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Dear James,

Homecoming is just 3 weeks away!! Planning and execution for the entire weekend is almost all finished and this year's homecoming looks to be even bigger than last years. Look forward to the annual Founder's dinner, the AGM meeting, a Saturday full of tailgating and catching up and a Sunday of Rugby dominated by Alumni playmakers.

It's the start of the 2011 - 2012 Rugby Season and there is a lot of excitement on the horizon. The Tigers look to expand upon their 4th place inaugural finish in the Atlantic Coast Rugby League. Their veteran players have set forth lofty goals for the team and they have the ambition and drive to follow through on them.

Homecoming

October 6th through October 9th

Just three weeks away from the weekend every Clemson Tiger Alum looks forward to, Homecoming and this year's attendance looks to be the biggest ever. The overall goals of this weekend are two fold for the Clemson Rugby Foundation. The first is to ensure a great time is had by all Alumni, current players, family and friends. The Foundation does this by planning the weekend out and paying attention to the good and bad of previous Homecomings to put together the best weekend possible for everyone. The second reason is to garner further membership for the Foundation. Its the members of the Clemson Rugby Foundation that make a lot of things possible for the current Men's and Women's Rugby teams. The benefits that we offer the team are listed below in the membership section of this newsletter.



Schedule of Events for Homecoming 2011:

Thursday Oct. 6th - Founder's Dinner

This is the opportunity for every CRF member who has donated to the Touch Line Level or above to be recognized for their generous donations and support of the team as well as a chance to sit for a wonderful dinner and get to meet some of the current coaching staff and honorary guests from the University on a personal level. This is the second annual Founder's dinner. Last year's inaugural dinner was a great success and gave the Foundation a more serene evening to better honor those that have given generously of themselves.

The Founder's Dinner is by invite only and all members donating at the Touch Line Level or above will receive an invitation.

Friday Oct. 7th - Annual General Meeting

The AGM is the opportunity of the Board to update the CRF members on the current status of the Foundation as well as the accomplishments of the previous year and the goals and objectives of the upcoming year. Elections for Board members will also take place during the AGM.

Friday Oct. 7th - Rugby Matches

After the AGM the entire CRF heads up to the intramural fields for the kickoff of the Men's Rugby game.

Saturday Oct. 8th - CRF Tailgate

This is every Alums opportunity to catch up and spend time with their rugby family. It's also a chance to meet the current coaching staff as well as some of the current players of the team.

Sunday Oct. 9th - Alumni Match

The annual Alumni match pitting the current team against those that came before them. If last year's turnout was any indication, the Alumni may have enough to field several teams.

Sunday Oct. 9th - Post Match BBQ

After defeating the current team the alumni can look forward to an afternoon of BBQ, beer and catching up as the CRF will hold a post match bbq again this year.

Please be sure to follow the Homecoming page on facebook as specifics for this weekend including locations and times will be coming out over the next week and a final email detailing that information will be sent out.

[Keep up with Clemson Rugby's 2011 Homecoming on Facebook.](#)

Tiger Rugby

Fall '11 and Spring '12 Seasons

The Tigers are finishing up their 7's season this weekend with a trip to Greensboro, NC for the Atlantic Coast Invitational. This weekend will see the Tigers compete against the rest of the Atlantic Coast teams in order to win a bid to the National 7's tournament. Read up on the weekend [here](#) as well as [here](#) and the schedule of games [here](#).

This year's returning veterans to the team have already noted a feeling of excitement throughout the team. They realize as do the coaches that the Tigers are on the verge of something big and the right moment mixed with the team's current moment could set the Tigers off on a tear through the ACC.

To get started the Coaches have set out on a rigorous training regimen for the veterans and an intermixed training schedule to bring the new recruits up to speed. While the recruiting class might bring excitement to the team they have also seen 25 to 30 new individuals at practice. While there will be some expected drop out from some of these players the team looks to retain one of the best

and largest rookie classes in quite some time. This can only add depth to the already strong veteran core group. This core group was responsible for taking a Tiger team picked to finished last in the ACC to 4th place. The schedule for the spring ACRL games can be found [here](#).

