

Summer/ Fall Catalog 1990

Practice has begun for the Saranac Lake Tournament and for the Fall Season. We will be playing "full contact" 7's on Tuesdays at Medaille College and regular "Outward Bound" practices on Thursdays at the Park. Captaining the team for the remainder of 1990 will be Ed Lawrence. The Saranac tourney is August 4-5 and we will be taking our regular side as well as the O-35's. Anyone who has not made accommodations at this point may find difficulty in doing so. However, The Placid Bay Inn (next to Wildwood) usually is not filled at tournament time. If that is filled, Pat Giles says he will let anybody who wants to, stay in his room, while his family sleeps in the van (what a guy).

Electing the Selecting The fun filled family event of the year Selector Elections will be held Thurs. July 26 at either Medaille College or right at the Park following practice. It is recommended that if you are running for a selectors office, have your acceptance/denial speech prepared in advance. If you are coming to heckle, there will be a special 20 minute heckling session held prior to the elections. This move is being made to prevent marathon fillibusters and useless blood shed.

We will soon be ordering a line of kit bags, sweat suits and club ties. Place your order with either Matt Szkotek or Szlex Mac Cubbin. The bags cost \$35 as does the sweatsuit and the ties are \$12. Personalising these items must be done yourself. All items carry the team logo and full color pictures of various team members throwing up. The team goal is to have the team totally coordinated for tournaments, touring parties and special occasions like crashing weddings and "wilding" in Delaware Park.

Did you know that cutting the sleeves off your jersey causes sexual impotence? It will also cost you \$30 to replace the merchandise to the club. Do the right thing, buy your own and have a happy and safe sex life. Public service announcement courtesy the AMA (Already MacCubbins' Angry).

Give 'till it hurts, that's the buzz phrase for Sunday Aug. 26. Our summer blood drive will be held at the Red Cross building that day in conjunction with a day with Bob Rich Jr. We will be donating blood at a time to be announced than attending the Bisons vs Nashville game later that day. Mike (Anemia) Maguire would like to see us go over our goal of 24 units/drink and Bob Rich says we can come over to his house afterwards and discuss arrangements for a new field and clubhouse. But more importantly, we will probably get our name on the scoreboard and act like idiots when our name is announced. Be sure to wear your club tie. If you ever give blood and would like to credit the teams account, the number is 450645

Uncle Matt's Treaszury Report

Beg. Balance	\$485
Dues	3700
Game Fees(Some people still owe me)	515
Banquet	1760
Advance from URU tourn.	1500
Beef @ Brew Party	280
Super Bowl Party	160
URU Tourn. Income	222
Kit Sales	617
Donations/Raffles	403
Beer Mugs(still available)	200
<u>Ad Revenue</u>	<u>750</u>
	\$10592
7's Tournament	1500
	<u>\$12092</u>

Not included are \$500 outstanding profit from URU and \$1700 CD. Also, Wojcik's writers fee and S@L bailout contribution puts us at an enormous deficit.

In reality

Credits=12092

Debits= 10253

Bal= 1839 A list of debits can be obtained from Matt.

What we did on our Summer Vacation;

Lost in the finals of the Dead Aunts Tournament to the Syracuse Chargecards. Reclaimed the Buffalo Cup(Rochester 10's) under the leadership of Steve(Stars and Stripes) Day and his Generic Catamaran crew of Larry Ksionzyk and Randy(Is this Williamsville) Bailey. Hosted the Friendship Festival 7's won by the Used to Be Buffalo Old Boys but this week we are Old Blue Worldwide select team. Ate bad clams at Fast Eddies, threw up on a bouncer at Shooters, beat up a street mime at Allentown Art Fest., and some of us got married like Fergie Neal did.

The Joe Perez File- Warning- the consumption of alcohol may cause complications leading to pregnancy. Case #1 Gerry and Nancy Wojcik a baby girl born June 14 (Julianna Lynn) and Case #2 Tom and Barb Finn a girl born June 26(Maryanne). Beware it can happen to you. Next month- The Newborn and Rugby " the best method of parental bonding".

