

Tregenza Times

February 2010



Club Notices and Important Dates

28th Feb	Sunday	Coach education Foundation Course Juniors Registration Day 2-4pm Tregenza
10th Mar	Wednesday	Juniors First Training
19th Mar	Friday	IRB Sevens 2010 International Rugby Sevens Adelaide Business Lunch
19 -21 Mar	Fri - Sun	IRB Sevens International Rugby Sevens Adelaide
26th Mar	Friday	Bartercard Cup Round one
27th Mar	Saturday	Elizabeth 7's Elizabeth 7's
9th Apr	Friday	Bartercard Cup Round Two
10th Apr	Saturday	Preseason Pub Crawl
16th Apr	Friday	Bartercard Cup Round Three
17th Apr	Saturday	Juniors Junior 10 a side competition
24th Apr	Saturday	Community Rugby Day Final of Bartercard Cup & Walla and Mini Gala Day
1th May	Saturday	SA Rugby Round 1 Premiership Season

2010 International Rugby Sevens Adelaide Business Lunch



Supporting SA Rugby Junior Development and Variety the children's charity

Friday 19 March 1pm - 4pm
Adelaide Convention Centre

Keynote Speaker: Nick Farr-Jones, Former Wallabies Captain
Tickets: Table of 10 \$1,375 (ex gst), Individual Tickets \$145 (ex gst)

Three course meal, beer wine and soft drinks
(Each ticket includes one general admission ticket to the International Rugby Sevens Adelaide at Adelaide Oval on Friday Night 19 March)

To purchase tickets please contact Sue Thewlis 0431 566 116

From the Editor

Collegians, it's with pleasure that I introduce myself as the newsletter editor for 2010. I'm a little nervous about presenting my version of the truth to you throughout the upcoming season partially because I've never been a newsletter writer/editor before and mostly because I feel that I have some fairly large shoes to fill

On a personal note and as a senior player, I am very excited about season 2010. Having been present at the 2009 AGM and my first committee meeting, I've been able to listen to the discussion about the future of Old Collegians RUFC. There are some exciting things in store for the club and some interesting stories to tell.

I'll be asking frequently for any news and photos to publish in the Tregenza Times so if you think you've got anything worth telling (embarrassing, funny or informative) please don't hesitate to share over a beer or an email news@oldcollegiansrugby.org.au

We'll also be running a photo competition throughout the season with a prize to make it worth your while so read on to find out more. If you see me around the club and have any feedback about the current issue of TT, please let me know (good or bad). I won't punch you in the face, I promise.

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2009 Scholarship Winners

Nathaniel (Nat) Linder-Patton and Falaoa (Norman) Tuimaseve had a brilliant time at the Brumbies Camp. They trained hard, learnt new drills and skills, saw the Brumbies train, met Stirling Mortlock and Steven Hoyles in person, They talked to most of Brumbies team during their training session and came back tired, bruised, battered but well worth the experience and very grateful to OC's for the opportunity.

left: Nathaniel Linder-Patton - Howard Clay Scholarship
right: Falaoa Tuimaseve - Joyce Spry Scholarship

Adelaide Sevens Activities - Get Involved!

SARU are accepting nominations for players from SA clubs to be involved in some activities over the Adelaide Sevens weekend. If you are interested and want to be involved in any of these activities, contact Sue Thewlis

- Friday 19 March: **Parade of Nations**, opportunity for 12 year old players (16 in total) to carry a competing teams national flag
Each child will receive one adult and one child GA ticket.
- Saturday 20 March: **Tug of War** for senior players in Sevens Central Precinct with Final to be on Adelaide Oval (one team of eight plus team manager per club)
Winning Club receives a keg of Coopers Pale Ale or pack equivalent
- Sunday 21 March: **Fastest Club Man Race**, one senior player per club on Adelaide Oval.
*Each runner will receive one GA ticket.
Winning runner receives \$100 Kukri voucher*

Superhero Saturday!!!

Don't forget to dress as your favourite superhero on Superhero Saturday March 20th!! Grab your mates and dress up for the chance to win a Gilbert pack for the club. Also, it will give me, the editor lots of cool pictures to put in the next edition of TT.

Get your costume on!



SATURDAY, 20 MARCH

Round up your SA Rugby Club team-mates and dress up as your favourite Superhero!

For more info visit
adelaidesevens.com.au



You could WIN a Gilbert pack for your Club!

To purchase Gilbert Rugby balls for your Club, call SA Rugby.



