



TRY HARDER CUP



BTB	THC Premiership
2013 BTB5	Crocs (Mickaby McKenna)
2014 BTB6	Crocs (Mickaby McKenna)
2015 BTB7	Crocs (Mickaby McKenna)
2016 BTB8	Crocs (Mickaby McKenna)
2017 BTB9	Crocs (Mickaby McKenna)
2018 BTB10	Crocs (Mickaby McKenna)
2019 BTB11	Shooters (Gearyous Stuff)
2020 BTB12	Not Played – Covid
2021 BTB13	Shooters (Cryan Out Loud)
2022 BTB14	Crocs (Mickaby McKenna)
2023 BTB15	Crocs (Mickaby McKenna)
2024 BTB16	Cattledogs (Lonhro Leba)

Current BTB16 Champions...



The **TRY HARDER CUP** is the Be The Ball Tour's very own Ryder Cup style event.

Throughout each season, the BTB Members of that particular year are drafted into 4 teams - Shooters, Crocs, Cattledogs and King Browns. Each team has a designated captain whose job it is to select those players they believe will create a team worthy of being the BTB Try Harder Cup team of the year.

When the tour began in 2009, there were 3 essential areas where our members came from. Southern Division (Sydney and surrounds), Western Division (Dubbo and surrounds) and Northern Division (Tamworth and surrounds).

Over the years these teams evolved into the Shooters and the Crocs, who from BTB5 Cairns, fought out an official teams comp. For the first 6 official seasons the Crocs were unbeaten, and the Shooters could not by a trick.

Come BT11, under the captaincy of Gearyous Stuff, the Shooters finally managed to beat their archivals, the Crocs. It was 7th time lucky for Gearyous Stuff, and he promptly retired from the captaincy after scaling his own Everest.

Cryan Out Loud took over the reins for BTB12, with no tour being finalised due to Covid19. In BTB13 though, Cryan Out Loud guided the Shooters to their second ever victory.

In BTB10, our first major anniversary season, two new teams were voted on by members and created a 4-team competition. The Cattledogs and King Browns made their entrance onto the BTB stage, under the guidance of Lonhro Leba (Cattledogs) and Saving Private (King Browns). Neither team has won the Try Harder Cup as at BTB13.

The Try Harder Cup is fought over a number of events. These include Group 3 Tattoo Trophy events; Group 2 BTB events and pinnacle Tattoo Trophy events and the coveted Group 1 BTB 'Pillar Trophy' events. (*You can see the rules and scoring by clicking on the blue tabs above).

To the winners go the spoils. BTB13 saw 'The Champions Table' introduced. Each season at the tour's 'Closing Ceremony Chinese Meal' the champion THC team for that year sit together at the Champions Table, where they regale themselves with winning stories and how they are the kings of the BTB world.

The other 3 losing teams members all need to pay \$20 each towards the Champions Table, in effect paying for their well-earned winners. For every winner grinning there needs to be a loser feeling a little pain!



The **CROCS** were one of the 2 original teams formed in BTB5 to compete annually in the team's events of the BTB season and tour. In the early years of the tour, teams were originally split into Western, Southern & Northern Divisions. In BTB3 #26 Comelateronstie designed the original Croc logo (on right). He included a beer, golf club & country origin rugby league jersey. He was awarded that seasons Big Marn of the Year award. In BTB10 (our anniversary season), the new look Crocs logo (on the left) was unveiled to celebrate the occasion. The late, great Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin their chief patron.



The **SHOOTERS** were one of the 2 original teams formed in BTB5 to compete annually in the team's events of the BTB season and tour. In BTB3 #1 Craig's Carnival designed the original Shooters logo (on right). He included a golf ball gun, golf clubs, tees on an ammo belt & city skyline. The great irony is that Craig's Carnival was not chosen as a 'franchise player' by then Shooters captain Gearyous Stuff in the first player draft & was swiftly snapped up by the Crocs! In BTB10 (our anniversary season), the new look Shooters logo (on the left) was unveiled to celebrate the occasion. Their patron is none other than Shooter McGavin from Happy Gilmour fame.



