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#### Dear Jim,

It's rare that the CRF sends you another bit of news in such short order. However, during and after the Naval Academy match there was a great deal of discussion about fields among supporters. Those discussions have led to our ability to share some of the details regarding the new field complex. Also, as the team arrives in Knoxville to prepare for the first round of the Collegiate National Championships, we have learned other great news regarding future medical and athletic training support as well as some incredible recruiting tidbits that will have a great impact on the future of the team. This news and information was too good to hold for a Summer Newsletter.

### The CRF's support is working

From 2007-2012, the CRF has raised over \$100,000 to support the students of Clemson Rugby and their development at Clemson University. Along with the hard work of the students and coaching staff, the CRF contributions have had a tremendous impact on the students and the Clemson Rugby experience. There has been increasing interest and support each year from alumni, parents, professors, administrators and friends of Clemson Rugby. This shows that the CRF's initiatives are working and your support is making a difference. As the team takes the field this weekend against South Carolina in the Sweet 16, it's time to take another step forward.

#### We need your support to continue Clemson Rugby's success!

##### 2013 CRF Initiatives:

Rugby Field Complex  
Certified Athletic Trainer

It is with your generous gifts that the Clemson Rugby Foundation is able to support the student rugby players at Clemson and enable them to achieve their goals for years to come. Please consider how you can support some of the initiatives below and become an integral part of achieving the student's goals in 2013 and beyond.

Visit the CRF Website to learn more:

You can follow all matches via the CRF Twitter page.

[CRF Twitter feed](#)

### Our Sponsors

The Clemson Rugby Foundation is looking for sponsors for the team please contact the team or the CRF to have your company sponsored here.

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### **CONTRIBUTE TO THE CRF TODAY**

Contributions can be mailed to:  
Clemson Rugby Foundation  
c/o National Tax Service  
PO Box 1667  
Clemson, SC 29633

## Rugby Field Complex takes shape We need your support to make this a reality

Before, during and after the Naval Academy match a few weeks ago, there was a lot of discussion on the condition of the rugby field, why the team had to move the match to Furman and how we can provide better at Clemson. As mentioned in previous newsletters and first announced at Homecoming last fall, the Clemson University Board of Trustees approved the plans for a multimillion dollar project that includes new athletic fields for rugby, lacrosse and other competitive sports. In recent weeks, this has gained a great deal of momentum due to the spotlight placed on the poor facilities that are provided to the students for competitive sports.

Field plans at Campus Beach and Recreation Area



[Link to more plans for the site](#)

This project will not move forward with out some big help, big commitments and a great deal of passion for Clemson and Clemson University Rugby. The complex is part of a \$10,000,000 plan to redevelop the old Y-Beach area and the fields portion will require \$1mm to be completed. The CRF is asking you to get behind this initiative. This project will support all students at Clemson by providing proper athletic fields for competition that we can all be proud of. It's time to do something big and get behind the project that has been discussed for years in order to make it a reality.

Let's do this together!  
We need your support to make this happen!

If supporting this project interests you, or you have questions, please [contact us](#) to learn more.

## Recruiting News

### 30+ young ruggers have committed to Clemson

Yes, that's right, over 30 high school seniors and a few transfer students have been accepted and recently committed to Clemson's Coach Hickey that they will be Clemson Tigers starting in the fall of 2013!

Recruiting has been taking place at the top level of collegiate rugby for decades. It's not until recently that the explosive growth of high school rugby aligned with the CRF's funding to travel and meet with players, their families and coaches, has Clemson Rugby been able to recruit like these top programs. These young men hail from all regions of the US and abroad, while many come from the great HS programs we are seeing develop right here in South Carolina.

Coach Hickey has been reserved with his excitement as he focuses the team and the coaching staff on winning a National Championship. However, he has shared that the complementing effect of the team's senior leadership and the CRF's support has made Clemson Rugby a top choice of young rugby players seeking a great education and unparalleled rugby experience. The details of the class may have to wait until the late summer, but we've witnessed the excitement of future Clemson Ruggers on the sidelines this season and their parents have been effusive with their praise of Coach Hickey and the support of the CRF.

We look forward to supporting these future Tigers and heralding their success in the years to come!

**SUPPORT YOUR TIGERS WITH A CONTRIBUTION  
THIS SPRING!**

## **Clemson Rugby Athletic Trainer Grad Assistant Hired**

Leaders of the team took part in an extensive search and interview process to fill a university Grad Assistant position that will serve as the Certified Athletic Trainer for Clemson Rugby. The collaboration between the students, Clemson administration with the support of the CRF has allowed the team to move forward in the fall with an official team ATC. This is another achievement which shows that with determination, teamwork and great financial support the team can be provided proper medical support. The GA Rugby ATC will provide athletic training services and preparation before, during and following all rugby competition throughout the week.

Supporting this position would not be possible without your continued support of the CRF in 2013 and into the future.

## **Clemson Rugby History Team's photo archive getting noticed**

Since the last newsletter the response to the CRF Photo Archive has been incredible. The university is so excited about it they want to feature it and Clemson Rugby in an upcoming magazine release. More photos have been added and you can provide yours as well, so go check it out.

To view the photo archive click on the link  
[Clemson Rugby Photo Archive](#)

## **CRF Contribution Levels:**

### **CRF Supporter level**

- 10 members in 2012
- Contribution of less than \$150 / yr.

### **CRF Member (Dues) level**

- 19 members in 2012
- Contribution of \$150 / yr.
- Full membership and voting privileges
- Can be considered for Board position or Committee Chairperson

### **CRF Touch Line level**

- 15 members in 2012
- Contribution of \$250 / yr.
- Honored at homecoming - "Founder's Dinner" Invitation

### **CRF Try Line level**

- 12 members in 2012
- Contribution of \$500 / yr.
- Invitation to annual "Founder's Dinner," honored at dinner
- Name on CRF "Try Line Level" contributors listing on plaque in Fike trophy case

### **CRF "First 15" level (Scholarship Club)**

- 6 members in 2012
- Contribution of \$1,000 / yr.

- Name on CRF "First 15" plaque in Fike trophy case
- Linked to individual scholarship recipient - contributors receive special "thank you" notes
- Invitation to annual "Founder's Dinner," honored at dinner
- Honored at Sunday match and social, plaque presentation and photo with team

#### **CRF Founder level (Club 1967)**

- **2 members in 2012**
- Contribution of \$2,500 / yr.
- Name on CRF "Club 1967" contributors listing on plaque in Fike trophy case
- Yearly "thank you" note signed by entire Clemson Rugby team
- Invitation to annual "Founder's dinner," honored at dinner
- Honored at Sunday match and social, plaque presentation and photo with team and alumni

*Please remember all contributions to the CRF are eligible for matching gifts from your employer if they participate in this program. Your HR Manager should be able to help you. This is a great way to increase or even double your contribution.*

[Visit the CRF web site here!](#)

Thank you for supporting Clemson Rugby and considering a gift to support the Clemson Rugby Foundation's initiatives. We hope to see you at a match soon and look forward to sharing the impact of your support in person.

GO TIGERS!

**Sincerely,**

Jim Gaine  
President  
Clemson Rugby Foundation

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