Old Collegians is looking for all those budding photographers out there, as well as those of you who have managed to capture a fantastic fluke shot. In 2010, we'll be asking you to send us your favourite photographs of Old Collegians (particularly playing shots, but not necessarily exclusively so). Photos will be uploaded to our website and our webmaster will pick his favourite each week of the playing season to be displayed prominently on the website and in our clubrooms, with the lucky photographer also winning a prize. At the end of the season, we will pick the best photo of the year for a grand prize! Watch this space for more details soon – comp starts in April/May.



2010 Super 14 Footy Tipping



Free to join!

Prize for the ultimate winner. We don't actually know what that prize is going to be, but it will be worth battling it out to the end.

Sign up at www.footytips.com.au
Join the "Old Collegians Super 14 Competition"

Phil Gold is currently leading with 11 tips and a margin of 9

It's not too late to join and to be in with a chance at winning.

Each issue of the Tregenza Times will feature a profile (or two) on a club player, coach, volunteer or member. This issue we introduce our new Head Coach.

Name: Michael McCrea

Place of Birth: Ashburton (Mid Canterbury, South Island NZ)

Position: Prop

Favourite Super 14 team: Crusaders

Favourite holiday destination: Wanaka (Queenstown Lakes District)

Favourite quote: The only place that success comes before work is in the dictionary

Favourite food: Steak

Favourite beverage: Steinlager

Favourite book: The one that I'm currently reading

Favourite TV show/movie: Outrageous Fortune

Favourite music/performer: Coldplay

My worst habit is: Ask my wife she informs me regularly on a number of "issues"

When I was 10 years old I wanted to be: I can't remember from that long ago

My sporting hero is: Sir Bob Charles (golfer)

An unknown talent I have is: I'm still searching for it



Scrum Bag



Richard Czeglik and **Christian Tedge** were spotted up at Woodside for the 120KM Mutual Community Challenge Tour as part of the Tour Down Under. We heard a rumour and now we have proof its true. See it for yourselves.



Kim passed on this email she recieved in late January from former Collegian Benjamin Rutherford. Ben writes:

G'day Kim

I played with the 2nds and 4ths in 2001 and 2002 and have been working overseas for the most part since. I thought the club might be interested to know that an Old Coll has made it to rugby HQ as I am about to start work next year at the IRB as one of their

in-house counsel over in Ireland.

Can't guarantee the return of running rugby worldwide but am at least hoping to be a better rugby lawyer than I was a player!! Any Old Colls over there at any stage welcome to meet up for a pint and a rugger chat or even a match hopefully.

Keep up the good work back at Old Colls, enjoy getting the e-newsletters.

Cheers, Ben

Congratulations

Andrew Hicks and **Mary** on the birth of their son James. We heard Taffy Edwards has been made the Godfather!

Richard Czeglik and **Zoe Woodstock** who are expecting their second child in March

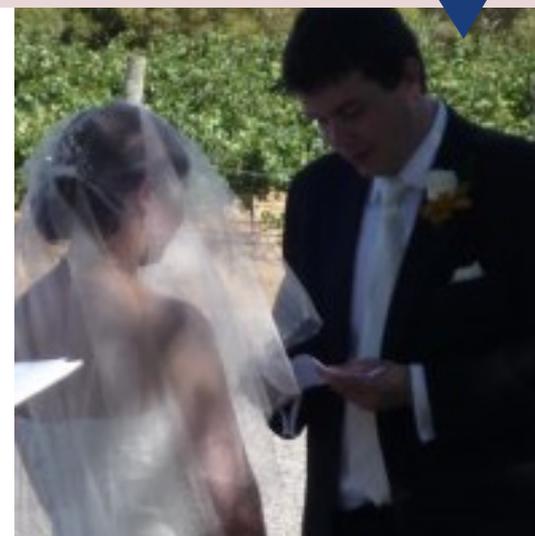
Rebecca Manson and **Ryan 'Booboo' Nielson** who are expecting their first child in February (very very soon!)

Tony Bird and **Sarah** on the birth of their son Daniel Oliver on the 15th September 2009

Justin and **Marnie Elder** who, on Saturday 31st October 2009, celebrated their marriage at the Bridgewater Mill.

Simon and **Sarah Burmester** on the arrival of Eliza Eloise, their second daughter and sister to Isabel.

Mark Reeve and **Kate Reynolds** who, on Saturday 6th February 2010, celebrated their marriage at the Tapestry Winery.



Liam Gill

Liam, recently of our Junior Club, was named in the 2010 Australian Sevens squad, who have recently competed in Las Vegas. Liam scored a try in his debut game for Australia who beat Guyana on their way to the quarter finals.

