



Clemson Rugby Foundation

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If you are reading this...

You are a potential member of the Clemson Rugby Foundation (CRF)! More details about that as you read on. This newsletter is the first official communication of the new CRF. The CRF will be producing two newsletters a year to keep members and future members up-to-date with all news related to fund raising, foundation support provided to the team, and alumni news.

Why a new foundation? - There is a very simple answer to this question. The standard of rugby in America has risen over the last 15 years. This is great news for rugby as a whole but presents a number of challenges for the current generation of Clemson rugby players. The current team faces stronger, well funded teams, higher travel costs (required to compete at the higher level), increased academic standards, and many more challenges. Clemson rugby has had an outstanding team performance in the last 15 years, it is now time for additional alumni support to continue this trend.

Mission and Goals - The CRF has developed four main areas that it believes are important to the future of rugby at Clemson University. It should be noted that many of the items listed here are both short and long term goals.

- 1) Member development - The CRF will help with coaching, player development, tutoring, safety, supplemental health insurance, and scholarships.
- 2) Club Quality - Focus will be given to facilities, equipment and recruitment.
- 3) Travel - Supplement travel costs.
- 4) Youth Rugby Support - Philanthropy and community service.

Alumni News and Announcements

- *Will Phillips, 02'* - Will and his fiancé Sarah Blakeney are currently in the process of moving from California to Charleston, SC. Will and Sarah will be getting married in 2009. We wish them luck for the move and wedding.
- *Jim Doherty, 97'* - Jim and his wife Ronda have recently had their third child. Baby BLANK BLANK was born BLANK.
- *Jim Gaine, 99'* - Jim and his wife Erin have recently relocated to San Francisco, CA. Jim has taken a new position with his company Belimed. Erin will be attending Santa Clara University to earn a masters in counseling psychology.
- *Jeremy McCorkle, 03'* - Viva Las Vegas! Jeremy and his fiancé Amanda Conley will be tying the knot this fall in Vegas. No word on if Elvis can make the wedding.
- *Matt Giles, 05'* - Matt Giles recently married Jennifer Stevens. The wedding was held in the beautiful Clemson Botanical Gardens.

Fund Raising

The CRF has been actively raising funds for the planned initiatives. So far the foundation has received pledges and donations in excess of \$10,000.

Donate Today!

If you would like to donate to the foundation there are several ways : -

- 1) Paypal - Please visit <http://www.clemsonrugby.com>. On the homepage click 'Donate to the Team'.
- 2) Check - Please send a check made out to 'Clemson Rugby Foundation'. Mail the check to the Clemson Rugby Foundation, c/o Jim Gaine, 10 Palm Circle Road, Woodside, CA 94062.
- 3) Visit any local Wachovia Branch. Simply ask the cashier to make a donation to the Clemson Rugby Foundation.

For all donations you will receive a receipt before the next tax cycle.

Join The Foundation

Joining the foundation is very simple. Donate \$150.00 to the foundation yearly to be an active member. Please see the front page for ways to donate. Donating to the CRF gives you an immediate way to have an impact on the current Clemson Rugby team. Through donating you have a voice on how the foundation can support the team. It should be noted that the board of directors has final say regarding how funds will be invested and spent.

About the foundation and board of directors

The basics, the CRF is a non-profit 501 c-3 organization in the state of South Carolina. What this means is that all the CRF is able to accept tax deductible contributions! To be able to meet these requirements the CRF add to create a board of directors, create by-laws and a mission statement.

The current board members include : -



James C. Baxter, 98'
 • Director of Public Relations
 - Business Information Manager, International Paper
 - CURFC Field and Manager, Webmaster



Andras Q. Bende, 98'
 • Director of Finance
 - Chief Financial Officer, GE Working Capital Solutions
 - CURFC Captain, Coach

Dr. Andrew Dotterweich, 96'
^a Director of Competitions
 -Assistant Professor/Graduate Assistants Director,
 East Tennessee State University
 - CURFC Captain, Treasurer



Jim Gaine, 99'
 • President
 - Planning & Design Manager, Belimed Inc.
 - CURFC Coach, President, Treasurer



Shawn Hanna, 05'
 • Secretary
 - Law Enforcement Office, SC Department of Natural Resources
 - CURFC Recruiting Chairman

Wayne 'LD' Smith, 80' Update

For those reading this that do not know Wayne 'LD' Smith, it is time for you to get to know a Clemson Rugby legend. LD has been a staple of Clemson Rugby for almost 30 years.

LD in late 2006 was diagnosed with stage 4 non-hodgkins lymphoma. He immediately went into various forms of treatment for this aggressive cancer. In 2007 LD enrolled in a 24 month experimental program to combat the lymphoma. Only 50 people in the US were accepted into the program. All through 2007 monthly very tiring trips to Houston were made for treatment. As is his character he never complained once!

LD gives a lot of credit to the many wonderful doctors, nurses, family and friends that have helped in his recovery. However in true fashion he has shared with me that he believes that guinness helped lead to his recovery! After one particular session of chemotherapy the doctors were concerned about his white blood cell, and hemoglobin counts. Following this drinking one guinness each day for 4 days doubled them!

LD is pleased to share that the treatments have ended and now only requires regular check-ups! Finally LD would like to point out that cancer is longer always a death sentence. The treatments he received only became available early this decade.

If you want to drop LD an email he can be reached at rugger2@alltel.net

Calendar

October 17th - CRF Annual Meeting, Clemson
 October 18th - CURFC Homecoming Tailgate
 October 19th - Annual Alumni Match

Newsletter Contact

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