

PRFC NEWSLETTER

Pittsburgh Rugby Club

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Money!

Please get your dues paid ASAP. Payment can be made to Ron Holloway, Jess Ezykowsky or Lori Altenderfer.

Men's dues are \$125 and women's are \$100.

Please remember to check www.usarugby.org to make sure you CIPP registration covers you through Spring 2008!

Letter From The President

Spring is finally here, and the warmer weather is right around the corner. Take advantage of the short period where the ground is soft without being a bog, because before you know it the sun will bake it hard. So make an extra effort to get out to practice and be available to play. Remember that both teams are working hard to build competitive squads for the league season in the fall. We

need everyone to get fit, stay fit, and learn the team tactics being developed by your coaches.

I must remind everyone that there are still administrative details to take care of. By now, everyone who plays in a game MUST have a current CIPP registration. There are no exceptions. This is a requirement of our liability insurance. Ask any of the Executive Committee if you

need help getting this done. Also, every active player must have paid some or all dues for the season. See your team representative to make arrangements.

Finally, I want to add my thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the Cooper's Lake tournament such a success this year.

Dave Alexander
President

Thank you very much to everyone who helped with set up for Coopers Lake and those who worked so hard throughout the day! It was the easiest Coopers Lake we've ever had!

What's Going On?

Special Events & Other Stuff!

Event	Date	Location
Practice	Tues/Thurs	Phillips Park, Carrick

KNOW OF JOBS AVAILABLE OR LOOKING FOR WORK?**Job seekers & available positions in Pittsburgh**

Joeylynn is looking for a Health/PE teaching position. Please email her if you know of any available jobs. joeymiller06@aol.com

Technical Writer position available at ProLogic in South Park. Email resume to Jess Zambon (jrz102479@comcast.net)

Shadyside Academy has several teaching positions available. Check www.shadysideacademy.org for information.

Management Science Associates in Point Breeze has a number of permanent and internship positions available for Data Analysts, Software Programmers, Database Administrators & other job areas. Contact Claire (pghrugbyangel@yahoo.com) for more info.

2008 Pittsburgh Rugby Collegiate Classic Tournament

Submitted by Katy Rank Lev

Thirty-two college teams, one high school team, and two women's club teams converged on Cooper's Lake campground this year for the 13th Pittsburgh Rugby Classic Tournament. In perhaps the smoothest tournament in years, the weather was fair, the rugby was classy, and the Pittsburgh Rugby staff was out of the site before dark! This year's decision to make the tournament alcohol free resulted in a quality and profitable fundraiser for the club and helped raise awareness of the club to college teams throughout a four-state region.

In the feature match of the tournament, the Pittsburgh Angels defeated Buffalo 15-0. For the first match since the previous October, the Angels were very excited about the win. They held their opponents scoreless while executing the game plan they've been working on through adverse conditions at practice. The shut-out opener drew a large crowd and welcomed a slew of new Angel rookies to the squad, setting the stage for the Angels return path to nationals—their goal in the coming months.

Men's University Cup

The University of Pittsburgh went undefeated in the day, taking the Men's University Cup 14-0 over California State University of PA. To get to the final, Pitt handled IUP 22-19, and Kent State 32-0. Cal defeated Slippery Rock 10-5 and shut out Buffalo 14-0 to reach the final. In the consolation bracket, Slippery Rock beat IUP 17-12. Earlier in the day,

Slippery Rock defeated Buffalo 17-12 while IUP defeated Kent State 16-7.

Men's University Plate

Kenyon took the Plate final 14-8 over Franciscan University, after shutting out their earlier opponents. They closed the door on Robert Morris University 45-5 and Clarion 22-0. Franciscan defeated Niagara University 31-0 and CMU 14-8. In the consolation final, Clarion beat CMU 17-14. In pool play, Clarion beat RMU 15-0 while CMU defeated Niagara 12-7.

Men's University Bowl

In the Bowl bracket, Ohio Northern also went undefeated, crushing Cleveland State 36-0 in the final. To reach the match, Ohio Northern beat PSU Behrend 53-3 and Slippery Rock's B-side 20-3. Cleveland State defeated IUP's B-side 20-3 and Allegheny College 27-19. In this consolation final, Slippery Rock B defeated Allegheny 22-10. In pool play, Allegheny had defeated IUP B 19-5 and Slippery Rock B beat PSU Behrend 8-0.

Women's University

In the Women's University bracket, Slippery Rock University were once again the big winners, handing a 39-0 shut-out to IUP in the final. To reach the match, SRU first shut-out Temple by 7 points and Allegheny College by 17. IUP found victory in pool play against Lock Haven 33-7 and an overtime defeat of Buffalo after the game was tied at 5. In the consolation round, Temple de-

feated Clarion 7-0 after beating Syracuse 12-7 earlier in the day. Clarion defeated Lock Haven 24-0 to reach the match.

Women's College

The women's college final was a repeat of the men's version, with the opposite result. The Cal women took home the trophy in a 7-0 nail-biter over the University of Pittsburgh. To reach the match, Cal beat IUP's B-side 60-0 and Grove City 34-0. Pitt shut out W&J by 17 and Juniata by 26. In the consolation final, Kenyon defeated Juniata 7-0 after beating IUP B 15-0. Juniata defeated Ohio Northern 27-5 earlier in the day.

