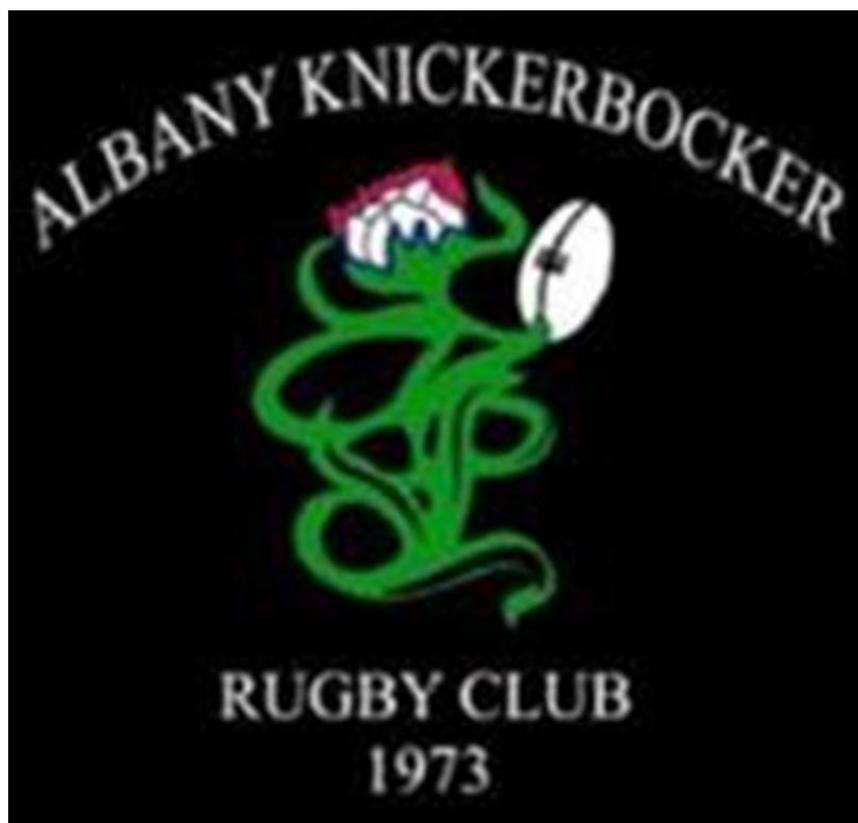


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CELEBRATION
JULY 4-7, 2013**



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Albany Knickerbocker Rugby Football Club
40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
JULY 4-7, 2013

Thursday, July 4th

Meet and Greet: Location: **The RUCK** 104 3rd Street Troy, NY 12180. (518) 273-1872
Time: 5:00 PM
FREE Appetizers & Finger Foods. Cash Bar.

Friday, July 5th

Golf Outings: Location: **Capital Hills at Albany** (Exec. 18 Hole)
Time: 9:00 AM Cost: \$50 (w/cart)
*Reservations ASAP. Contact: Paul (pbulmer@vanguardfine.com)

Location: **Hidden Meadows**, Glenmont (Par 3)
Time: 11:00 AM Cost: \$20 (w/lunch)
Hackers Encouraged! Contact: Chuck (crappazz@nycap.rr.com)

Dinner Cruise:

Location: **The Captain J.P.** 278 River Street Troy, NY
Time: Board at 7:00 PM
3 Hour Dinner Cruise
BUFFET & "OPEN BAR"
Cost: \$55 Per Person
*Reservations-Call NOW to Reserve Tickets! (518) 270-1901
Attire: Upscale Nautical/Island (no tees, etc)
Arrangements are being made for a shuttle to Spiaks

Post-Cruise Social:

Location: **Spiaks Restaurant** 2 Archibald Street, Watervliet, NY 12189
(518) 273-5500
Time: 11:00 PM Cost: \$10 @ Door
LIVE Music, Pizza, Wings, Ribs

Saturday, July 6th

KICK OFF! Mayor Jerry Jennings (invited) 12:00 PM
James R (Dick) Green Field

Memorial Service:

Remembering Past Knicks

Salute to Early Knicks:

David "Chip" Ennis (Founding Member)

All-Star Teams:

Top Men (Knicks), Top Women (Sirens)

Activities:

Touch Rugby, Frisbee Rugby, Kickball, Volleyball, Fun!

