

LEHIGH VALLEY MEN RECOGNIZES NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Lehigh Valley Rugby Football Club opened a new page in the Club's history when it awarded two life memberships on Saturday evening.

The club's new Board was looking for a way to thank some members who had essentially kept the club going for many years and this seemed like the perfect way to do it. Coach Al Harris says that in New Zealand to receive a Life Member award is a big deal. It is the highest honor a club can bestow on an individual and it recognizes their enormous input over many years.

At the end of season banquet last week, Life Member jackets were presented to Reno Pesaresi and Sue Martinko. Both Reno and Sue have had many roles in the club over many years from coach to president, treasurer and everything in between and both will continue to have ongoing involvement. President Jeff Tyber says "We're not letting them get away yet, we've got plenty more work for them to do! Sue is our 7s tournament organizer and Reno is still coaching and working with the development squad. We're delighted with this new tradition and will continue to award life memberships on an ad hoc basis. We also see it as a good way to keep our 'old boys and girls' involved with the club. Their input is invaluable in so many areas including being a guiding hand for the new members we are attracting to the Club".

Photo Sue Martinko and Reno Pesaresi in their new Lehigh Valley Life Member jackets.

