

# Clemson Rugby Foundation

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Winter Newsletter 2010

### Clemson Rugby Fall Schedule:

- **January 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
ECU 1 PM @ CU  
Result: W 12-8
- **January 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Furman 1 PM @ CU
- **February 6<sup>th</sup>**  
NC State 1 PM @ CU
- **February 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Wake Forest 1 PM
- **February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
UNC 1 PM @ CU
- **February 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Appalachian State 1 PM
- **March 5**  
USC 1 PM

### Alumni News and Updates:

- New CU Rugger Babies:*
- M. Brown '98 – Gavin Lyle Brown, Nov 17, 2009.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

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

[linkedin.com](http://linkedin.com)

[facebook](http://facebook)

## 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 paid for by the CRF has started to work with the team. John Doe is a qualified trainer working with company x. John Doe is attending two practices a week and each home game. There has been a very positive response from the team and Coach Wright regarding the presence of a trainer.

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 will be provided by the coaching staff. The recipients will be interviewed by a board member in order to help determine the best winner 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/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 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.
- Clemson World News article.

## 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)

## 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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