All Day Social:

Albany Knicks "Traditional" Cook Out: Steak, Chicken, Eggplant Rollettes,
Salads (Potato, Garden), Rolls & Butter, Beer, Soda. Cost TBD.

Sunday July 7th

Family Day! James R (Dick) Green Field 11:00 AM
Rugby Matches Capital District Youth Rugby (Under-19) 12:00 PM
Picnic BBQ: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Snacks, Soda (no alcohol please) 1:00 PM

Hilton Garden Inn: Rooms Available: \$99.00 per night/room (July 4-7, 2013)

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Thank you to all that shared pictures: Stacie Ivonelli, Greg Griffen, John Deluca, John Chico Lamestro, Katie Skiff, Chuck Rappazzo, and Marty Parchuck.

It is my great pleasure to welcome everyone to the 40th Anniversary Reunion of the Albany Knickerbocker Rugby Football Club (the young, the old, the very old). **Carpe diem!**

Much has happened since our 25th Anniversary in 1998. While wearing my tricorn hat, here's an update on the 40th Reunion; Ireland Tour, and President. Many others have graciously provided articles in the brochure about the history and current status of the club. I'm sure you'll find them very informative and entertaining. To each of you, I say "Well done!"

40th Reunion: It's hard to believe how quickly the years have flown by - however, like many of you, I am reminded daily of the many games played by the various creaks, cracks and pops! It appears that most discussions now revolve around hip sockets, shoulders joints and titanium rods - thank goodness for modern science. From the first club founders who ventured out in 1973, to the founders of the Women's team in 2000, and CDYR (Youth) in 2007, the club has maintained a passion for putting a quality team on the field, while enjoying the camaraderie that is Albany Knickerbocker rugby. Our lengthy history also reminds us that life is very unpredictable and time doesn't stand still. The injury to Jonesy has proven that our team will always be there to help each other, while the passing of former players makes us cherish our time together. My sincere gratitude goes out to club members who helped to make the 40th a success, especially with the phone banks, terrific slideshow and great reunion brochure. Last, but not least, I'd like to thank our many sponsors. Excelsior!

Ireland Tour: I've always believed that going on tour was not only instrumental in building our rugby (and international?) skills, but in creating a lasting bond among teammates - it's unfortunate that a whole generation of players never had this opportunity. Well, on August 15, 2013, a group of 68 will descend upon the Emerald Isle (Céad míle fáilte). Our club will be well-represented by our first ever Women's international touring side, Men's side and Spirit squad (friends, spouses, children, parents and grandparents) - as they say, 8 to 80! This is the club's largest tour and first since 1997. In Joe Stier's words "FULL THROTTLE!"

President: After a slow start, we have accomplished much, especially through the hard work and energy of new Executive Committee members Amy Peker, Sean Bayliss and Jesse Boehme. Much of their work can be seen on our website, where club bylaws, minutes and financial reports have been posted. These are essential elements, as we move forward to get our charitable 501c3 status. First attempted by Paul Kietzman ions ago, he has taken on this challenge, yet again - and is under house arrest until it is secured! As many of you know, our license agreement with the City of Albany for the use of Dick Green Field was not renewed. This leaves us with a lot of unanswered questions. It is my hope that a Strategic Planning Committee will be formed in the very near future to look at our alternatives. If you would like to be part of this effort, please contact me. As we celebrate the twentieth anniversary of Dickie's passing, I ask that all club members, past & present, honor and secure his legacy. There are so many people to thank for their hard work and never-ending commitment to the club over the past 40 years - it would be impossible to list all their names here. What I can state, unequivocally, from the over 700 players who donned the Royal Blue & White jersey of the Albany Knickerbocker Rugby Club over the past 4 decades is "Thank you!" "Thank you!"

