

# Clemson Rugby Foundation

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Fall Newsletter 2009

## Clemson Rugby Fall Schedule:

- **September 18**  
*Appalachian State 7PM*
- **September 25**  
*Kennesaw State 8PM*
- **October 3**  
*@Rucktoberfest Tourn.*
- **October 10**  
*@Palmetto Tournament*
- **October 16**  
*Western Carolina 7PM*
- **October 30**  
*Coastal Carolina 9PM*
- **November 1**  
*Alumni Match 1PM*
- **November 14**  
*@LAU Tournament*

## Alumni News and Updates:

### 2009 CU Rugger Babies:

- Atkinson '94 – A Girl
- Dotterweich '96 – A Boy
- Raad '97 – A Boy
- Kershner '98 – Twins
- Cartner '99 – A Girl
- Elledge '00 – Twins
- Sheets – Twins
- Tate 01' – A Girl
- Choate '01 – A Girl
- Faistl '00 – A Boy
- Moore '05 – A Girl

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See us at:

[clemsonrugby.com/crf](http://clemsonrugby.com/crf)

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## Big News! Scholarships for Rugby

We are happy to announce the Clemson Rugby Foundation's first-ever Clemson Rugby Foundation Team Scholar Award for the fall of 2009. Scholarships for rugby club members have been a goal of the Foundation from the beginning, and this award is the first step toward rewarding club member achievements and sacrifice. This award is a \$1,000 contribution made by the Foundation toward tuition costs of the recipient(s.)

We would like to recognize the finalists for the award: Wayne Bassett, Thomas Martin, Nolton O'Neal, Ethan Picone, Ben Wallence and Appie Wells. Each of these players made great contributions to the team during the 2008/2009 season and were recognized by the team for their achievements:

<b>Most Valuable Player (Backs)</b>	Wayne Bassett '09
<b>Most Improved Player</b>	Thomas Martin '10
<b>Clemson Rugger Awards</b>	Nolton O'Neal '10, Appie Wells '10
<b>Rookie of the Year</b>	Ethan Picone '12
<b>Most Valuable Player (Forwards)</b>	Ben Wallence '09

We're proud of these players and thank them for their contribution and dedication to the team, for their applications, and for taking the time to speak with members of the Foundation. The criteria evaluated were academics, contribution to rugby, activities and service to the University as well as community.

For the fall of 2009 we're pleased to announce two CRF Team Scholar Awards - to Nolton O'Neal and Ethan Picone. Nolton is a senior from Hopkins, SC studying Forest Resource Management. He's considering graduate school after finishing at Clemson this year and may pursue a PhD in Forestry. Ethan was a high school rugby player at St. John's Prep in Danvers, Massachusetts before Clemson and is currently a sophomore. He studies History and Japanese and is considering a career in law. Ethan has been on the Dean's list each of his first two semesters at Clemson.

In conjunction with the awards to Nolton and Ethan, I would like to announce two upcoming \$500 awards to fall newcomers to the team. These awards will be announced after the fall season to two new members of the team who show promise and potential and who represent the best of Clemson Rugby both on and off the field.

As the efforts of the Foundation gain momentum and as our funding prospects progress, we will look to make awards like these, part of our ongoing operating routine. The Foundation will be looking to put together an awards committee this fall to develop the longer-term vision for how we can best strengthen the team through awards to current and prospective players, so stay tuned as we move forward with this.

Again, our congratulations to Nolton O'Neal and Ethan Picone, the first CRF Team Scholar Award winners and our recognition and thanks to Wayne, Thomas, Ben and Appie.

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## Homecoming 2009: Oct. 30 - Nov. 1st

Last year's event raised over \$7,000 for the Clemson Rugby Foundation to benefit Clemson Rugby and the CRF's mission. As we hope to improve the experience every year the Club and the CRF listened to many suggestions and this year's events promises to beat all expectations. Please contact Shawn Hanna, CRF Secretary, with any questions regarding the weekend's events. We hope to see everyone in October!

### Schedule of Events:

**Friday: October 30<sup>th</sup>**

6:30PM - CRF Annual General Meeting  
8PM - Clemson Old Boys Match vs Greenville Old Guys  
9PM - Clemson University Rugby vs Coastal Carolina University

**Saturday: October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Welcome Back Tailgate (begins 3 hours before kickoff)

**Sunday: November 1<sup>st</sup>**

Noon - Annual Alumni Match  
2PM - Rugby BBQ Social

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## Joining the Foundation

Contributing to the Clemson Rugby Foundation is a way to have an immediate impact on the current Clemson Rugby club and youth rugby in the area. You will not only have a voice in how the foundation can support the team, but you will also be contributing to enhancing the player experience and improving the level of play for the club. For more information about joining the CRF, please contact a member or see our web site at: [www.clemsonrugby.com/crf](http://www.clemsonrugby.com/crf)

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## Mission and Goals

The Clemson Rugby Foundation will guide and assist the student members of the Clemson University Rugby Football Club in any endeavors or goals related to rugby, that the team and the CRF choose to pursue. All endeavors must be constructive and contribute to the positive image of the sport of rugby or to the CURFC's status as a student organization at Clemson University.

The goals are outlined on the web site in detail but they include:

1. **CURFC Member Development:** player development, coaching, tutoring, supplemental health insurance, safety, scholarships
2. **Club Quality:** facilities, equipment, recruiting
3. **Travel:** financial support for the team's travel
4. **Youth Rugby Support:** philanthropy and community service

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