The **CATTLEDOGS** were one of 2 new teams added to the BTB Tour in the anniversary season of BTB10. With the King Browns, the Cattedogs joined foundation teams the Crocs & Shooters to make it a 4-team season event each year. The Cattedogs first captain was inaugural tourist #8 Bonecrusher Brad. A no-nonsense style skipper who drove his troops to perform in actions rather than words. Alas, this team failed to scale any great heights & inevitably fought out the wooden spoon in the early years. BTB12 saw another BTB veteran #42 Lonhro Leba take the reins. His style was more one of communication & guile. Tommy Raudonikis their main man.





The KING BROWNS Along with the Cattedogs, the King Browns joined traditional teams the Crocs & Shooters to make it a 4-team battle each year, in BTB Anniversary BTB10. The King Browns first captain was tourist #22 Saving Private. A relatively young veteran of 9 tours of BTB duty when he took over, Private's leadership style was one of a brash, smack talking team builder who preferred the bar to the practice pitch to bond his boys. More last than first, the King Browns have rarely made a dent. However, their day will come & the celebration will be large! Aussie actor Bryan Brown (circa Cocktail movie days) is the perfect ambassador.



The WRANGLERS were introduced to the competition in BTB15 – another anniversary season of significance. Inaugural captain was none other than #51 Sideshow Sam. Another contemporary, young skipper, Sideshow entered his first player draft as a Wrangler man, opting to go with youth and energy over experience. The Young Guns. As always, the first Wranglers season was filled with many challenges, but the team fought hard in every competition, building their culture and laying the foundation stones for the Wrangler legends to follow. Success no doubt inevitable sooner rather than later for these whip cracking demons.



How the teams are selected...

The Be The Ball Tour is an invitation only annual season competition and golf event.

After every annual June Long Weekend Tour, if slots are available within the tour, members can nominate new members to join the tour.

In the second half of June, the final field for that season's competition is completed and announced.

The team captains are then allowed to draft a nominated number of 'existing' franchise players from their current team, who they are allowed to retain for the upcoming season.

In the first week of July each year, a 'Marquee' draft is then completed and revealed where each captain has drafted their main 'guns' in order.

Those players not selected as a marquee/franchise player then enter a free agent player draft, along with any new members. This is also conducted in the first week of July.

Captains are allowed to trade, negotiate and ultimately select their teams to play against each other.

From this point the teams compete each other over the year for the THC (Try Harder Cup) Premiership.



BTB THC PREMIERSHIP CHAMPION TEAMS



**BTB5
CAIRNS
2013
CROCS
(Mickaby McKenna)**



**BTB6
MELBOURNE
2014
CROCS
(Mickaby McKenna)**



**BTB7
BRISBANE
2015
CROCS
(Mickaby McKenna)**



**BTB8
BREAKFAST CREEK
2016
CROCS
(Mickaby McKenna)**



**BTB9
SURFERS PARADISE
2017
CROCS
(Mickaby McKenna)**



**BTB10
MAROOCHYDORE
2018
CROCS
(Mickaby McKenna)**



**BTB11
ADELAIDE
2019
SHOOTERS
(Gearyous Stuff)**



**BTB13
BROADBEACH
2021
SHOOTERS
(Cryan Out Loud)**



**BTB14
SYDNEY
2022
CROCS
(Mickaby McKenna)**



**BTB15
BREAKFAST CREEK
2016
CROCS
(Mickaby McKenna)**



**BTB16
BURLEIGH HEADS
2024
CATTLEDogs
(Lonhro Leba)**





PREMIERSHIP WINNING TEAMS



BTB5



BTB6



BTB7



BTB8



BTB9



#10 Mickaby McKenna (C)
#9 Crouching Glyn
#21 Warwick Farm Fella
#22 Saving Private
#26 Comelateronstie
#29 Barnesy's Boy Dave
#30 Manscaper Nads
#31 Mustard Keen Matt
#38 Roger That Diva
#40 Welsh Wizard Jono
#39 Gruntan Groen
#40 Welsh Wizard Jono
#47 Rhinestone Graham
#49 Cryan Out Loud
#50 Sticky Rogue
#3 Slim Paul
#44 Soup Can Sam
#19 Dem Bones