Upcoming Events- Hosting and Playing Waterloo England and a match versus Edinburgh Scotland.

Trivia; What was the farthest point south travelled by the BOB to play as a team? Hint Bear refers to this town as Hampshire Heaven.

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OLD BOYS OPEN SEASON IN D.C. TOURNAMENT

1991 KICK-OFF IS TWO WEEKS AWAY MAKE YOUR TRAVEL PLANS NOW

The Buffalo Old Boys R.F.C. will return to the Washington Irish annual St. Patrick's Day Tournament in West Potomac Park for the third straight year on March 16th and 17th.

The club has entered one side only in the tournament this year. Early indications are that a 9 a.m. starting time for the Old Boys is likely.

For those who would like to car-pool, Tom Finn has deals available on 7-passenger vans and mobile homes. Please call him direct for details [882-0869 or 873-5600 at work].

The hosts are directing their guests to Kendra Allman of Myriad Travel in Washington for assistance with lodging. Her number is 1-800-752-4538 or 1-202-857-7844.

Experienced travellers will tell you that accommodations at The Lombardy and The Capitol Hill are divine. [Hey buddy, you wanna turn that thing down?] You are advised to make plans now. If you have any questions, call Jack Schweigel [882-3046]. He may not have any answers but you might feel better.

The Old Boys are bracketed with such worthies as Monmouth, who won this division last year; the host Washington Irish; Charles River, from Boston; and Beaconsfield, Quebec. Also in the bracket are such familiar faces as the Albany Knickerbockers and Schenectady Reds, although we are promised not to face any teams from our union in early round games.

Rounding out the bracket are Old Gold [Boston], Connecticut Yankees [Met Union], New Haven Blacks, Western Suburbs [Washington area], Long Island, Burlington [Vermont], Danbury [Conn.], Jersey Shore, and Berkshire.

BUFFALO OLD BOYS R.F.C.

SPRING 1991 SCHEDULE

March 16-17 St. Pat's Tourney in D.C.

April 6 Brampton, Ontario at Home

April 13 Balmy Beach, Ontario in Toronto

April 20 Toronto Irish, Ontario at Home

April 27-28 Upstate Tourney, ECC South

May 4 Brantford Harlequins, at Home

May 11 Niagara Wasps, at their place

May 16 Old Bacavians, English tourists

May 18 Lilac Festival, in Rochester

May 25 Buffalo Old Boys Alumni Weekend

June 29 Friendship Festival 7s at Home

August 3-4 Saranac Lake Tournament

Uncle Skippy Sez:

WAR IS HELL, RUGBY IS HECK...

[The following article has been cleared by Peter Arnett.]

Okay, there is a war going on, and its effects have touched us all, up to and including rugby.

The first obvious sign was back in December, when more than three-quarters of the club could not return from a pleasure cruise inside the Persian Gulf. The "Love Boat" was being detained as a spy vessel and a lot of us could not make the AGM. I think the club owes an apology to those who couldn't make it for scheduling it so close to an invasion. We live and learn.

The next obvious "ripple of war" occurred in February when fewer than one hundred people showed up at the club's annual awards banquet. Again, the members of the executive committee deeply regret scheduling the banquet the same night of the Kuwaiti Cub Scouts press briefing. WAR IS HELL.

I know many of us also have been despondent over the fact that Botswana wanted to stay neutral during the war, but I personally fought back tears, opened my wallet, and bravely went to the banquet to share my misery with about 80 other people. Life must go on.

THIS JUST IN:

ELECTION OF CAPTAIN AND SELECTORS

THIS THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28

MEDAILLE COLLEGE GYM

PRACTICE 6:30/ ELECTIONS 8 P.M.

I hope peace comes soon, because the fear of what is going on in The Gulf is really going to kill rugby. I know that many will shy away from practice at Medaille College because the athletic facility could easily be mistaken by an Iraqi MiG pilot as a military outpost.

Practices at Delaware Park could easily be mistaken as ground maneuvers and Saddam will aim a SCUD at us rather than at Riyadh.

If you're like Dan Drury you probably don't have enough money left over for dues because you spent it all on yellow ribbons and American flags. Perhaps some xenophobes fear that Chuck Mosey is the son of the Mother of All Battles.

