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Second Wind

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

To all of you who have played for, supported or generally taken an interest over the years in the wellbeing of the Toronto Scottish RFC.

The Alumni of the Toronto Scottish RFC

As the representative appointed by the club executive to establish communications with you I am very pleased to inform you that we now have a committee in place and that our joint responsibility is to bring some semblance of order to an official Alumni of the Toronto Scottish.

The seeds for such a need were sown over the past 2 years during which time an ad hoc approach to communicating with past members, though welcomed by many, was criticized as not reaching out to many others. Now, with the input from members who themselves have been developing their own lists we are on the cusp of launching "Second Wind", the official newsletter of the TSRFC Alumni, friends and fans.

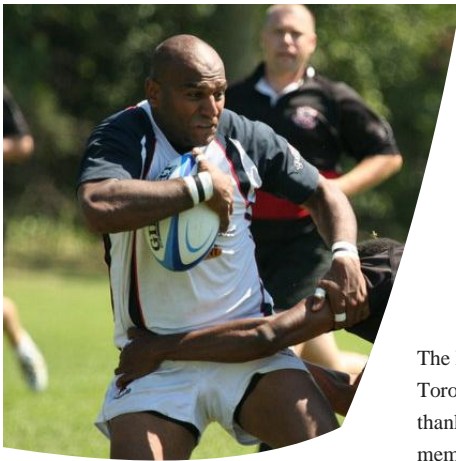
Our mission is to identify and contact all former players, supporters and persons otherwise interested in the club and by doing so galvanize the many generations who have enjoyed being

part of the 'Scottish' fabric over the almost 60 years since its beginning in 1953. We want to augment the club membership where voting rights will be re-established and monies generated to be channeled to the continuing benefit of the club and the development of rugby. In essence we are 'giving back' to something that we have all benefitted from at one time or another.

An effective Alumni will organise social functions and generally serve to reinvigorate the 'esprit de corps' with our commitment and enthusiasm. The official men's veterans' rugby team, Old Blue, is being resurrected by those still able and foolish enough to want a trundle out on the field. Our efforts are focused on improving all aspects of communications and will raise the profile of the club in addition to providing additional financial support. Your thoughts, comments, cash, time and suggestions are always welcome.

CHRIS STAFFORD - ALUMNI REP FOR THE TSRFC.





Welcome by the Club President

President's Message

To the members of the Toronto Scottish R.F.C. alumni group

The Board of Directors at the Toronto Scottish RFC wanted to thank you for becoming active members of the Toronto Scottish RFC Alumni group.

Having this group established a few years back by Chris Stafford was the first steps to establishing and capturing our almost 60 years of past members and gave the current board an outlet to reach out and communicate with the potential hundreds of past friends and teammates.

Over the past three years, we have seen this group grow along with its support of out players.

The club executive is determined to ensure that our active membership is heard and our actions represent the group to the fullest. As an active alumni member you too have a voice and we would be happy to hear from you. If you do wish to contact myself or anyone on the board, we encourage you to do so.

RAHIM DHARAMSI - PRESIDENT
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ALUMNI COMMITTEE: Organisation Chart



- Chairman – Chris Stafford
- Secretary – Tony Moscrop
- Treasurer – Bob Webb
- Membership – John McCreight
- Old Blue – Jason Lewis
- Women's Liaison – Heather Hunt
- Men's Liaison – Michael Homer



MEMBERSHIP WATCH

Dear fellow Alumnus,

Another season is upon us and, for those of us who have hung up our rugby boots, we can look back on our playing days in the belief that the older I get the better I was.

I am pleased to be involved once again with the affairs of the Toronto Scottish and look forward to engaging many of you in your support of the club. To that end, I am commencing a membership drive among the TSRFC alumni community.

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.

JOHN MCCREIGHT

Payment & Registration Information:

For payment and registration information please go to the last page of this newsletter.

SCHEDULE: Upcoming Fixtures

MEN:

June 25
Toronto Scottish vs Aurora Barbarians

July 9
Toronto Scottish vs London St. George's

July 16
Toronto Scottish vs Oakville Crusaders

WOMEN:

June 25
Toronto Scottish vs Brampton Beavers

July 9
Toronto Scottish @ Toronto Saracens

July 16
Toronto Scottish vs Yeoman Lions

Your financial support is as important as your attendance at club fixtures. This year, we have established two tiers of membership, each having the voting privileges of a full member

Last year we had 32 past members and friends subscribed. This year our goal is to double this number to 64.

Alumni finances will be used to support a number of initiatives such as player sponsorship and colts kit.

Of equal importance in signing up as an Alumnus, you will have a say in the future considerations for Fletcher's Fields. As many of you know, there has been serious consideration among the membership to sell Fletcher's Fields.