Chuck Rappazzo, President,
40th Anniversary Reunion
July 2012

Albany Knickerbocker Rugby Football Club
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June 27, 2013

Mr. Charles Rappazzo
President
Albany Knickerbocker Rugby Football Club
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Mr. Rappazzo,

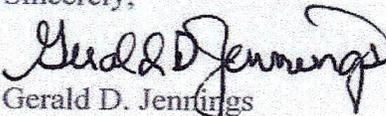
I would like to extend my sincere congratulations and best wishes to the Albany Knickerbockers, as they celebrate their 40th year as Albany's rugby football club.

Since 1973, the Knicks have been proven competitors attracting international attention. Who could forget the Knicks match against Nijmegen, Holland in 1986, the year of Albany's Tricentennial?

The Knicks are a true asset to our community, and James R. "Dick" Green Memorial Field has become the well-known home of our Men's and Women's Clubs. It is a true honor to remember one of the original founders and long time leader of the Club in such a way.

On behalf of the City of Albany, I thank you for entertaining and representing Albany Rugby. Your dedication to our community and the history of your organization is unparalleled, and I wish you continued success, as we celebrate this milestone together.

Sincerely,


Gerald D. Jennings
Mayor, City of Albany

When the battle scars have faded
And the truth becomes a lie
And the weekend smell of liniment
Could almost make you cry.

When the last rucks well behind you
And the man that ran now walks
It doesn't matter who you are
The mirror sometimes talks

Have a good hard look old son!
The melons not that great
The snoz that takes a sharp turn sideways
Used to be dead straight

You're an advert for arthritis
You're a thoroughbred gone lame
Then you ask yourself the question
Why the hell you played the game?

Was there logic in the head knocks?
In the corks and in the cuts?
Did common sense get pushed aside?
By manliness and guts?

Do you sometimes sit and wonder
Why your time would often pass
In a tangled mess of bodies
With your head up someones arse?

With a thumb hooked up your nostril
Scratching gently on your brain
And an overgrown Neanderthal
Rejoicing in your pain!

Mate -- you must recall the jersey
That was shredded into rags
Then the soothing sting of Dettol
On a back engraved with tags!

It's almost worth admitting
Though with some degree of shame
That your wife was right in asking
Why the hell you played the game?

Why you'd always rock home legless
Like a cow on roller skates
After drinking at the clubhouse
With your low down drunken mates

Then you'd wake up -- check your wallet
Not a solitary coin
Drink Berocca by the bucket
Throw an ice pack on your groin

Copping Sunday morning sermons
About boozers being losers
While you limped like Quazimoto
With a half a thousand bruises!

Yes -- an urge to hug the porcelain
And curse sambuccas name
Would always pose the question
Why the hell you played the game!

And yet with every wound re-opened
As you grimly reminisce it
Comes the most compelling feeling yet
God, you bloody miss it!

From the first time that you laced a boot
And tightened every stud
That virus known as rugby
Has been living in your blood

When you dreamt it when you played it
All the rest took second fiddle
Now you're standing on the sideline
But your hearts still in the middle

And no matter where you travel
You can take it as expected
There will always be a breed of people
Hopelessly infected

If there's a teammate, then you'll find him
Like a gravitating force
With a common understanding
And a beer or three, of course

And as you stand there telling lies
Like it was yesterday old friend
You'll know that if you had the chance
You'd do it all again

You see -- that's the thing with rugby
It will always be the same
And that, I guarantee
Is why the hell you played the game!!

Why We Play The Game
By Rupert McCall

Many members have stepped forward over the years to contribute to the club, on and off the field. I'd like to acknowledge some of the club leaders for the first 40 years!

