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BRINGING TOGETHER THE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE
TORONTO SCOTTISH R.F.C.

Support the Scottish this weekend as they take on Stoney Creek at Fletcher's Fields.

Toronto Scottish vs Stoney Creek

The Toronto Scottish men's 1st and 2nd team play Stoney Creek this Saturday as a makeup game for a previously postponed fixture earlier in the season.

The games will take place at Fletcher's Fields, with the first game beginning at 9am and the second starting right thereafter.

International Rugby

Canada v USA

Come out to BMO Field this Saturday to watch Canada take on USA as both teams build towards the Rugby World Cup in New Zealand later this year.

Kickoff is at BMO field at 2.00pm. So after a speedy lotion at the Duke of Kent most of us will head down to the Expedition Grounds

All the persons capped for Canada are invited to attend and be acknowledged before the kick off.

We shall see some familiar faces from the Scottish being thanked for their contribution to the International game.



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RUGBY
CANADA



RWC 2011 – New Zealand

Toronto Scottish well represented

Looking towards the Rugby World Cup 2011 in New Zealand.

The Toronto Scottish will be well represented at the upcoming Rugby World Cup in New Zealand later this year.

As part of the deal, every RUGBY WORLD CUP 2011 match will be broadcast live on either TSN, TSN2 or TSN.ca.

Mark Ince - Vice President
Dan "Kiwi Dan" Gordon
Rahim Dharamsi - President
Dan Visentin
Bram Smagla
Tayo Hotke
Michael Williams

TSN, TSN2 and TSN Mobile TV will deliver live broadcasts of all Team Canada matches, the quarter-finals, semifinals and Finals along with other key matches from the 2011 and 2015 tournaments. Select matches will be broadcast live exclusively on TSN.ca.

For those who won't be travelling, TSN have secured broadcast rights for the tournament.



'MILLAR YOUNG'

An artist in our midst. A painting by our very own Clive McBride dedicated in memory of Millar Young.



MEN'S UPDATE

Dear Alumni members,

Following an impressive pre-season performance when they played 3 games, including a trip to Montreal, expectations were high for the opening league games.

Sadly, that was not to be the case and the club suffered 3 consecutive losses at the hands of the Markham Irish, Oakville and the Beach.

Finding themselves in the basement of the premier division at the beginning of June, in a new league schedule that only has 8 teams was not a pleasant place to be. The turning point came with a couple of key players returning from injuries, and from abroad, having a major impact on the team, particularly in the scrums and lineouts.

The first team has now gone undefeated in the last 4 games against the Barbs, London, Brantford and Oakville and are 1 point behind second in the league London. The Beach, as yet, are undefeated this year and are shaping up well as contenders for the championship.

The current league schedule is allowing for players to heal and take much needed time off which is helping the team's morale and giving the club a boost in confidence being able to put a competitive side out every game.

If number of registered players is an indicator of the club's growing strength then the men's section is at an all time high of 104 players between the ages of 18 and 35.

I encourage all of you to get involved and have a say in securing the club's future playing facilities.

I challenge those of you who are, like me, a life member to contribute financially.

I look forward to seeing you on the touchlines.

WOMEN'S UPDATE

The women's team continues to be a dominant force in the Ontario Women's League and this year is no exception, having continuing their reign of terror on other clubs and keeping their perfect record intact at the half way point during the season.

With a number of players either retiring or not returning to the club due to personal reasons. Women's Director, Fiona Boyd has single-handedly resurrected an u18s girls program and are looking for games across the GTA.

More importantly to Fiona's work was the support from the Globe and Mail who supported the club with an increased sponsorship to help offset the cost to play rugby and allow these girls to experiment with a new sport at a minimal cost out of their pockets.

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SCHEDULE: Upcoming Fixtures

MEN:

August 6 - @ Fletcher's Fields
Toronto Scottish vs Stoney Creek

August 13 - @ Fletcher's Fields
Toronto Scottish vs Markham Irish

August 20 - @ Stoney Creek
Toronto Scottish vs Stoney Creek

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TONY GREENBANK 70th Birthday

Tony will be turning 70 next month. It's hard to believe as he doesn't look a day past 68 ½! Upstairs at the Kent has been reserved that night and would appreciate it if you could use your Old Blue list to notify the crew so they can join us in celebrating with a pint or two.