VIRTUAL CLUBHOUSE

We are looking 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.

Think of it as a place you can go and look up the club history. This will eventually be part of the club's web site where one could look up pictures, documents and possibly videos / stories of the club's past.

Today's technology makes this possible as long as we can collect some of the information that is currently scattered around in boxes and computers of members across the globe.

If you have something to contribute, please contact Michael Homer: mg-homer@sympatico.ca

You can email pictures and/or stories or coordinate for us to pick up your material and we will scan it in order for it to be uploaded into the club house. Here are a few recent submissions...



Although we are the Toronto Scottish, somehow we left some Welshmen in. Can you name them, if so, I am, sure they will buy you a beer the next time you meet!



Team photo of the what has been called the missing years. We are trying to make sure we have all the names and the correct year, please pass on your comments to mg-homer@sympatico.ca.

OLD BLUE

Dear fellow Alumnus,

Where do rugby players go after playing for the First XV's? Passing on the mantle to younger (and, begrudgingly, talented) players makes it easier to let other commitments overtake the Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday regime.

Most of us know that retiring from the game is a drawn out process as the cravings to "dig cleats into dirt" hardly subsides. A few continue bravely through ancient injuries and find their Saturday kick-off times starting earlier in the day as they embrace the noble role of "mentoring" on the field.

However, no collection of players on any given Saturday can compare to the camaraderie and familiarity that manifested itself in players from each of our First XV seasons.

The Old Blue is resurfacing this season to bring together past club players again. Ontario's over-35s rugby community is strong and the Scottish will be a part of it again.

A preliminary schedule has been drafted and training towards our season opener on June 26th versus the Nomads (1pm at Ashbridges Bay) is underway. Room for more players with "the craving" will be made so join us at Sunnybrook Park, practicing alongside the rest of the club, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. (As a side note, with Minis and Colts practices held on Thursday's one field over, you can be a legend with your spouse by getting both yourself and your kids out of the house!)

Get back on the pitch, back into the game and back in the club. Support the Old Blue.

JASON LEWIS

MINI RUGBY

Dear fellow Alumnus,

After small beginnings we are celebrating the fourth year of Mini Rugby with the largest group of kids ever registered.

We have 32 kids from the ages of 4 to 13 signed and paid up. The kids are loving it as well as the parents.

There is a good group of new kids in the Under 8s, only a few U10s and 14 U12s. As they get older, many of the U12s started out as U8s and hopefully will continue on to the colts and senior teams.

It is great to see some of the really old guys (the ones I used to play with) show up with their kids to play flag rugby. It is also encouraging to see the amount of help in coaching this year.

Colin Shaw, Bill Webb, Gil Quesnelle, Jason Lewis for the U8s, Mike Homer and Stephen Boughton (whose daughter is not even playing!) with the U10 and myself, Andy Smyth, Jamie Mistry with the U12s. There also are many parents who have leant a hand without any prodding.

I think the parents like the sport so much because we take a relaxed, relatively unstructured (compared to other sports) approach. We stress learning, having fun and respect for one another.



Another new development this year is a Parent's Package we put together to familiarize those new to the game, with the coaching concept and philosophy. There is a Code of Conduct that has to be signed by both the player and the parents as well as a Medical Report as part of the club's Emergency Action Plan. Stephen Metcalfe is our Child Protection Officer.

So as you can see we as a club are getting well organized but there is always room for improvement. All the alumni's support is greatly appreciated.

YOURS IN RUGBY,
TIGER



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WOMEN'S ALUMNI

Dear fellow Alumnus,

Calling all former women players, supporters, coaches and drinkers!

The time has come to form a women's alumni section within the Toronto Scottish, so we want to hear from YOU!

It's easy to get involved and stay informed regarding current games and events as well as alumni functions. Just send us your contact information and we will take care of the rest.

Since the formation of the women's team in 1992, we have seen several faces pass through the club so let's make an effort to reconnect with everyone.

Send us your pictures from the sidelines or barlines so we can all reminisce. Look forward to hearing from you.

HEATHER HUNT
WOMEN'S LIAISON

Did you know....

The Toronto Scottish has had 14 women players represent Canada?

TORONTO SCOTTISH 60th ANNIVERSARY - 2013

Dear fellow Alumnus,

We all remember how fantastic the 50th was, we now need to get ready for the 60th.

We are looking for volunteers to assist the club in the planning and organizing of events. Please let us know if you are interested by writing back to alumni@torontoscottish.ca.

We are not only looking for volunteers but ideas as well. So don't be shy, let us know what will make our 60th anniversary events the most memorable... It's your club!

MICHAEL HOMER

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