#10 Mickaby McKenna (C)
#9 Crouching Glyn
#21 Warwick Farm Fella
#22 Saving Private
#29 Barnesy's Boy Dave
#30 Manscaper Nads
#31 Mustard Keen Matt
#38 Roger That Diva
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#47 Rhinestone Graham
#49 Cryan Out Loud
#50 Sticky Rogue
#44 Soup Can Sam
#19 Dem Bones
#55 Divastating Dave
#58 Nicaby Rising

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#21 Warwick Farm Fella
#22 Saving Private
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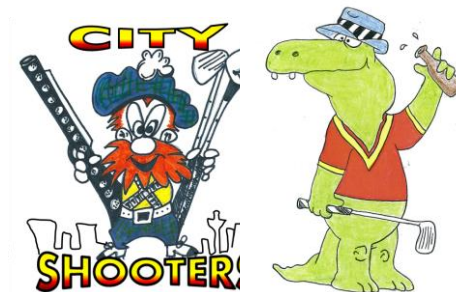
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#40 Welsh Wizard Jono
#47 Rhinestone Graham
#49 Cryan Out Loud
#66 Benzabear
#67 Metro Mat
#68 Schubey Doo
#55 Divastating Dave
#58 Nicaby Rising

The **TRY HARDER CUP** wasn't officially born until BTB10. Before that time, the competition went through different phases of team competitions. True competition began in the BTB5 Cairns season.

In the early years, most Be The Ballers came from Sydney, Western NSW (Dubbo & surrounds) and Northern NSW (Tamworth & surrounds). Therefore, the natural decision was to create Southern Division, Western Division and Northern Division teams.

Drawing on our combined love and support of rugby league, the colours of the teams from the annual City v Country rugby league fixtures were used. Yellow and blue for Southern Division and Maroon and Gold for Country. Northern Division were obviously under the country NSW fold but needed different colours. Traditionally black and gold, it was decided that we already had enough yellow/gold, so Northern Division became predominantly red within the BTB.



Original Shooters and Crocs Logos



PREMIERSHIP WINNING TEAMS



#10 Mickaby McKenna (C)
 #38 Roger That Diva
 #12 Offsider No More
 #71 Tango Tom
 #75 Flukey Sequin
 #1 Craig's Carnival
 #31 Mustard Keen Matt



#24 Gearyous Stuff(C)
 #55 Divastating Dave
 #64 Hendomonium
 #67 Metro Mat
 #47 Rhinestone Graham
 #49 Cryan Out Loud
 #76 Strength & Johner
 #77 Shaggy Franz



#10 Mickaby McKenna (C)
 #1 Craig's Carnival
 #38 Roger That Diva
 #80 Taylor Made Dunk
 #76 Strength & Johner
 #58 Nicaby Rising
 #81 Joshaby Next
 #12 Offsider No More
 #75 Flukey Sequin



#49 Cryan Out Loud (C)
 #47 Rhinestone Graham
 #64 Hendomonium
 #55 Divastating Dave
 #24 Gearyous Stuff
 #29 Barnesy's Boy Dave
 #75 Flukey Sequin
 #50 Sticky Rogue
 #39 Gruntan Groen



#10 Mickaby McKenna (C)
 #1 Craig's Carnival
 #76 Strength & Johner
 #58 Nicaby Rising
 #38 Roger That Diva
 #86 Gold Digger Gavaby
 #81 Joshaby Next
 #85 Ballroom Ben
 #84 Wok Star Jimmy



#10 Mickaby McKenna (C)
 #1 Craig's Carnival
 #76 Strength & Johner
 #58 Nicaby Rising
 #38 Roger That Diva
 #85 Ballroom Ben
 #86 Gold Digger Gavaby
 #76 Strength & Johner
 #93 Jonoby Stiffy
 #84 Wok Star Jimmy
 #81 Joshaby Next



#42 Lonhro Leba (C)
 #61 Craigsy 80s Dude
 #55 Divastating Dave
 #21 Warwick Farm Fella
 #80 Taylor Made Dunk
 #85 Ballroom Ben
 #78 Ontrend Wes
 #39 Gruntan Groen

BTB TRY HARDER CUP SCOREBOARD...



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**BTB12 is not officially counted as a premiership victory due to the Mum's Bum Cup not being played (Covid).*