RugbyMag has released its preseason DI top 25 and while Clemson did not make the list a couple of teams that are on Clemson's usual schedule did.

South Carolina is ranked in at 13th game TBD

Maryland is ranked in at 21st game 03/10/2012

CRF Membership

Supporting Clemson Rugby

Level	Yearly Donation
Founder (Club 1967)	\$2,500
First 15 (Scholarship Club)	\$1,000
Try Line	\$500
Touch Line	\$250
Dues	\$150
Supporter	\$20 - \$150

The CRF looks to expand its membership to 100 this year. Reaching out to seniors and parents is a small step that the foundation

looks to take. Also our membership chair, James Baxter, is in the process of forming a committee of decades chairs to assist in recruiting CRF members from those specific eras.

The Clemson Rugby Foundation is looking to support its members and graduating Clemson rugby students by building a jobs network. If you are able to assist or know of any job openings in your area please forward them on to the [CRF](#) to be disseminated amongst our members.

Every year the CRF has grown leaps and bounds and its through the support of our current membership that has made this possible. The CRF gives back to its members each year during homecoming. Putting together a tailgate, the alumni game as well as our now second annual Founder's Dinner. However, its how the CRF gives back to the team that is the most important and the reason that our membership has grown over the years.

Insurance:

It had long been a goal of the CRF to supply the rugby teams with supplemental insurance in the event of injury or other on field accidents that may occur. As we all know playing Rugby can result in some storied scars to share stories about. The CRF wanted to eliminate the part of that story that involved players paying out of pocket. Luckily USARUGBY started an insurance program for all teams and the CRF jumped at the opportunity to meet this goal. This year the CRF looks to continue meeting this goal by supporting and purchasing this supplemental insurance for both teams as they play through out the season.

Scholarships:

The CRF handed out its first, of what it hopes to be many, scholarship this season. The scholarship was a \$4000 award to be given out in \$1000 increments each year over a 4 year period. The scholarship program looks to expand by one scholarship each year for the foreseeable future. These scholarships will help the coaches

during recruitment to lock up potential star athletes that are looking to come to Clemson.

On Field Trainer:

Looking back over the years, a critical missing piece on game day was an on field trainer. Someone who could be there immediately in case of emergency. The CRF set out immediately to remedy this situation and pays to have an on field trainer available at least at all games.

Coaching:

For a period of time there was doubt as to whether the team would field a coach. However, they pushed through interviewed several very talented individuals and decided on Coach Hickey. The CRF saw this as a great opportunity to help make this a relationship between coach and team that would last for a long time. The CRF has supported the team by helping to cover the cost for the new coach.

Recruiting:

Materials, travel and face time are all things that the CRF has donated over the years to support the team during its recruiting process and this incoming class of freshmen is the proof that our efforts have paid off. Clemson has brought in one of the strongest classes in the south and possibly the US.

[Check out this article from RugbyMag on the recruiting class.](#)

These are the big ticket items that your dues go to. There is a lot more planned and many more goals for the CRF to reach so be sure to get your Dues in on time for Homecoming and the AGM this year and be sure to attend the AGM to find out what more you can do. Also, people reaching the Touch Line Level of donations will receive an invitation to our second annual Founder's Dinner. Visit the [Homecoming Facebook](#) page for updates regarding events and times and keep your eyes on your email in the coming week for final specifics regarding the events of Homecoming weekend.

Announcements

If you have an announcement that you would like to share with your fellow Alumni please send it in so that we may add it to the announcement section of the Newsletter.

The Clemson Rugby Foundation works hard year round to support the rugby programs of Clemson University so that the students may have the opportunity to focus more on what is important to them, bettering themselves, academics and community outreach. The support of the CRF is directly related to the giving and support of its own membership base. People like you who give of themselves to make Clemson Rugby the best program state side. So please take the time to look over the coming events for Homecoming and make it to as many, if not all, that you can so that the CRF and Clemson Rugby can say thank you for all that you've done.

Sincerely,

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