

PRFC Newsletter

Pittsburgh Rugby Club

September 2008

Letter from the President

The men lost a tough game against the Harlequins on August 30th. The final score of 20-0 didn't reflect the overall level of play, and the tries given up were due mainly to unfortunate errors. I encourage all players, particularly those new to the game, to try to watch more top-level rugby, especially as we now have Setanta Sports available at Ruggers Pub. We have a great resource of senior players and active referees who would be happy to help explain some of the trickier laws.

Great performances at the ARU Tackle Cancer 10s tournament this year, with the men taking first and second place and the Angels dominating the women's division and missing out by one point from making it an all-Angels final.

Planning for the big fall fundraiser is underway. The Brewfest will take place in the Barroom at Station Square on November 14th after the season end. I am expecting both teams to be playing in the Midwest championships the first week in November, so we stayed

away from that weekend. More details will follow in due course.

Finally, my thanks go to everyone who attended the recent fundraising events. They were a lot of fun and many thanks go to Jess Landis and her helpers for the hard work that went into the organization. Don't miss the next one.

Dave Alexander
President

What's Going On?

Event

Fall Practices

Hoagie Making

Brewfest

Special Events & Other Stuff!

Date

Tues/Thurs

11/6/08

11/14/08

Location

Overbrook Middle School

Wilson's House

Barroom - Station Square

Give us your money!

A whole new season is upon us and it's time to pay dues again. Please contact Lori Altenderfer to make payment arrangements!

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

Make sure you complete your CIPP registration ASAP. Contact Claire if you need assistance registering.

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PRFC Player Profile

Jaime "Boo" Filipek



Name: Jaime "Boo" Filipek
Position: Hooker/Flanker
Years Playing Rugby: 8
How did you start playing? In high school, at Schenley, thanks to the Quins and the Angels' youth program.

Favorites:

Music: Jam Bands/Acoustic Rock

Quote: "When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life in such a manner that when you die the world cries and you rejoice". – Indian Proverb

Players Choice Questions:

What is the one item that you cannot live without when you travel?

Camera

Who is your favorite super hero and why?

Captain planet... because he uses the earth's natural forces to protect the environment from corruption.

Fitness: love it or hate it?

Love it 😊



Fall 2008 Schedule

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

| Angels | | | | Men | | |
|--------|------------------|----------|-------|----------|---------------|--------|
| Result | Opponent | Location | Date | Location | Opponent | Result |
| W | Buffalo | Away | 9/6 | Home | Rochester | W |
| | Cleveland | Home | 9/13 | Away | Indianapolis | |
| | TBD | | 9/20 | Home | Louisville | |
| | Detroit | Away | 9/27 | | OPEN | |
| | Ann Arbor | Home | 10/4 | Away | Scioto Valley | |
| | Midwest Playoffs | TBD | 10/11 | Home | Dayton | |
| | TBD | | 10/18 | Away | Detroit | |



Who Am I?

This is yet another new feature in the PRFC newsletter! In "Who Am I?" we will feature a picture of a current PRFC member taken a long time ago or when they looked significantly different than we know them now. Your job is to guess who it is!

The "answer" will be given in the following month's newsletter via a current picture of the person.

If you happen to have a old or embarrassing picture (old yearbook, childhood photo, college) of a current member, feel free to send it electronically to Claire (pghrugbyangel@yahoo.com) or give it to her to scan.

Let me know who you think this month's person is!!

Pittsburgh Rugby Takes on Steel City Cyclists

Submitted by Katy Rank Lev

The second annual Pirate Bike Olympics, a charity bike race benefitting the Pittsburgh Women's Shelter, didn't see Pittsburgh Rugby coming this year when ruggers Carl Morris, Michelle McGraw, and Katy Rank Lev entered a team, which also included rugby supporter Corey Lev. The ruggers took third place out of fifteen teams entered, carried home handsome (pirate) booty, and help spread the good image of the club to a group of young local athletes. (Raising money for such a worthy non-profit was fun, too)