At this writing we have two members of our club serving in the Gulf. Dan Kowal and Mike Lewis are currently somewhere in the Saudi region and we hope to see them in a Buffalo uniform in time for the spring season.

We also hope to see more of the people who are stationed in Buffalo show up in time as well. There is strength in numbers and we can have one hell of a season if we want to. And, if you're not careful, you could wind up having some fun.

Skip Wojcik.

Buffalo Old Boys R.F.C. Silver Anniversary Team Selected

Arguing and complaining broke out almost immediately at the annual banquet following the announcement of the club's first all-time select side.

The fifteen starters and five alternates were picked by an elite jury of Old Boys players and semi-former players on the basis of their being able to remember back that far.

While controversy was sure to surround any attempt to select such a team, the response was also very positive. Suggestions for selecting an "All Red-Head" and "All-Prick" teams were heard, prompting speculation that Larry Ksionczyk might be elected to all three.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY TEAM

- 1 -- Scott Lefkowitz
- 2 -- John Delaney
- 3 -- John Rolfe
- 4 -- Ron Astridge
- 5 -- Tom Surwill
- 6 -- Ed Lawrence
- 7 -- Jerry Wojcik
- 8 -- Jim Hess
- 9 -- Larry Ksionczyk
- 10 -- Geoff Bowker
- 14 -- Carter Mann
- 11 -- Randy Bailey
- 12 -- Jim Walier
- 13 -- Neil Smith
- 15 -- Terry Lee

Alternates: Peter Bates
Jim Haberstro, Stanley Swisher
Joe Woroby, Tim Lucca

ADDRESSES OF OLD GUYS TO SURWILL

Tom Surwill has volunteered to be the suppository of information concerning the whereabouts of former Buffalo Old Boys members. If you have a current address for any former members, please pass it on to Tom Surwill [881-0048 or at work, 847-6415].

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ASTRIDGE ENSHRINEMENT HIGHLIGHTS SILVER ANNIVERSARY AWARDS BANQUET

Ron Astridge --captain, president, and many times select side player for the Upstate, Niagara, and Ontario unions-- was hung on the Old Boys Wall of Fame at the club's February banquet.

A veteran of nearly 20 years with the Old Boys, Astridge distinguished himself with his coolness in the heat of battle, his rapport with referees, and his fondness for the number two penalty play.

Also honored was Steve "Bear" Kuznik who received the 1990 "Unsung Hero" award. Maybe you don't know why he was given the award. That's because it's unsung. But if you must know, Bear contributed many hours to bringing off the college tournament, among other thankless tasks.

Also in the thankless tasks department was the Man of The Year Award for Lex MacCubbin. If you think it was just Lex's ceaseless nagging that kept this club on track over the past year, you're wrong. It was also his persistent carping, imposing and pestering.

But seriously, if we have jerseys, referees, practice fields, kit for sale, visiting tourists, and a lot of other things we all take for granted, Lex probably had something to do with it.

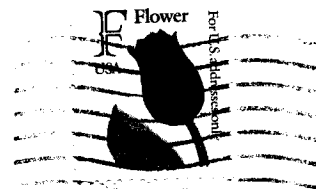
Among the other award winners were: Carter Mann, MVP back, A-side; Ed Lawrence, MVP forward, A-side; Lex MacCubbin, MVP back, B-side; Bill Depres, MVP forward, B-side; Ray Miranda, Rookie of The Year, back; Dean Penman, Rookie of The Year, forward. Also honored were Mike Laczkowski, most improved forward, and Ray Miranda, most improved back.

More Stuff About Jerseys, Insurance

Once again, the club will no longer keep two or three sets of jerseys for use in regular matches. Which means you must buy your own.

Lex MacCubbin is putting together an order for jerseys soon. The price will be \$35 for a solid blue jersey with a patch-mounted number. Place your order by March 7. All money up front.

You must also fill out the U.S. rugby union's insurance form, whether you buy their coverage or not. Call Lex for details [873-6453].



MARCH NEWSLETTER

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