Liam was also named captain of the Australia Schoolboys team. Unfortunately they lost against the Kiwis (we went down 24-28). Liam had a blinder and was man of the match – the prestigious bronze boot trophy. He has also been named the Tour Captain in the team touring the UK.

We look forward to catching Liam in action during the Adelaide Sevens Tournament in March and will look on with pride.



Will Sadler



Lynn van Diest

photo courtesy of Lynn van Diest

Will has spent this year playing rugby in Amsterdam for the Dutch Rugby club 't Gooi. Will helped his team to victory in the Dutch National Championships in the 2008/2009 season. He has racked up 23 points in his 12 games playing inside centre for 't Gooi and they are currently well into their 2009/2010 season. We wish Will the best of luck for the rest of the season and hope they can go back to back premiers. If anyone is interested, there is a video listed in the news section of our website of Will in action. Judging from the photos on the team website, it also looks like they've played a few games on a snow swept pitch.

It also looks like Rob had a good time when he visited Will late last year. Rob will tell you that he is very proud of his son and all that he has achieved. We look forward to getting Will back in a red and blue jersey soon.



Lynn van Diest





AGM 2009 Summary

Senior playing numbers dropped dramatically in 2009 and this is one of the main reasons for the many difficulties we faced in terms of playing numbers, strength on the field, numbers of volunteers and income (both subscriptions and bar income). Undeniably, at times questionable discipline and commitment also affected our morale and on-field performance and these are issues which will need to be addressed by individuals as well as by the club as a whole if we are to move forward.

The 1st and 2nd XV's both missed the finals but played some great rugby at times during the year. Unfortunately both teams lost games they should have won easily and missed out on crucial bonus points by not winning "easy" games well enough; it cost them dearly in the end as both only missed playing finals on percentage. The coaches, in particular Graham Raymond, did a tremendous job throughout the year and if more of the players had shown the same level of commitment to training and preparation we would have certainly had a different result. The 3rd XV coached by Barry Hickman once again had a solid year and did a great job to get through to the Grand Final again. Even though they lost, the experience some

of the younger players gained through the final series will benefit them next year. The 4th XV only winning one of the six games they played, and forfeited many, so we are definitely looking for a better showing in 2010. The Women's XV coached by Rob Sadler played some entertaining rugby during the year and were very competitive in the finals. Hopefully the new players will be retained and Rob can take them to the next level.

In Juniors we had mixed results across the age groups. However, as stated during preseason and early training sessions, the aim was to provide the children of our club with core rugby skills in a safe and enjoyable environment and if this resulted in premierships, then that was a huge bonus.

We believe that trading this financial year has been affected by the significant decrease in player numbers. Despite those decreased numbers, subscriptions showed a marked increase thanks to the efforts of Justin Elder as regards collection - despite a 40% drop in senior playing numbers in 2009, we collected 30% more in subs than in 2008. However, there appears to have been a significant impact on the business of the canteen and bar which together raised \$17,000 less in 2009 than in 2008, representing nearly all of the difference in income in those years. It may also be that the global financial crisis has

had some impact on our income, with some members perhaps exercising more frugality in their discretionary spending habits at our bar and canteen.

Sponsorship continued to be a critical part of the club's income in order to keep subscriptions down and cover the growing costs associated with providing rugby and facilities to our members. Several businesses and people provided much needed cash or in-kind sponsorship in 2009, and special thanks must go to Suzuki in the City, Physio Direct, The Feathers, Coopers, AqaOysters, Direct Interiors, Gordon Hazzard of Southern Plasterboard, Powerhouse Sports on the Parade, Retire Invest and a number of individual benefactors.

We were, as usual, dependant on a small group of dedicated volunteers who provided canteen services, line marking, ground set up and take down, cleaning and the many other jobs that provide an enjoyable environment for our players and supporters. The numbers of people prepared to assist in this way have declined along with playing numbers and it places a great deal of stress on those who remain. We would ask all members, as a minimum, to be considerate to the existing volunteers and, if they are able to, to help if they are asked, or better yet to volunteer without being asked. Too often people actively

refuse to help carry something to the field, to tidy up after training, to run as touch judge for 40 minutes, to walk a raffle around, to help out in the canteen – but these jobs still need to be done and they are done by volunteers for the benefit of those who refuse to help themselves.