The Pirate Bike Olympics, which included a race from Schenley

Park, through downtown, and into West Park on the North Shore, ended with a "pentathlon" of semi-cycling related events. Despite Katy crashing into a trashcan downtown, the ruggers finished the race portion in sixth place and looked to pick up points in some of the more aggressive activities. Like the sledge pull or shot put-events that require big pirate thighs. The team placed highly in most events, but secured their victory through bonus points when Carl jumped into the Allegheny and style points gained from fantastic pirate accessories. Highlights of the afternoon included Carl basically carrying his opposi-

tion in an intra-team three-legged race, Michelle and Katy placing third in the hook-hand/eye-patch balloon toss, and Carl jumping over an inflatable Shamu in a modified steeple chase event.

At the end of the day, the group rode over 18 miles, participated in a number of cardiovascular activities, and beat out a group of messengers who ride bikes for a living. Next summer, the rugby team will look to take home all the plunder and prove once and for all that rugby players dominated on grass or two wheels. Check out <http://pghpiratebike.com/2008/> for more information and photos.



Carl Morris, Michele McGraw and Katy Rank Lev at the Pirate Bike Olympics!
Congrats to them and their other team member, Corey Lev!

We'll miss you Carl!

We are participating in an inkjet, laser toner, and cell phone recycling program. Please collect these items from home, office, family and contact Ron or Kelly Holloway (rondean10@hotmail.com or klake7678@yahoo.com) for info on where to drop them off.

PRFC Summer 7s Recap

Submitted by Dan Talbert

Hello all and thank you all for our most successful Summer 7's Season to date. We had incredible participation this summer with our combined men and women practices. Some practices brought in over 50 players and we were able to separate into men and women's teams most nights to really get in a good run.

Many of these summer players were still in school and we hope to see them wearing the Pittsburgh black and gold very soon. Players from Buffalo, CMU, Dayton, UMass, Northwestern, Pitt, Purdue, Raleigh, William & Mary, W&J, the "Mt Lebo posse" and one random football player from Lafayette all booted up at the spacious Schenley Park and short-timers like Dan Overton, Martin Charpy and Jason Salkinder who were just passing through the Burgh, all jumped in and gave their all. The excess numbers allowed us to enter multiple sides in tournaments and by the end of the summer we had two consistent and strong teams racking up the wins. The Gold squad had a combined (7's and 10's) 16-6 record and capped the summer off by downing the Harlequins in our own Steel City 7's final. The Black squad had a combined 11-6 record and capped their season by pulling a stunning

upset over the Gold squad in the Tackle 10's final. Well done by all.

It was also a good summer for the "No Weekends Left Behind" theme. There were camping trips, white water adventures, bar crawls and one "keg race" themed engagement party wedged in between the tournaments. So if you sat on your couch at all this summer, it was your own fault.

Membership for the team continues along our spring trend with plenty of new and talented players signing up. New full time players include two "Scrummie Joe's" (Slippery Rock & Pitt via Charlotte), Greg Shannon, Boggle and Princess (Pitt), Paul Chang (Penn St), Patches (IUP), Ben McDowell (Eastern Suburbs), Mark Gray (Grove City), Big Dan Brody (Marquette), Josef "Tom-Tom" Bookert (Whitworth U), Pete Harvey (Johns Hopkins), Colin Devlin (John Carroll), John Jacob (Jingleheimer Schmidt) . . . just seeing if you're paying attention, Zach Sharek from "parts unknown" and a handful of hardy souls like Aaron Wilmot, Shawn Brannon, Jaymes Progar and Joe Coulter without any experience at all. The growth of our club is phenomenal, 40 players attended the first week of 15s practice. With the talented depth we're building, it won't be long before we're

back on the top of the Midwest. So final grade on Pittsburgh's Summer 7's has to be an A. It was great fun and great rugby with plenty of new friends to be made. What else could you ask for?