Acknowledgements

The Pittsburgh Rugby Club was grateful to all its members for their assistance in the days leading up to the tournament. Without the hard work of team members lining fields, organizing equipment, and purchasing supplies, the tournament could never have been such a success. The local referees were once again an amazing resource at the tournament, helping to make sure the games were played at a high level. Our merchandise sponsor, Rugby Imports, had a popular tent at the tournament and helped to draw business toward the concessions stand, always a big fundraiser for the teams. A big thank-you goes out to all those who came to help or support the clubs on what turned out to be a fine day of rugby.

New Match Field

Thanks to the connections of RD McKinley, we're now playing our home games at Gateway Middle School instead of Boyce Park. The field is flat, well drained, and larger than Boyce Park and there are even bleachers for our fans to cheer us on. We're still working out the schedule with the Gateway School District but we hope to remain there until we find

a home of our very own. Good news on that front too by the way. It would be premature to divulge the details; we all know how close we've come in the past only to have it taken away, but rest assured that the PRFC is making great strides in finding a home field of our own.

So don't be a stranger. If you're a

Submitted by Dan Talbert

Pittsburgh Old Boy, Old Girl or even if you've never donned the black and gold, check out the schedule and show up for a game or after game social down at the Pub.

See you out there,
Dan Talbert
Vice-President, Pittsburgh Rugby Club

► Spring 2008 Schedule

This schedule is tentative and is subject to change. Check the website regularly for updates.

Angels			Men	
Opponent	Location	Date	Location	Opponent
Buffalo	Coopers Lake	3/29	Coopers Lake	Coopers Lake Tournament
OPEN		4/5	Boyce Park	Eastern Suburbs
Doylestown	Gateway MS	4/12	Gateway MS	Rochester
Scioto Valley	Away	4/19	Away	Happy Valley
Harrisburg	Gateway MS	4/26	Away	Erie (tentative)
Rites of Spring	Baltimore	5/3	Baltimore	Rites of Spring (tentative)
Akron	Gateway MS	5/10	Away	Harlequins
NOVA	Away	5/17		TBD
Mystery Tour	???	5/24	???	Mystery Tour

Angels vs. Buffalo

The Pittsburgh Angels played this year's feature match at Cooper's Lake versus league opponent Buffalo. This was the first match of the season for the ladies – and that was evident. The team conceded possession via knock ons, forward passes, and a few set plays. Furthermore, the An-

gels were penalized nearly twenty times. Despite these setbacks, the team was in Buffalo's territory for 90% of the game and allowed only one line break.

All-in-all, it was a solid performance. The ladies shook off the rust, scored four tries, and performed well

Submitted by Brian Wood

in different combinations. Fitness was the key to winning this match – three of the four scores were in the final twenty minutes. The team's goals for the Doylestown match are: skill execution, commit fewer than eight penalties, and maintaining possession.

Rugger's Pub Update

Coming very, very soon to Ruggers Pub...



The Ruggers Pub & Pittsburgh Rugby Mug Club!

In the next week or so, Claire will be sending out all of the details on the new Mug Club at Ruggers Pub. This is going to be an exclusive club for 40 current PRFC Members. To participate, you must pay dues in full each season and complete your CIPP registration on the USA Rugby website. Priority for membership will be given to those who volunteer to help with the Brewfest and Coopers Lake Tournament.

Club Members will more draft beer for their buck and will be able to use their own Club Mug while at the bar. More information will be available once the official starting date is decided.

If you are not sure if you are eligible, check with Claire, Lori or with your dues collectors (Jess E & Ron) and check the USA Rugby website to see if you are registered!

Check out the Ruggers Pub MySpace page throughout the month for events, specials and new additions to the beer & liquor selection! Thanks to those of you who have visited our page and added us to your friends!

www.myspace.com/ruggerspub



Coopers Lake 2008 - Thanks much to the guys who worked all day long at the gear, concessions & basket of cheer areas at Coopers! Pictured here are Jason ("Hotlanta"), Mikey Stewart, RD, Tim and Matt. Thanks guys!

Who's In Charge Around Here?

As some of you know, each member of the executive committee has taken on the responsibility for specific club activities. Please continue reading to find out the Executive Committee contact and the chairperson(s) to contact:

Dave Alexander: Overall Club Liaison

- Fields - Practice & Match Fields
- Marketing
- Major Events: AGM, Ruggers Pub, Permanent Field, Men's Coach, Youth Rugby
 - Coopers Lake (Claire Preville)
 - Brewfest

Dan Talbert: Recruiting & Volunteering

- Recruiting (Dan Talbert, Jaimie Sullivan)
- Volunteer Events

Lori Altenderfer: Finance

- Annual Budget
- Dues Collection (Ron Holloway, Jess Ezykowsky)
- Merchandise (Christianna Elash, Jack McLaughlin)

Claire Preville: Communications

- Website
- Newsletter
- Club Equipment (James McCoy, Jenny Ovide)
- Yahoo Groups

Executive Committee Update

Christy Lust: Women's Convener

- Club Fundraising (Kelly Holloway, Jessica Landis)
- Match Secretary (Tricia DiBasilio)
- Team Equipment (Jenny Ovide)
- Social (Jess Ezykowsky)
- Match Reporting (Katy Rank)

Mike Wilson: Men's Convener

- Club Sponsorship
- Match Secretary (Adam Oakley)
- Team Equipment (James McCoy)
- Social (Chris Yohe)
- Match Reporting

2007 PRFC Executive Board

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If you have any suggestions for the newsletter or have something to contribute, please email Claire Preville.