Our special thanks go to all those who perform the mundane, regular duties which keep the club going. In particular, our undying admiration and gratitude goes to:

- Sue Thewlis and all who helped her in the canteen. Sue of course does everything else too, and we would be lost without her
- Jo Macklin and Jo Hodgson for all their hard work in the canteen
- Ted Apted for line marking, ground set up and take down, manning the scoreboard, managing the recycling and other numerous, thankless tasks
- Leighton Edwards for line marking
- Everyone who lent a hand with touch judging at any point!
- Paul Horne for his management of the website
- Justin Elder who has gone above and beyond with house and grounds and with subs collections.
- Peter Allen for helping with keeping our grounds tidy
- Stewart Douglas who has been a spectacular Club Captain
- Michael Lowe, Bec Manson and Kate Denley and their team who provide first aid and physiotherapy

support

• Ian Walker who as an aside to his role as 3rd XV Manager also helped Danny with records and selection issues

• The club's paid "volunteers" Rebecca Derbyshire Lloyd, Rowan Mein, Michael Thomas, Phil Gold, Jess Turvey and others who worked behind the bar, and Anne Bradley for cleaning.

Thanks also go to our hard working and under appreciated senior and junior committees, Selectors, Coaches and Managers.

While we ended 2009 without premierships and without much money, we did win some awards! Kate Reynolds of the women's team won the state awards for Best Woman Player and Best Woman Tackler, Tara Naige was the Most Improved Back in the Women's State Team, Chris Bartlett won the state award for the Best Colt and thanks to the hard work of many people (but particularly Ted Apted) we won the state award for best prepared ground facilities. Special mention also goes to Mitch Sallis, one of our Under 18s, who scooped the pool for junior referee accolades at the South Australian Rugby Unions Referees Association awards night - Mitch won a couple of awards and was appointed to referee a grand final.

The West End Trophy also remains with us, on a technicality. SARU have changed

to rules so that the annual award for championship club goes to the senior club with the most premiership points across all grades; it is no longer based on contribution to the union as a whole. As a result, we will retain the now defunct West End Trophy, at least for the time being, while the new Coopers Cup goes elsewhere.

The club is proud again to have had many state representatives: Black Falcons - Tim Wonders, Luke Bailey Chris Bartlett (Mike Lowe as Physio), Southern Warriors - Tara Naige, Kate Reynolds, Alice Kelly, Kristie Hume, Nadia Blake, Kim Evans (Kate Denley as Trainer), Junior Falcons - Chris Bartlett, John Muchan, Darcy Pfiztner, Tom Alexander, Charlie Neate, Jack Campion, Tim Chew.

Our especial thanks go to our committee members who did not seeking re-election:

- John Absolon has retired as Registrar. It has been a challenging role for John, particularly this year as he was not playing any more and not around as much, and his life made other claims on his time. We thank him very much for his hard work and his commitment to us in spite of those challenges. In his time as registrar we moved completely onto the ARU's RugbyAdmin system and although it will not be obvious to 99% of you, this has greatly streamlined our registration and





record keeping processes.

• Stewart Frew has resigned from the role as our Director of Junior Rugby. Naturally, he will continue to be involved as a coach, a father and a supporter, and for that we give thanks. Stew has done an amazing job over the last few years. The great legacies of his Junior Committee are that the junior and senior clubs are now linked and moving ever closer and that the parents have been brought into the club in record numbers, which not only adds to our immediate culture and environment (and coffers) but will undoubtedly also bear further fruit in years to come in the form of more volunteers, better involvement etc.

The best any administrator can ask is that he leaves the club in a better place that they found it – that he took the ball forward. John and Stewart can make that claim with pride.

Graham Raymond is also retiring, but only from the roles of Head Coach and Vice President. Graham has taken up other roles

instead with us, namely as Player Liaison and Selector. Nonetheless, we thank him for his hard work and commitment over the last few years and look forward to his hard work and commitment in his new roles!

Mike Lowe, who has been club physio and club sponsor for 12 years is also retiring from his personal involvement with us. Physio Direct will continue to sponsor Old Collegians and we will continue to be supported by Amit and Anand who have assisted throughout Season 2009. Michael's contribution has been overwhelming in the last 12 years. There would be very few players who have not benefitted from his assistance. He has helped us get players back on the paddock in record time, and allowed us to ensure that their injuries are managed properly and responsibly. Michael advised us at the beginning of 2009, and despite the advance warning it will still be a shock to wander downstairs or up to the 1st XV sideline and not

see his familiar and friendly face. That said, we suspect (and hope) that we will still see Michael around a lot. We particularly and sincerely thank him for training up Amit and Anand over the last season thereby ensuring his own succession. Michael was made a Life Member in 2007, and if we could make him a Life Member twice over we would!

To be frank, 2009 wasn't the greatest of years at Old Collegians. Only the 3rd XV made Grand Final and at the end of the club's financial year the best we could say is that our head is still above water. While we didn't take home any premierships, we have taken home some lessons. Those lessons have been the impetus for needed and important changes in the way we do things and our expectations of each other in 2010, which we hope is going to be a better, brighter year.