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Robert Balachandran
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David Farison
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Greg Griffin
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Gerard Maney
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Frederick McGown
Marty Parchuck
Rob Sliwinski
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Harold Delucia
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Scott Hunter
John LaPann
David Lausa
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LIFETIME MEMBER AWARD

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Mayor Erastus Corning II	1982
Mayor Thomas M. Whalen III	1987
Joseph Burke	1997
Mayor Gerald D. Jennings	2013
Michael Jones	2013



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Jim McSparron, David (Chip) Ennis, Paul Kietzman, Dick Green,

WOMEN (Sirens)

Stacie Iovinelli, Jenn Boland

YOUTH (Capital District Youth Rugby)

Rob Sliwinski, Dave Farison, John Durant, Alex Eves, Pete Mody

Our thanks to all the founders who had the vision, will power, and fortitude to venture into the unknown!

CONGRATULATIONS!

2013 Men's NERFU Division II All-Star Team

John "Jesse" Boehme	Lock
Cody Morton	Flanker
Brandon Bailey	Eightman
David O'Neill	Flyhalf
Tommy Breslin	Wing
Scottie Bergen	Fullback

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Mike Hough	Don Ramroth	Paul Cappalano	

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Albany Knickerbocker Rugby Football Club

Memorial Service

Saturday, July 6, 2013

Bisko, Peter	Cushine, Don	Nealon, Dave
Boehm, Charlie	Green, Dick	Podgorski, EJ
Burnett, George	Kehoe, Kevin	Reinfurt, Dan
Commerford, Bill	Mortenson, Brad	Stier, Joe
Costanza, Joe		

James R. Green, Sr.	Lifetime Member
Mayor Erastus Corning, 2 nd	Lifetime Member
Mayor Thomas Whalen III	Lifetime Member

Like a tapestry woven slowly over the past four decades, each of these players has added their own interlaced thread: a unique color; a varied pattern; a different vibrancy. Yet, it is these attributes that have helped to shape and mold the club that we are today.

Some of them were stars on the field. Some did their best work after the stars came out. Some shone brightly for many years, while others burned out all too soon. But, rest assured, each and every one of them had an impact on the club, both on and off the field that will be remembered long after their passing.

Today, on our 40th Anniversary, we'll think of these players and the great "stories" they left behind about their time with the Albany Knickerbocker Rugby Club, the ones that are repeated every time we gather together. You know, "the game when....", "the night that...", "the time we....". Like their stories, these men were all unique and different. They all hold a special place in our hearts and minds, and bring a smile to our faces.

It is also my honor today to remember three Lifetime Members that were influential to the club over so many years. They are James R. Green, Sr., Mayor Erastus Corning, and Mayor Thomas Whalen.

Please bow your head for a moment of silence.

Thank you,
Chuck Rappazzo, President
Albany Knickerbocker Rugby Football Club

July 6, 2013

Capital District Youth Rugby

In 2007, a group of Knickerbockers and Saratoga Rugby Club members met, at the urging of Alex Eves, with the intention of bringing rugby to high school students in the area. And with that meeting, Capital District Youth Rugby was born.

Incorporated as a not for profit organization in New York State, CDYR marked its inaugural season with the formation of boys and girls teams in Albany and Saratoga counties, and have since expanded. Coaches from the Knicks and Saratoga have volunteered their time and efforts to teach the game and its traditions to over 600 players that have taken part in this exciting sport, and we continue to expand with new teams and divisions each year. We are also focusing on teaching Rookie Rugby (a non-contact version of the game) to younger players and in school and community center settings.

CDYR has established county-based teams in Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, and have taken on teams from Kingston and Binghamton. This year, our league produced a state champion in the Kingston girls team.

Each Spring, our work begins again, as we teach a new group of rookies and watch them grow. Our 15s season runs from early April until the state tournament on Memorial Day weekend, at which time we shift to play 7s for a month or so. Come out next year and volunteer to help coach, referee, organize or just watch these young players play and learn the game we all love. You can also help out CDYR, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, with a fully tax deductible contribution. Contact Rob Sliwinski (cdyrugby@nycap.rr.com) or Dave Farison (dfarison@nycap.rr.com) for more information.

