

Clemson Rugby Foundation

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Summer Newsletter 2010

Alumni News and Updates:

Molly and Michael Honeycutt, 00

- Baby Miles May 17th.

Playing the game:

- Rick Clanton, 78 – Played at the Can-Am 7s tournament this summer.
- The Cobra 7s team played in both the Greenville and Columbia tournaments.

Clemson Homecoming 2010:

- October, 2nd vs. Miami

CURFC Joins The ACR League:

- The Clemson Rugby team has joined the newly formed Atlantic Coast Rugby League. Clemson joins 9 other ACC university teams in the league. For more information visit www.acirugby.com/

Collegiate 7's Gains Momentum:

- The first collegiate 7's championship was played this past June. www.usasevensccl.com
- CURFC to play in the ACI 7's tournament.

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2010 Homecoming: Oct 1st - Oct 3rd

The CRF has begun planning for the third annual homecoming event. Please start making your plans to attend this year's event. Details are being finalized but there's sure to be plenty of rugby, lots of food and drink, and great times.

In addition to the fun we'll be holding the Clemson Rugby Foundation's Annual General Meeting where everybody can get up to speed and give their thoughts on what the Foundation has achieved to date and what the future will hold. We'll also look to honor Clemson Rugby's biggest supporters. Full details will be distributed as the date approaches, but please mark your calendars for October 1st through October 3rd.

Last year's event was a great success. Our thanks again to Shawn Hanna and Reed Brogan for all their work arranging last year's event.



New rugby scholarships awarded, Scholarship Committee created

This year the Clemson Rugby Foundation made selections for its second annual Clemson Rugby Scholar Awards for the fall of 2010. This award is a \$1,000 contribution made by the Foundation toward tuition costs of the recipient(s). The scholarship is the Foundation's way of rewarding club members who show promise and potential and who represent the best of Clemson rugby with their on and off field accomplishments.

The criteria evaluated for the award were academics, contribution to rugby, activities and service to the University as well as community. This year the five finalists for the award were: Matthew Fetty, Chris Gagnon, Russ Newton, Daniel Sperry, and Justin Warzoha. Each player made great contributions to the team during the 2009/2010 season. We would like to thank all of the nominees this year for their hard work and dedication to the team, for their applications, and for taking the time to speak with members of the Foundation.

For the fall of 2010 the Foundation is pleased to announce award winners Matthew Fetty and to Justin Warzoha. Matthew is a sophomore from Olney, MD studying Marketing and Finance. He played rugby in high school and is looking to become a stand out leader on the team in the upcoming year. Justin is a sophomore from CT and is studying Business Management. Justin played rugby all four years in high school and would some day like to be working in the sports industry.

This past off season the Foundation, through the efforts of the Scholarship Committee, has made great strides in expanding and progressing the Foundation scholarship initiative and setting a long term plan to award those players that best represent the club and to utilize scholarships as a recruiting tool. In addition to board member Andras Bende, foundation members Will Phillips, Reed Brogan and Darius Samii have joined the committee and are working to shape the future of scholarships for Clemson Rugby.

The efforts of the Foundation to award the team and players is only made possible through the great contributions and funding of their supporters. Once again congratulations to Matt and Justin and our recognition and thanks to Chris, Russ, and Daniel.

Alumni Giving Back:

Currently coaching

- Andras Bende – Antwerp RFC
- Reed Brogan – Greenville HS
- Chad Elledge – Spring Valley HS
- Jim Gainé – Santa Clara University
- Jason Hinchman – East Mecklenburg HS
- Andy Pelland – Lowcountry HS Rugby
- Will Phillips – Wando HS

Call for Contributions: August already! The CRF continues to make progress. However we can only continue our efforts with your support. In order to plan for 2011 please send in your donations soon!

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Coach Wright steps down, Search for next Men's Rugby Leader in process

After 5 dedicated years as Head Coach of the Clemson Rugby team, Coach Wright is stepping down in order to dedicate more time to his family and his personal business. The Foundation and all members of the Clemson Rugby family thank Coach Wright for the dedication he has shown by working with the team these past years. We look forward to seeing him in Clemson in the years to come and wish him the very best!

The team has secured a coach Mike May to cover the collegiate rugby 7's season (August to Mid-September.) Mike, also the Women's 15's coach, is a 7's specialist and will ensure the team shows it's very best in the ACC 7's tournament in September. In the meantime, both the CRF and the team have been busy making contact with coaching candidates across the country and Europe. Though the coaching decision is one made by the team and the University, the CRF is playing a pivotal role in assisting the team in the candidate identification process, contract negotiation, and ultimately meeting the funding requirements of the new coach. More to come on this as the Foundation, the team, and the University work to secure the next Men's Rugby leader at Clemson.

CRF - New Website

The Clemson Rugby Foundation is glad to announce that we have an official website. Once complete the website will provide information on the goals of the foundation, news, how to contribute, and more. Please take a few minutes to visit the site at <http://www.clemsonrugbyfoundation.org>

Recruiting Update

The CRF sponsored printing 100 t-shirts with the Clemson rugby logo to be given away at the south high school playoffs held at Furman University in April. Over 90 players from 5 states joined the Foundation mailing list.

Shawn Hanna who helped coordinate the t-shirt giveaway with the team had this to say "Clemson lead the High School recruiting efforts once again, and I am pleased to see the current team being so proactive in gaining the interest of young ruggers. The key to future success is getting kids informed about all the benefits of a Clemson education and a rewarding Clemson Rugby experience."

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.clemsonrugbyfoundation.org

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