



BUFFALO OLD BOYS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

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For all of you out skiing (did I spell that right Surwell?) please note:

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER !

This means more than just crawling out of your cave and periodically checking out the Rugby field to see if anyone is around. Practice starts at Medaille College (Parkside and the 198 Expressway) Thursday, Jan. 16 6:00 PM. Basketball and Rugby will be done. This raises the question of conditioning. Time to run, lift, etc. It is not unlikely that the season will begin March 22 in Boston in the regional qualifier for the National club championships. We will know for sure on the 16th. The first regular season game is April 5th at home against the Syracuse rogues. In addition, we intend to field three sides for a number of games this spring. To do this we need additional players. If everyone brought out just one player we could double the size of the club. A fine bunch of new players came out last season and we should do all we can to do as well or better. If you are worried about bringing someone out that might challenge for what you see as your spot:

- 1). Forwards can bring out backs and vice-versa
- 2). Try harder

The winter banquet is Feb. 8. Ed Lawrence has done a great job of preparing and we can kick off the new season in style with a big turn out. Special seaweed dinners are available for Dan Drury and others addicted to them. The rest of us can get fat on the food and drink one last time.

PLEASE RETURN THE ATTACHED DINNER ORDER ASAP !!!!!

A message from Captain Ron Astridge

The Old Boys are the Upstate "wild card" team again this year. We are scheduled to play the New England wild card, the Charles River Rats, in Boston March 22. It is very difficult for us to be competitive that early in the spring but we will do everything we can to be prepared. Last year we lost to New England powerhouse Beacon Hill at the very end of the game. Practice will be starting as announced at Medaille and moving to the Amherst stables as the season approaches. Arrangements are being made for lighted fields as soon as we can get outside. Selections for the game will be made well in advance of the game based on availability for the game, attendance at practice, and last season's performance. We earned this trip and it is a good opportunity to go into the season at full speed.