Albany Knickerbocker Rugby Football Club Hall of Fame

Men

Balachandran, Robert (Wing)
Bower, Tom (Center/Wing)
Bulmer, Paul (Wing)
Burke, Joe (Center) * **US EAGLE**
Burns, John (Back) *
Colley, Charles (FH/Fullback)
Davenport, Dave (Hooker)
Deloughery, Patrick "HONDO" (Hooker)
Downie, Blair (Second Row)
Durant, John (Backrow) *
Ennis, David "CHIP" (Second Row) *
Farison, Dave (Second Row)
Gasorowski, Stan (Prop)
Gauget, Mike "GROG" (Wing)
Green, James "DICK" (Flyhalf) *
Griffin, Greg (Center)
Hammond, Larry (Second Row)
Harrison, Glenn (2nd/Backrow)
Hunter, Scott (Backrow) *
Jones, MIKE "JONESY" (Prop/Hooker)
Kietzman, Paul (Fullback)
Kos, Eddie (Backrow)
Lausa, Dave (Fullback) *
Lee, Andy (Scrumhalf)
Leva, Tony (2nd/Backrow)
Martin, Todd (Fullback)
McFarlane, Blair (Scrumhalf, FH)
McGown, Fred (Center)
Morton, Cody (Center/Backrow) *
Mulson, Ron "SPIKE" (Wing)
Peeney, Mark (Second Row)
Pratt, Randy (Prop)
Rappazzo, Chuck (Backrow/SH) *
Rydell, Mike "LTL JUICE" (Prop)
Sand, Pete (Prop)
Smith, Bill (Scrumhalf)
Smith, Darrell (2nd/Backrow) *
Stuart, Jim (Second Row) *
Szelest, Bruce (Center)
Ulrich, John "BENNINGTON" (Backrow)
Visser, Jaco (Backrow) *
Wagner, John (Center)
Zilgme, Pete "ZIGGY" (Backrow) *

*Team Captain

Women

Backus, Alicia (Lock)*
Boland, Jennifer (Flank/Back)*
Bonomo, Kristin (Flank/Center)*
Braymer, Claudia (Scrumhalf)* **US EAGLE**
Chiapetta, Christina (Prop)
Craig, Angie (Flank/8)*
Fairall, Beth (Fullback)*
Fuller, Kate (Wing)
Ljungquist, Karin (Lock/8) *
McCarthy, Tara (Flank)*
Perry, Ruth (Center)*
Start, Rachel (Flank/Back)
Wallace, Shannon (Prop) **US EAGLE**
Ward, Joanne (Flyhalf/Fullback) **US EAGLE**
Vidro, Nicole (Hooker/Flank)*

*Team Captain



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40th Anniversary

Chuck Rappazzo

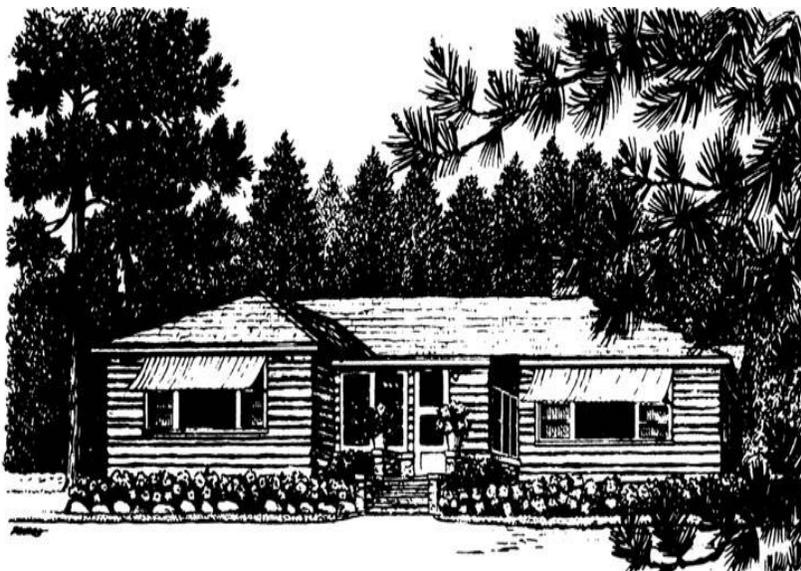
7's Head Coach

Joanne Kos

Ireland Tour

Chuck Rappazzo

**Congratulations to the Albany Knicks on your
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Drew Einspanier



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Albany Knickerbocker Rugby Football Club Match Schedule

