

Parramatta Referees News & Events

February Part 1

All Stars & World Club Challenge for Ashley Klein

It has been a big couple of weeks for Parramatta Referees Ashley Klein, with a number of significant upcoming appointments being announced. Ashley Klein has been appointed to the NRL

Allstars match at Skilled Park on the Gold Coast on Saturday 4th February along with fellow NRL Referees Gerard Sutton, Jason Robinson & Phil Haines. Two weeks later Ashley will return to England (a place which is all so familiar to him after his career in the English Super League), where he will control the World Club Challenge on February 18th between Leeds Rhinos & Manly at Elland Road. It has been an amazing journey in



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the refereeing career of Ashley Klein, who began refereeing in the Parramatta District in the early 1990's as a teenager. He is now one of the most experienced and well respected Rugby League Referees with 149 ESL games to his name and if all goes to plan this season he should bring up his 100th NRL match. These two recent appointments are additions to a long list of marquee matches that started way back when he controlled the 2000 Parramatta A Grade Grand Final. Ashley has refereed Super League Grand Finals, Challenge Cup Finals, Tri Nations and World Cup matches to name just a few on his impressive résumé. Parramatta Referees wish Ashley all the best for these next two appointments and the upcoming season.

Important Dates

Training starts 7th February
Lawn Bowls Day 12th February
Women/Girls Dev. Committee Workshop is 12th February
February General Meeting 16th February
Pre-season Camp – 18th & 19th February
March General Meeting 1st March
Proposed commencement of JL Trial Fixtures – 10th March
Proposed commencement of JL competition – 14th April

February General Meeting

The February General Meeting of the Parramatta Referees Association will be held on Thursday 16th February at Wentworthville RSL Memorial Bowls Club commencing at 7.30PM. The Policies & Procedures for the 2012 season will be presented at this meeting as well as other key pieces of information being provided. An important meeting to get to if you can. Apologies can be sent to the Executive Officer at execofficer@parramattarefs.com. There are still a number of vacant positions remaining from the 2011 AGM. If you are interested in finding out more about what positions are vacant feel free to email info@parramattarefs.com.



Vacant Association Positions for 2012

The following positions remain vacant from the 2011 AGM:

- 2 Senior Appointments Panel positions
- 3 Junior Appointments Panel positions
- 4 Coaching Panel positions
- Alternate Delegate to the NSWRLRA

If you are eligible for any of these positions & would like to nominate, expressions of interest will be taken at the February General Meeting.

Getting Ready for 2012

Please ensure that you frequently check your email, the website & facebook as we these will keep you up to date with all you need to know. Before the commencement of trials we need members to complete the 2012 Members survey so we have your most up to date information. Please follow the link to fill out the survey, it will only take you five minutes: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F2TR5BD>

Secondly active members must complete an ATO supplier form & PARQ form & a

Working With Children Form before the start of trials.

These have all been emailed to you.



2012 Preseason Camp

The 2012 Preseason Camp will be on the weekend of the 18 & 19th February. It is compulsory for all active referees to attend some part of the camp. We have organised a number of guest speakers. Hopefully we have devised a schedule that everyone will enjoy & find beneficial to them.

Aside from the activities you will be provided with a lot of key information about policies, procedures & practices for the 2012 season. The preseason camp will commence at 9am



on the Saturday morning, we ask that parents of all junior members could please hang around after dropping them off for the first half an hour or so, as there is vital information that must be passed on. The Saturday will run until approximately 6:00pm. Sunday's session commences at 9am and will run to about 4:00pm. Please note that there is the option to stay the night on the Saturday night if you wish. More information will be provided about this in the coming weeks. If you know that you definitely wish to stay the night, you can let the association know by emailing info@parramattarefs.com

NSWRLRA Women's/Girls Workshop

The NSWRLRA is holding its first workshop. The details are as follows:

Sunday 12 February 2012

**Ken Brown Rooms Sports House
6 Figtree Drive Homebush Bay
9am – 4pm**

**No Cost – registration essential.
Free Parking – all refreshments
and lunch provided**



All female referees who are members of your association are invited to attend. A keynote speaker and guests will be on hand to ensure a most beneficial day.

Some of the issues to be discussed include recruiting and retaining female referees, training and meeting attendance, the development and coaching of female referees and a career path for female referees. By now female Parramatta Referees should have been contacted by John Roe regarding your attendance. If not & you would like to attend please contact him ASAP, so he can pass on your information.






2012 Lawn Bowls Day

The 2012 Parramatta Referees Lawn Bowls Day will be on Sunday 12th February at Wentworthville RSL Memorial Bowls Club (our meeting venue). The social event is at 12:30PM for a 1:00PM start. Traditionally a great afternoon of competition and fun it has been reverted back to a Sunday afternoon to maximise attendance. Last year's champions Danny Constantine & Matthew Porpiglia will be the men to be in the race to be crowned Lawn Bowls Champions of the Parramatta Referees. The cost is \$15 per person with a BBQ included. It would be great to see as many people there as possible, family & friends are welcome as always.



February Birthdays

The following members of the PDRLRA celebrate their birthday in the month of February:

-  Kevin Vuong
-  Wade Noor
-  Barry Cummins
-  Darrell Mogford
-  Chris Chalkley

