millar,
H Meek, J Bascand
Absent: N Karst

Snippets from Past Celebrations!

Black Diamond 70th Jubilee 1957

Copy of article that appeared in the "Christchurch Press" on 25th May 1957

"BLACK DIAMOND CLUB'S 70 YEARS OF RUGBY

In the long and interesting history of Rugby football in Canterbury, no organisation has contributed more in enthusiasm than the Black Diamond club, in Malvern, which will celebrate its seventieth anniversary this year. In performances, it can not be said the club has been outstanding, but the stories of matches played on tussock hills in the rough dress of miners, and tours by coach or horseback, lend a colour to its past which few other clubs can match.

While Russia was at war with Turkey and the last of hostile Indians were being brought under control in the United States, the miners in the Malvern Hills of Canterbury were founding a football club which has withstood the vagaries of history — even though there are now no miners, and many of the coal shafts lie disused and forgotten. The miners made trips to Springburn and Methven and other country districts to play matches, and although their game bore little resemblance to that of today, they apparently enjoyed themselves greatly. The referees in those days were conscripted from persons who knew little or nothing of the game, and the players were responsible for telling them when to blow the whistle. Threats from either side as to the result of the game would no doubt make the referee's position an unenviable one.



BOB DEANS

The early days of the club were made famous by its best known exponent of the code, Bob Deans. The memory of his name is still kept alive in the club by the Deans Memorial Cup, given for the best club member. All of the Deans family at the end of last century were prominent footballers, and others who established names for themselves were Trilby Smith, A. Weastell, the Dudley brothers, Sam Smith, Sam Blair, Sonny Bisphan, R. Overton, R. Charles, L. Porter and J. Colthard.

One story is still told of a match which the club played in the early days against a visiting side. Having had too much to drink at the local public house, an ardent Black Diamond supporter was highly indignant at seeing the visiting side's winger in full cry for the line.

Unable to bear the sad lack of defence by the home side, the supporter rushed on to the field and spreadeagled the winger with a fine tackle. The Black Diamond supporters are said to have been highly pleased at the tactic, but no record is kept of the retaliation which was probably resorted to by the visitors.

By the end of the last century the club had grown greatly in strength, and with the posting of Mr Frank Benjamin to the Glentunnel School, organised matches were arranged.

A real Rugby enthusiast, Mr Benjamin was one of the prime movers in the formation of the Malvern Sub-Union in 1908, and from then on, regular competition matches were assured.

Sam Smith is the man generally believed to have been responsible for the choice of "Black Diamond" as the name of the club. The name was almost inevitable seeing that most of the players in the early days were miners, although the club's teams are today made up of players who follow a wide variety of occupations.

Representative players from the club included Bob Deans; Cohn Deans, a member of the 1921 team which beat the Springboks E Syme, N Doreen, who was also a provincial cricketer J. Mitchell, a member of the 1934 Canterbury touring team; and J. Bell, who later represented the West Coast.

At times the club was able to call upon the Hororata club for and when the latter went into recess, the two amalgamated to form what was then known as the Glen-ata Club. The name was later changed back to the original title.

Since World War II, the Black Diamonds senior team has not won the competition, although the junior team has had several successes.

Among those responsible for the administration of the club after the war are J. Benny, J. A. Marsh, F. Workman, J. Pope, W. Cade, G. Wilson, T. Joyce and E. Doak. Messrs J. Reynolds and S. C. Marsh are both life members."



70th JUBILEE
1957

Past v Present
E. Doak (Referee)

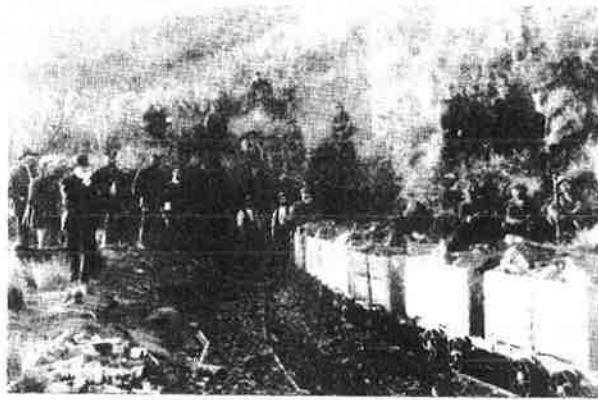
Black Diamond 80th Jubilee 1967

(Excerpt from an article which appeared in the Christchurch Press in August 1967.)

“80th ANNIVERSARY OF BLACK DIAMONDS CLUB

Rarely is the name of a Rugby club decided over a glass of ale, but one club which has this distinction and which is celebrating its 80th anniversary this weekend, is the Black Diamond Football Club in the Hororata-Glentunnel area.

The club, which was formed in 1887, originally had the miners from the local coal mines as prominent members. They were sometimes named the Underground Savages.



Black Diamond underground Savages late 19th century.

One of the club's three life members, Mr S. C. Marsh, remembers when the club defeated the leading team in the Christchurch competition during the 1900s. In this match, C. Deans, who played for the town club as well as the Black Diamonds, saw that the country team was one short. He pulled off his town club jersey to reveal a Black Diamonds jersey and ran over to play for his old club.