MEN (DII)

FALL 2012

Old Gold
Boston Irish D2
Newport
Providence
Charles River
Worcester
Portland
Burlington

SPRING 2013

White Plains
Monadnock/Berkshire
Rochester
Saratoga
I-90 Tourney (Syracuse)
NERFU (Newport, RI)
Union (NJ)

Roster

- 1) Dave Malizia
- 2) Sean Bayliss
- 3) Jeff Cosgrove
- 4) Jesse Boehme
- 5) Max Schuler
- 6) Jason Reigart
- 7) Cody Morton
- 8) Brandon Bailey
- 9) Steve Arango
- 10) David O'Neill
- 11) Tommy Breslin (Captain)
- 12) Sean Mertz
- 13) Murphy Lill
- 14) Scottie Bergen
- 15) Dorian Simes
- 16) Nick St. John
- 17) Todd Martin
- 18) Brian Killips

WOMEN (DI)

FALL 2012

Atlanta
Providence
Philly
NOVA (Northern VA)
Boston
Bye
Village Lions
Playoffs

SPRING 2013

Monmouth
NY Developmental
Buffalo/Ithaca
Charles River
Burlington
NERFU (Newport, RI)
Village Lions

Roster

- 1) McKenzie Chainyk
- 2) Nicole Vidro (Captain)
- 3) Shannon Wallace
- 4) Alicia Backus
- 5) Tiffany Merritt
- 6) Tracy Watson
- 7) Lorin Willett
- 8) Angie Craig
- 9) Kristin Bonomo
- 10) Kate Fuller
- 11) Rene Kementowski
- 12) Erin Putnam
- 13) Abby Brigham (Captain)
- 14) Liz Isabelle
- 15) Beth Fairall
- 16) Ashley D'Antonio
- 17) Caitlin Casey
- 18) Rosa Cohen-Cruz

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DICKIE GREEN

God! What a pain in the ass
He was, the same to everyone,
Yet he was heart and drive and sass,
And I miss him, now that he is gone

An unscratchable itch was James Green's son,
Persistent, insistent, in your face, crass,
Always busting butts to be number one,
God! What a pain in the ass

In business or rugby or with a beer glass,
No rest was allowed 'till the job was done,
It didn't matter your position or class,
He was, the same to everyone,

A mischievous, diminutive imp on the run,
He truly hated to pass,
Ingenious, inventive and bright as the sun,
Yet he was heart and drive and sass,

In life, as he was in cleats on grass,
Dickie's courage and honor were second to none,
My respect and love for him remains unsurpassed,
And I miss him, now that he is gone

Dickie made life both challenging and fun,
He was a "CARPE DIEM" compass,
An eleven stone rascal, whose heart weighed a ton,
And whose memories cling to my heart's aching mass,

God! What a pain

4/98



Wedding Cake (walk)

By Don Cushine

After being exiled to Central America, Chicago, for 8 years, I have finally been allowed to return to the Capital District. During that time, I played with The Lincoln Park Rugby Club and I have even faced the always lovable Drew Einspaner on several occasions. However, it does feel good to be back home and I'm looking forward to playing with the Knicks, especially the over 35 side.

On May 23rd, I will also be getting married to Evvie Phelps from Kalamazoo, Michigan. To officially consummate this affair, we will be having a rugby game and picnic on the following day at 2:00 PM (The extra hour is included so that everyone's hangover will be in remission) and the picnic will immediately follow. There will be various rugby players at the wedding, and I'm expecting about a side and a half to attend. These players will consist of friends from my old teams in Troy, Brockport, Lincoln Park, and Schenectady.