Results:

Rock-n-Roll 7's (Cleveland: June 14th)
2nd place Open Division

Almost Heaven 7's (WVU: June 21st)
Pgh Gold - 2nd place Premier
Pgh Black - 2nd place Open
Angels 1 - Tournament Champions
(third year in a row!)
Angels 2 - 3rd place
Angels 3 - 4th place

Molly Brannigan's 7's (Erie: June 14th)
Pgh Gold - 3rd place Premier
Pgh Black - 5th place Premier

Steel City 7's (PRFC: July 19th)
Pgh Gold - Tournament Champions
Pgh Black - Social Champions
Pgh White - 2nd place Social
Angels 1 - Champions
Angels 2 - 2nd place

Tackle Cancer 10's (ARU: Aug 16th)
Gold - Tournament Champions
Black - 2nd place
Angels 1 - Tournament Champions
(we haven't lost this tournament yet!)
Angels 2 - 3rd place

PRFC Player Profile

Tim "Princess" Bagatti



Name: Tim "Princess" Bagatti

Position: For my first 5 years I played in the backs (all back positions but most fly and fullback). Then I got moved to open-side flanker and have been doing it ever since.

Years Playing Rugby: I have been playing rugby since spring 2001, so this is technically my 8th year playing.

How did you start playing? My friends in high school urged me to play, and though I did not actually want to at first, after about 3 practices and my first game I was hooked.

Favorites:

Music: Radiohead with Ennui coming in a close second

Food: Italian (to be more specific my favorite dish is seafood pescatori)

Players Choice Questions:

What teacher had the greatest impact on you?

My current advisor, Dr. Lisa Weiland,

had the most influence on me. For a while I did not like engineering and did not appreciate it. After listen to her at seminar, she made me realize how desperately our world needs sustainable solutions to our energy needs and how much more capable of making an impact in this world I am with my engineering knowledge. Not to mention, without her I would not have the same opportunity to attend graduate school or be doing the same valuable and stimulating research I am doing now.

Text message or phone call?

Except for times when you can't talk (i.e. the bar or in class) a phone call is the way to go. Why send me a text when you can just call me and clear everything up in less time?

The Pittsburgh Rugby Club is currently having a hoagie sale fundraiser. If you would like to buy a hoagie, please contact a member of the club.

Hoagies are \$7 Each

Italian: Cappicola, Salami, Ham, Pepperoni & Mozzarella Cheese

Turkey: Turkey & Mozzarella Cheese

2008 Pittsburgh Brewfest

Planning for the 2008 Brewfest is well under way, and the Executive Committee has assumed responsibility for the key pieces of making this a successful event:

Tickets - Lori Altenderfer <laltenderfer@gmail.com>

Venue - Christy Lust <christy.lust@nepinc.com>

Brewers - Claire Preville <pghrugbyangel@yahoo.com>

Volunteers - Dan Talbert <dantal-

bert10@comcast.net>

Marketing - Mike Wilson <mwilson@ctibiofuisse.com>

Judges & food - Chris Yohe <cjyohe@gmail.com>

Door prizes & auction - Jess Landis <jessica.landis@nepinc.com>

Venue Decorations - Nicole <calipanthergrl@yahoo.com>

If you have time or ideas to contribute please contact one (or

more) of the people above. The location will be The Barroom in Station Square, PLEA is the charity we are partnering with again, and this year we will have live music. We will need a lot of volunteers on the day of the event, so please mark your calendars now and plan to get there by 3pm to help set up. There will be a lot more information coming over the upcoming weeks. In the meantime spread the word to friends and family to save the date.

Happy Birthday!

Name

Joe Cortese, Nini Thomas
Kim Martyn
Shawn "Dizzy" Gillespie
Kelly Holloway
Shayla Sims
Kelly Evanovich
Linda Morrison
Dave Boyle

Upcoming PRFC Birthdays

Date

September 3rd
September 4th
September 7th
September 8th
September 15th
September 17th
September 18th
September 26th

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, Lori Altenderfer)
- Merchandise (Christianna Elash)

Claire Preville: Communications

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

- Yahoo Groups (Christy Lust, Mike Wilson)

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
- Social (Chris Yohe)
- Match Reporting

2008 PRFC Executive Board

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