The club's oldest living member is Mr E. Charles who is 86 years old and still remembers the early days of the club. Mr Evan Charles, a nephew of the oldest member, still has a medal that the club won in a seven-a-side competition in the 1920s.

There are two other life members Messrs J. Reynolds and W. J. Buchan. Mr Buchan now lives in Dunedin but Mr Reynolds still resides in the district.

The proudest possession of the club is its new club house and pavilion in the Glentunnel Domain. The work on the ground began in the early 1900s and the opening of the new building in 1965 ended many years of hard work. Members who contributed to the work over the years include Messrs F. J. S. Workman, J. Benny, R. G. Deans, W. G. Wilson, J. Hart and J. Troup.”

(Excerpt from an Article which appeared in the "Christchurch Press" in August 1967)

"BLACK DIAMOND FOOTBALL CLUB CELEBRATES EIGHT DECADES"

Away back in 1887 miners in the Glentunnel district enjoying their usual glass of ale in the local inn came to the conclusion that they required a more strenuous form of relaxation and there and then decided to form a football club. With most of the members being miners, the name Black Diamonds was a logical choice, so it was that the club was formed, one of the earliest in Canterbury and which last weekend celebrated its 80th anniversary.



Modern Black Diamond underground savages.

In 1908 the Malvern Sub-association was formed and a regular competition begun with four teams competing Springfield, Sheffield, West Melton and Black Diamonds. Except for the periods of the First and Second World Wars the club has always fielded a senior team and have won the shield for the senior competition on eight occasions.

This year's team, playing in the Ellesmere senior B grade, finished the first round runners-up after leading the competition at one stage.

Except for two seasons about 18 years ago, when the club played on Mr S. Watson's paddock at Coalgate, Black Diamonds have always played on the Domain. At this time the ground was ploughed up and resown and is now regarded as one of the best grounds in Malvern.

Prior to 1961 players changed in an old tin shed, so the club decided to build a pavilion. This was achieved in two stages with the changing room being completed several years before the community room was added. The club had quite an amount of money in its own funds and with a Golden Kiwi grant and the running of raffles, etc. managed to raise the \$2000 needed.

All the work in the building was done by voluntary labour and members spent many long hours at the Domain before the pavilion was officially opened in 1965.

For the weekend celebrations a jubilee committee was formed with R. Nimmo as chairman and J. Davies as secretary. The cabaret committee of L. Tomlin, R. Stuart, E. Pycroft and G. Mason was responsible for the running of the cabaret held on the

Friday night. The 160 who attended enjoyed the music of the 'Gaytones' and the two floorshows of Country and Western singing and 'Go-Go Girls'.

Those responsible for Saturday afternoon's smooth running were A. Karst, W. Marsh, B. Greenslade and P. Shaw. The afternoon commenced with the final game of the competition between Black Diamonds and Battalion. This team is this year's competition Winner and Black Diamonds did well to hold them, going down 6-8.

The highlight of the afternoon was the Past Players Match between a team selected by G. Wilson and one selected by E. Doak. The referee was E. Doak. For G. Wilson's team tries were scored by B. Marsh and A. Marsh with W. Milne converting one. This team won 8-5 (for E. Doak's team, P. Reddington a converted try).

It was good to see B. Marsh, E. Tilley, A. Teal and D. Beatty dashing about with much of their old vigour.

The day was ideal and there was a good attendance of spectators with afternoon tea being served in the pavilion following the game.

The banquet at night was attended by 140 past players with specially invited guests from the the Ellesmere Sub. Union, the Canterbury Rugby Union and Canterbury Referees' Association,

The organising committee for this function was T. Karst, O. Stuart, B. Smith and D. Bates."



1967 Jubilee

100 Year Centenary for the Black Diamond, Hororata and Selwyn Rugby Clubs April 1987

Copy of article from the Record Press 11 March 1987

RUGBY CENTENARY

A centenary with a difference will be held in the Glentunnel domain on the 10th, 11th and 12th of April, 1987. For a start it is a combined celebration by two clubs which no longer exist. The clubs are Black Diamonds and Hororata, both of which faded into history in the 1960s. From their demise sprung the Selwyn club which continues to serve the districts of Hororata, Coalgate, Glentunnel, Whitecliffs and surrounding areas.

Both these old rugby clubs are steeped with history and have produced many fine players including their share of provincial and national players. Sadly, the early records of the Hororata Club were destroyed a few years ago, but it is the common belief that the club is over 100 years old. In 1965 they had the honour of being the last Malvern team to hold the shield. The following year Malvern Sub-Union amalgamated with the Ellesmere Sub-Union. The coal miners of the Glentunnel district formed and named the Black Diamond club over a few glasses of beer back in 1887. Games in the early years were not plentiful and were mainly against Dunsandel, Oxford, Mt Somers, Methven and Christchurch teams, players went to a lot of these games on horseback and bicycle.