I would like to invite anyone from the Knicks to join us on Sunday, the 24th to oppose us in a social game or two. Please bring your team jerseys so that there will be some sort of semblance of organization since everyone else will be in assorted attire. The game will be held at Lincoln Park in Albany, and the party will follow immediately in East Greenbush. Maps will be distributed for the post-game festivities at the pitch. We are very excited about our wedding weekend and I hope that you'll share it with us.

Cush

Source: The Knickerbocker News, Page 6

Date: May 1, 1992



Congratulations to the Albany Knicks on 40 years of great rugby! A lifetime full of great friendships & memories!

Spike, Linda, Jessica & Derek Mulson

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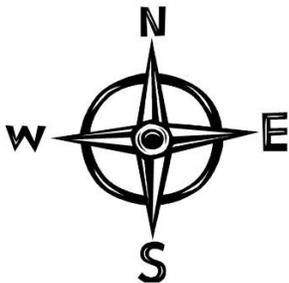
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*40 years? It seems like yesterday.
Congrats to a fine club and great
group of friends. Getting my walker
tuned up for the 50th!*

In the Beginning there was darkness
and the earth's crust was still
toasty to the touch...

Many of us started playing rugby at Albany Law School, where we were “coached” by a rotund, much-beloved Law Professor, who for perhaps twenty successive seasons told each succeeding freshman class that he had “played” right up until the previous year... and yet somehow never learned the names of the positions on a rugby side - our jerseys had numbers like “74” on them - and they were made out of birch bark. It helps to have a glossary to get one’s mind around this period: “coached” = drank steadily on the sideline, yelling random things at us and the ref [“hey ref! - if you had one more good eye you could be a Cyclops!”] “played” = drank steadily in various branch locations of “The Blarney Stone” and Rosie O’Grady’s” while practicing corporate law in NYC and learned a bunch of filthy songs.

At any rate, two years out of law school and still playing ALS rugby against college kids that didn’t know enough to TRY and run around you, it occurred to a bunch of us that we needed a local CLUB! And so - in the Summer of 1973, the Albany Knickerbocker Rugby Football Club was formed by three slightly disparate groups: we ALS recent graduates [at least in a technical sense “Lawyers”], some ALS drop/flunk outs [the “Pool Diggers”], and some “Other Guys”, who dated the Albany Medical Center X-Ray Technician Students [the “Raylettes”, without whose openness and enthusiasm for the wee gargle followed by a bit of slap and tickle, there likely would have been who-knows-how-many more “Pool Diggers”?] All of us were needed simply to field 15 players for our first few matches.... Our first was v. Binghamton, and the second was v. Schenectady Reds [who insisted that the same 15 guys who had BEATEN them in the A game, also play against their B side]. It takes little imagination to understand that the Knicks original pack of punishing forwards was made up almost entirely of Pool Diggers and Other Guys, with some Lawyers sprinkled into the third row and along the back line according to final class ranking...

Then, in 1974, the Knicks voted to join the USARFU, in the mistaken belief [perhaps not carefully explained by The Lawyers...] that this would probably fulfill the selective service obligations of dues-paying members. This festering little misunderstanding probably explains the early Knicks tendency to stick with the “ten man” style of play - that and the fact that our actual/original #10 was Pool Digger Patriarch, Dick Green.... Over time and through an influx of college players who had actually been COACHED - you know...by coaches and stuff - the forwards began sharing the ball with the entire backline.

The Knicks became GOOD – some would say “sneaky good” because the Beacon Hills and Manhattan RFC’s of the world hadn’t heard of us or played us before. Once, at Portland ME, the old Knicks beat Boston and Beacon Hill the same day. Knowing we were playing one or both of them, I had promised to be home Saturday night... I called and told my beloved Jane that I had to stay over because we’d beaten Boston AND Beacon Hill. If I had it to do over again, I’d have made up something more believable, like Pete Kehoe had driven away with my distributor cap and wires. She’d seen that happen before.

