

Clemson Rugby Foundation

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Alumni News and Updates:

New CU Rugger Babies:

- M. Brown '98 – Gavin Lyle Brown, Nov 17, 2009.

Playing the game:

- Jason Hinchman and Dutch Jones are currently playing for the Charlotte Super League Team. Jason has earned the team captaincy. Read more at: RugbyMag.com

Clemson Homecoming 2010:

- October, 2nd vs Miami

Competitions Update:

New League:

- The CURFC recently decided to join the Atlantic Coast League. [Click here for more information.](#)

We're on the Web!

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clemsonrugby.com/crf

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2009 Fund Raising - \$15,000 Goal Met!

The Clemson Rugby Foundation has been able to reach a major milestone thanks to all of its generous members and supporters. We are proud to announce that the Foundation met the fund raising goal of 2009 by raising \$15,000. A big thank you from the Foundation Board members on making this possible!

We had several successful events that made reaching this goal possible. The Foundation is already planning the 2010 events.

Recent Progress - Trainer and New Award

The Foundation is pleased to announce that a professional trainer began working with the team this past season. Mike Duffy is a qualified Athletic Trainer with over ten years of experience. The team's response has been very positive regarding the presence of a trainer at games and training sessions. The Club has also expressed their gratitude for the CRF's support in making this happen.

A new additional team award is currently being planned by the Foundation. We are working with the coaching staff to develop a 'new comer' award. A short list of possible recipients has been provided by the coaching staff. Each candidate will be interviewed by a Board member in order to help determine the recipient of the award. We hope to be able to issue the 'New Comer' award in the fall 2010. The Foundation will be issuing a \$1000 of awards this spring to team members.

2010 Fund Raising - New target of \$25,000 and Membership Drive to 100

The new target of \$25,000 is an amount that the Board believes is something that the Foundation can achieve with solid work. The fact that the CRF was able to raise \$15,000 in a year of great financial uncertainty says a lot about our current members and their commitment to the goals of the CRF.

One of the most impressive things about meeting the 2009 fund raising goal was that 49 CRF members made it possible. This is something that every member of the Foundation should be proud of. We look forward to your support in 2010. The rugby team has approximately 450 alumni, which means we have a lot of opportunity to increase the Foundations membership. If you are in contact with any fellow alumni that are not currently receiving the newsletters and fund raising material please encourage them to pass on their contact information to any Board member.

The Foundation would like to increase our membership to 100 in 2010. Please help us, talk to your old teammates and encourage them to get involved!

12 Tigers on the 2009 Palmetto All-Star Team
 Congratulations to the following: -

*Bellman, Ian
 Blaser, Tyler
 Disanto, Christopher
 Fetty, Matt
 Guest, Chris
 Kelley, Tyler
 King, Brian
 Mattie, Tyler
 Newton, Russ
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Donations - New Mailing Address

The Clemson Rugby Foundation has chosen National Tax Service to help manage the process of receiving, processing donations and issuing tax documents. For future donations please send them to : -

Clemson Rugby Foundation, c/o National Tax Service
 PO Box 1667, Clemson, SC 29633

2010 Projects and initiatives

The Foundation is already working on multiple initiatives for 2010 and beyond. Here is a brief list of active and planned projects.

- Active player recruitment in North and South Carolina.
- Development of a scholarship committee.
- Decade committees.
- Endowment scholarships.
- Dedicated Foundation website.

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

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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