Some very hard games of rugby were played when the Black Diamonds and the Hororata teams met on the playing fields, so it is good to see old adversaries combining and celebrating the grand old game of rugby. The weekend festivities will include a get-together and social on the Friday night. Games and photographs on the Saturday are to be followed by a banquet to be held in a marquee at the Glentunnel Domain. Guest speaker will be Russell Thomas, Chairman of the NZRFU. On the Sunday there will be a church service and get together. Past and present players, officials and supporters are expected to attend from as far afield as Auckland and the Bluff. A good weekend of entertainment is anticipated by all.

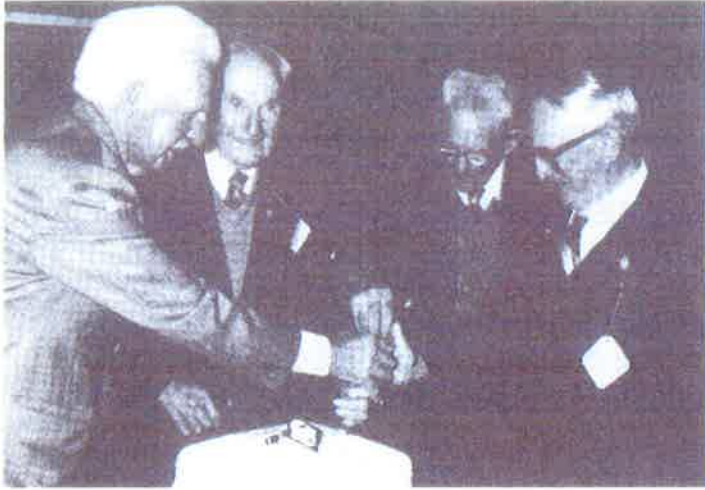
Black Diamond and Hororata Rugby Clubs Centennial 1887- 1987



Black Diamond, Hororata & Selwyn Rugby Club Centennial Organising Committee

From Left

Back Row: I Beatty, I McRae,
B Karst, G Oliver, O Stuart,
R Mason, M Hynam, L Clucas
Front Row: K Searle, E Stuart,
C Hynam, A Marsh, J Leeds,
B Inch, B Marsh



Cutting the Centenary Cake
H Thorne, C Ironside, C Price
and E Charles
April 1987

**Selwyn Rugby Team
1987**

From Left
Back Row: R Mason (Coach)
B Hutton, D Ballagh, R Bell,
J Lange, H Stuart,
R Merriman, G Merriman,
R Halkett, J Mason, K Maley,
G Lawson,
J Heffernan (Coach)
Front Row: S Smith, D Wright, T
Webster, A Hudson, D Kennedy,
B Karst, K Marsh, S Inch,
B O'Donnell



**Selwyn Senior Reserve
Verse Darfield**
At Glentunnel on the Saturday of the
Centenary.
Selwyn won 12-11

Selwyn Rugby Football Club 25th Jubilee 19 – 20 April 1997

The Selwyn Rugby Football Club held their 25th Jubilee in 1997.

This was the 25th year the club had been operating from when the Black Diamond and Hororata Clubs amalgamated due to the lack of support and the Selwyn Rugby Football Club was formed.

The Saturday started with photos taken at 11am followed by a Golden Oldies game and then the Seniors played. An evening meal was held at the Hororata Golf Club with 152 past and present players, officials and supporters attending. Geoff Inch was the speaker. Gilbert Chapman and Bob Bennett cut the celebration cake.

A fun family day was held on the Sunday with a BBQ.

The Selwyn Rugby Football Club Committee for that year organised the celebrations.



**Cutting the cake at the 25th
Selwyn Rugby Football Club
Jubilee in 1997
G Chapman & B Bennett**

**Selwyn Rugby Club Life Members:
From Left: B Chapman, R Merriman,
B Inch
1997**



The 125th Centenary of the Black Diamond, Hororata, and Selwyn Clubs
6 – 8 July 2012

This is a combined celebration of two clubs the Black Diamond and Hororata Rugby Clubs that no longer exist and of the Selwyn Rugby Football Club that was formed when the two clubs were faded out in the 1960's because of lack of support.

A large marquee will be erected in the Glentunnel Domain for the weekend of festivities.

The celebrations will kick off on the Friday night at 7pm where past and present players, officials and supporters will get together and enjoy an evening catching up with old mates. A supper will be provided catered by Penny Rhind and Juanita McAndrew.

On Saturday official photographs will be taken from 12 noon. It would not be a true Rugby Centennial without games of rugby being played. The Selwyn/Darfield Combined Under 18's will open the afternoon of rugby and then the Seniors will take the field playing Kirwee.

Saturday evening an Anniversary Dinner will be enjoyed by 140 people (this was the number registered when the book went to print) catered by Kiwi Cuisine. The guest speaker for the evening is Lee Golding from the Canterbury Rugby Union. The cake will be cut by Bill Chapman a Life Member of the Selwyn Rugby Football Club.

The weekend will finish off with the Golden Oldies game kicking off at 11am on the Sunday.

There will be people attending the celebrations from as far away as Australia and from Auckland to Kurow. There is sure to be many yarns told and enjoyed over the weekend.

The organising committee for the celebrations was J McAndrew, P Rhind, N McAndrew, and R Mason.



Clubrooms in Glentunnel Domain finished in 1995.