Date: Saturday August 27th. The Boys play the Beach at the Beach that day.

Time: 8pm on

PLEASE: NO GIFTS – he has everything he needs

VIRTUAL CLUBHOUSE

We are continuing to look for material to develop a virtual clubhouse to retain the traditions of the club and to ensure we don't lose track of the club's mementos, photos and documents.

Please pass on your memorabilia or photos to mg-homer@sympatico.ca

HAL ROWAN UPDATE

The latest on Hal is that is being moved to Cedarvale Terrace tomorrow so anyone going to visit now has to go to 429 Walmer Rd, Toronto, M5P 2X9 Phone: 416-967-6949.

Walmer is one street west of Spadina off of St. Clair Ave.

Bairbre Matthews saw him yesterday and though he has yet to pass his driving test for an Electric Wheelchair he has made significant progress in his mobility to a point where he can walk with the aid of a cane.

Other good news is that he has been asked to return to Baycrest on a regular basis to work with other patients. I guess this is another form of coaching!

CLUB NEWS

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Although I'd like to continue the good news, there are some downsides thus far that I must report on.

The club had several goals at the beginning of the season and although we reached a number of them, there was one that was not attainable.

Back in March, the club set out a goal to field both an u18 and u16 boys program for 2011, unfortunately due to lack of commitment from a young group of players we were not able to field an u16 program.

That being said, our u18 program is looking stronger than ever with returning players, some of those with both provincial and national experience, I wouldn't be surprised if we see them repeat as trophy winners.

As well, the minis program is growing and with the dedicated coaching staff we have in place, the youth of the Scottish are looking quite strong.
Warm regards,

RAHIM DHARAMSI - PRESIDENT
TORONTO SCOTTISH RFC

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ALUMNI UPDATE

Dear fellow Alumnus,

As the club progresses towards the second half of the playing season the Alumni continues to grow in numbers by reaching out to past members who are interested in keeping up with the club activities, something you can all assist in by passing on the message.

Just this past week we have heard from 'Uncle T', who has just retired from the veterans golf tour and Mike Anderson- Mike resided part time in Canada and some may recall he actually travelled back to Canada in 1980 so that he could join the tour party and return to England with us the following day.

Many members who have registered and made various contributions are life members, which is commendable as these do not have to pay to belong! However, what does surprise me is the lack of response, particularly from some who had so much to say about how the Alumni should be organised. I therefore request all of you to cough up and become a paid up member to assist us, as a group, to provide guidance and financial support to our players.

As a reminder, the first team are undefeated in their last 4 games following an abysmal start to the season by losing the first 3 matches. This Saturday they are playing Stoney Creek in a makeup game, kick off 10:00 a.m. at Fletchers Fields.

A win will put them in second place of the Premier Division of the Ontario League, it could be a tough game as they will be without 2 key members who are representing Ontario the following day.

Please keep in touch and any old photos or memories you want to share with the rest of us do not hesitate to send them in to Mike Homer or myself.

Meanwhile, accept his letter as a personal invitation to join the membership and help to contribute to the future of your club at which so many of us had so much fun.

YOURS IN RUGBY,

CHRIS STAFFORD
ALUMNI REP



The following alumni members have contributed to the club, either through alumni membership, donations or player sponsorship.

- Keith Burkhardt
- Phil Dowd
- Tom Foulds
- Nick Galbraith
- Alan Geddis
- Tony Greenbank
- Mike Homer
- Peter Mason
- John McCreight
- Bob McMillian
- John Mead
- Tony Moscrop
- Bill Nankivell
- Simon Nichols
- John Redding
- Ian Rugeroni
- Chris Stafford
- Peter Tasker
- Dennis VanFleet
- Graham Wallace
- Bob Webb
- Chris Webb
- John Wlaiko

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT INFO

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Please mail your cheques to:
Bob Webb c/o IT Works Co
8901 Woodbine Avenue, Suite 201, Markham, ON
L3P 9Y4

Interac-eTransfer:

Please email your payment to:
alumnipayment@torontoscottish.ca

Credit Card / Paypal:

Please visit the Toronto Scottish website to pay via this method: www.torontoscottish.ca