Kim Evans
President





Melbourne Powerhouse Report

Some of the boys from Powerhouse RUFC Melbourne made their way down to Adelaide for their end of season trip and stopped by Booth Avenue for a dose of OC hospitality. We hosted a friendly game at Tregenza on Saturday October 10th. The sun shone down on an entertaining and action packed game while the sausages sizzled on the BBQ. The game was played in the true spirit of rugby with some big tackles, brilliant ball skills and a guest appearance from Jimmy Jones ditching his touch flags to receive a pass for a sprint down the wing.

The powerhouse boys stuck around for a few beers, a boat race, and a fancy dress party. The day was capped off with a crawl of the eastern suburbs watering holes where Powerhouse and Collegians drank, sung and stumbled arm in arm. The day was a barrel of laughs from start to finish. Thank you to the Powerhouse boys for the visit, the game and the camaraderie, thanks to the referees who brought order to chaos and all of the OC folk who were involved in organising and helping out on the day. TT



Rugby Sevens in the Olympics

The decision to include rugby sevens in the summer Olympics from 2016 was made in Copenhagen by the International Olympic Committee on the 9th of October. Wallaroos captian, Cheryl Soon, was amongst the ambassadors involved in presenting the IRB's case to the IOC. Cheryl argued that the inclusion of rugby sevens in the Olympics would broaden

the spread of countries that could win medals, grow the sport in new territories and draw sponsors and fans.

Apart from raising the profile of rugby all over the world, having rugby sevens in the Olympics makes Australia a shoe in for a gold medal. Less importantly, golf made it to the 2016 Olympics in Rio 2016 TT

Stew “Disco” Douglas

A new club award was introduced at Presentation Dinner in 2009 as a pair to the Willie Wilson Trophy. While the Willie Wilson recognises the year’s best new player to rugby, the new award recognises the player who made the best transition from Junior to Senior rugby. Thanks to the great work of many years by our Junior Rugby Co-ordinators and Coaches, our Colts are now our greatest source of senior recruitment and we need a trophy to recognise and reward the best of them each year; they are our pride and our future.

In a unanimous vote of the senior committee, the trophy was named after Stewart “Disco” Douglas. Stew was again named Best Clubman in 2009; it is common to hear that he has been the best Club Captain we’ve ever had. 2009 marked Stew’s last year of senior rugby and the beginning of his transition into coaching roles.

Stewart played in the club’s first ever Under 8s team and played through every age grade until he came into the senior club. As a senior, he played in every grade and won premierships against the hated Brighton in both 1st and 3rd grade. He has coached juniors, women and 2nds from time to time and has served as a peerless Club Captain for 3 years. As of the end of 2009, he retired from playing and is instead taking up the mantle of 2nd XV coach.

Stewart represents what we hope for from each of our Under 8s; that they will grow up at the club, that they will learn their rugby with the juniors and make friends for life, that they will graduate to senior rugby as they grow into men, that they will lead the club both on and off the field, and when “age

wearies them and the years condemn” that they will retire to coaching, managing and supporting roles to help and herald the next generation which follows in their footsteps.

In his unassuming and humble way, Stewart has been and continues to be a model clubman and the best role model our boys could have. It is for these reasons that the club named the Trophy for Best Junior Graduate after him at Presentation Night 2009 – with frequent interruptions of spontaneous applause and finally a standing ovation. The affection and pride was palpable all through the room.

The award is a framed pair of Old Collegians socks which Stewart wore 25 years ago at the start of his rugby life, as one of our Under 8s.

The first winner of the Award was Chris “Chips” Bartlett, who had a great first year of senior rugby, playing in the OC 1st XV, the Junior Falcons and the Falcons. Chips scored five tries in his senior debut (against Onkaparinga on 19 April 2009). Ironically, until that point Stewart still held the record for most tries scored in a senior debut!

Kim Evans



Stewart Frew

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leaves the club in a better place that it found it – that he took the ball forward. Stewart can most certainly make that claim with pride.

On one hand, we farewell Stew with some sadness. On the other hand we are delighted that Simon Macklin has stepped into the role of Director of Junior Rugby in 2010. Simon has been the Deputy Director of Junior Rugby throughout Stew’s reign. Simon’s passion and his knowledge of our boys, our game and our club are second to none and we are smugly confident that our kids are in great hands. To continue the rugby metaphor: Simon has picked up the ball, and we predict he’ll be over the gain line before you can say “up yours, Burnside”.

Kim Evans

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