

CLEMSON RUGBY FOUNDATION

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Dear Players, Alumni, Parents and Friends of Clemson Rugby,

This past weekend was Homecoming weekend for Clemson Rugby and it was by far, the largest turnout of Alumni, family and supporters to date. Our weekend began Thursday night as the Clemson Rugby Foundation hosted a dinner for its largest supporters as well as key members of the University who have helped take Clemson Rugby to new levels this past year. A great time was had by all and a plaque, which is on display in the Fike trophy cabinet, was presented to the larger donors of the Foundation in honor of their generous giving.

The events continued Friday evening prior to the rugby match with the CRF hosting the annual meeting at Fike Rec. Center. About 15 members as well as the Board were present to review and discuss the Foundation's projects as well as a brief presentation from the Captain and President of the Clemson Rugby Club. The CURFC leaders outlined their goals and explained how they plan to achieve them.

A productive meeting led to some changes within the Board as well as some new additions. Shawn Hanna resigned his post as Board Secretary only to accept a nomination as the CRF Director of Competitions after the resignation of Andy Dotterweich earlier this year. In his new role, Shawn is better aligned with his on-going recruiting efforts and his role in other projects such as coaching and scholarships. James Baxter accepted the nomination to Board Secretary and in this new role will expand the responsibilities to include the Director of Membership.

Former CURFC President, Darius Samii '05, was nominated and later accepted the Director of Public Relations position. Darius has been an integral part in the execution of the CRF Scholarship program and will be a great asset to the Board and CRF. This realignment should ensure even greater effectiveness toward helping the CURFC achieve their future goals.



Following the Foundation meeting, the attendees headed over to the upper intramural fields to support our Clemson Tigers as they took on Greenville in a heated match on the rugby pitch. There was a large crowd including Men's and Women's Alumni, family members, as well as many of the current women's team who had just beaten Auburn. Both games were hard fought and showcased many of the highlights of the teams. Alas, Greenville's experience proved to be too much for the Tigers as they defeated the Clemson Men 28-0. The score however, was not indicative of how the Clemson Rookies and Vets played against the Griffins.

Saturday morning the Clemson Rugby family made its way out to their annual homecoming tailgate early, as the Homecoming football game started at noon. Gorgeous weather was on hand for an amazing tailgate that brought many alumni and current team members together. Despite a football team loss against Miami, the ruggers did not despair and headed back to the tailgate after the game to continue catching up, meeting new and old members of the Clemson Rugby Family.



Sunday saw the annual alumni matches for the men's and women's teams. The women's team took to the field first to play against their lady alumni, however the grads proved to be too strong for the current team and the score quickly got out of hand as the women alumni showcased their speed and power for the newer team. Next, the men's team took the field and a disheveled group of individuals banded together for a couple more minutes of glory. However the current team had other plans and looked to spoil the alumni's return. The game was broken into four quarters as the alumni saw one of their largest turnouts ever for the game. The first quarter was all current team as it took a while for the alumni to knock the dust off of their boots.

After twenty minutes of play the alumni came back in the second quarter with a stronger resolve and saw themselves evening the playing field with the current team. The third quarter however was all alumni as the constant cycle of fresh legs proved too much for the CURFC.

In the final quarter however, the college team fought back trying to pull out an upset yet, in the end they fell short as the alumni were victorious for another year by a margin of just a few tries. When the games finally came to an end the Rugby Family headed to Overtime for a final gathering where everyone got a last chance to catch up on old times and the weekend's events. As well as enjoy some amazing barbeque before many had to take their long drives or flights home.

In all, Homecoming was a great success for the Clemson Rugby Foundation, our extended Rugby Family and especially for the Clemson Rugby players. Two members of the 60's Clemson Rugby era made their way out for some of the weekend's events, Reade Baxley and Larry Osborne. Most importantly, the goals for our future giving were outlined as well as a successful plan to build the name of Clemson Rugby to the next level. The Foundation put forth donor recognition levels to recognize those that have given.

Those levels are:

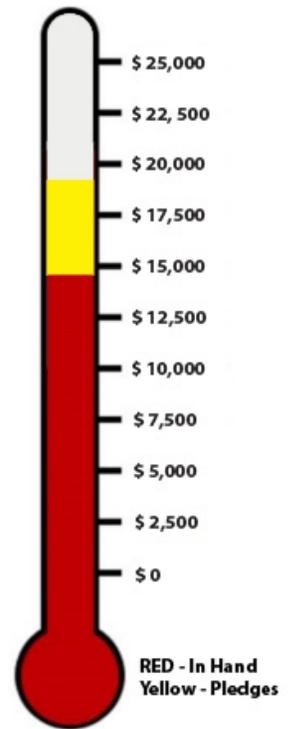
Founder (Club 1967)	-	\$2,500/yr.
First 15 (Scholarship Club)	-	\$1,000/yr.
Try Line	-	\$500/yr.
Touch Line	-	\$250/yr.
Dues	-	\$150/yr.
Supporter	-	\$20 - \$150/yr.

Those donors that reach the Try Line level or above are recognized on the Donor's Plaque located in the Fike trophy case and those that reach the Touch Line level or above are invited to and honored at the "Founder's Dinner" held during Homecoming weekend. In all, 31 donations were collected totaling \$14,500 and another 15 pledges were taken for an additional \$5,200. The Foundation is well on its way to its \$25,000 mark for the year but still needs more support. These will be used for scholarships, certified athletic trainers at the games, recruiting, as well as helping to bring talented coaches to the Clemson Rugby Club. These areas of need have been outlined by members of the CURFC and will certainly improve the Clemson Rugby experience. The Clemson Rugby Foundation thanks everyone who took part in the festivities over homecoming weekend and we look forward to many more opportunities to spend time with our Clemson Family.

Thank you,
Clemson Rugby Foundation

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