



Western Pioneers Newsletter 2 August 2011

For those who haven't heard the news, **North Shore defeated a gallant Silverdale** side 17-16 in the final to become 2011 North Harbour Club Champions. Congratulations to them.

The **Century 21 Senior First team**, after leading 22-12 at halftime, capitulated to rivals Massey in the second half and lost the Plate Final 29-22.

Disappointingly they also had two players sent off in the second half which spoilt the otherwise clean record the two Pioneers teams had throughout the season for foul play.

Congratulations must be extended to Toops, Craig and the team for making it through to the final and for competing well each weekend over the season.

Prizegiving has been scheduled for Friday evening, August 19 at the Kumeu clubrooms. There will be a charge of \$10 per head to cover meal costs. All members will be welcome to come and celebrate an outstanding first year for the Western Pioneers. A reminder will be sent nearer to the time.

This evening North Harbour is back in action in the ITM Cup competition. While they are no longer serious challengers for any silverware, their playing ranks will be strengthened by the addition of Pioneers player **Malukai Ravulo**, back from Fijian national duty when he came on as a replacement in their recent game against the All Blacks. Other Pioneers representatives are wing **David Raikuna** and reserve prop **Tai Ve** .

Also making a welcome reappearance for Harbour is Tony Woodcock, as he tries to prove his fitness prior to an All Black recall.

Future Western Pioneers newsletters will be posted as and when there is any news. The **Pioneers will be fielding a sevens team** in various competitions over the spring/summer months and results will be included, as well as letting members know how are players are performing for North Harbour B.

We also hope to have a golf tournament later in the year, and then a season opening evening early in 2012, similar to what we had this year with the PM.

If any of you do not wish to continue receiving news about the Pioneers, please send a return email notifying the secretary.