After dominating the Upstate New York RFU for many years, the Knicks joined the New England RFU in 1993. Then in 2000 the Albany Sirens joined the Knicks, bringing top level women’s rugby to the area and some of the Club’s most active and creative administrators and officers, as well! Year in and year out, we’ve fielded distinguished Men’s and Women’s sides, producing numerous Eagles and regional select side players. This year we’re justifiably proud of our 40 years of existence and about to celebrate the results and the memories that all those seasons, matches, parties, tours, Jonesy Golf Outings, etc., have given us. Maybe it doesn’t really need to be said, but I want to remind you all [looking back over ALL 40 of those years...] that the Knicks and the Sirens, past and present, and our rugby friends and opponents, are the best friends you’ll ever have and the best people you’ll ever know! Go KNICKS!!! Let’s have a party.

Paul Kietzman.

First President - AKRFC



All Aboard!!! Capt JP welcomes the Albany Knickerbocker Rugby Club on your 40th Anniversary Reunion Cruise!!!

Comments from the founders of the Women's Albany Knickerbockers...The Original Sirens!

Stacie's Story

For those who may not know me, I'm Stacie Iovinelli, the co-founder of the women's team. Back when I was a mere child graduating from college, I had a dream to continue playing the sport I loved - rugby. After competing in the Empire State Games one year, myself and a few other local women met several men who played for the Albany Knickerbockers. As a result, my college friend Jenn Boland and I started to frequent their games and events. It was after a tragic event in my own life and missing the support and ability to play rugby even more, Jenn and I decided to take it upon ourselves to start a women's team in Albany.

If you didn't know, we decided to call ourselves the Sirens - a name from the mythological creatures in the story "Jason and the Argonauts". This is also where my brother Jason's name had come from and I found it as a way to honor him. We also liked the fact that Sirens were said to lure in ships, or the competition, and then smash them! It was at that point we enlisted the help of the Albany Knicks men for organizing and my family members for our first jerseys. The word was put out (in the pre-social media and texting days, no less) and we started to make something of a team. It wasn't a very good team at first...but it was a team. Losing to college sides can be rough, but hey, we were just starting out. It was over the years with various ups and downs and the help of many people, including our men's team, we've made it work!

This Sirens team has been through a lot over the years - people have come and gone and then come back again; there have been marriages and babies, tragedies and triumphs. I have to say the best friends in my life have come from rugby and I know if I ever need anything, I have the Knicks.

I wrote this to let you know that as a founder of the women's side, I am very proud to say I am an Albany Knickerbocker-Siren and even more proud that we have come so far since those early days. I am grateful for the sacrifices and accomplishments that both the team and individuals on it have made and I thank all the players and supporters for everything they do.

Stacie Iovinelli

Jenn's Story

Soon after my 4 years of NCAA eligibility for Women's Soccer at SUNY Brockport, I started to wonder what I would do with my free time and energy. When, low and behold, my roommate, Carrie Shoemaker, came back from class with a sign advertising Women's Rugby Tryouts. Thinking, "That sounds so fun!" she and I decided to go. It was there that I met Stacie Iovinelli and learned that we were both from the Capital District. We became close friends.

Stacie and I were quick studies and really enjoyed the sport as well as the social aspect. I played 3 seasons for the Brockport Badgers and loved every minute of it. Then I graduated. Stacie had one more year. After Stacie graduated, she came back to the Capital District. We both missed playing rugby and decided to make it a point to either find a club to play with or make our own.

That is when we learned about the Albany Knicks. We collaborated with Charles Colley and Jaco Visser and the Albany Knickerbocker-Sirens Women's Rugby Club was born. The beginning was tough. Recruiting athletes, teaching people who never played before, keeping people healthy and finding and keeping coaches were all challenges. But looking where the club started and where it is now, it is astonishing!!

Some of the memories that I think of and smile about include:

- Our coaches: Charles, Jaco, Eddie, Lisa Rosen, Joanne, JJ, Griff, Patrick, Chad, Mark, and Lori.
- Beating some of the teams we originally lost to when we first began. Our team being in control of the game instead of the opposition, like when we first started the club.
- All of the bronze, silver, and gold medals from Empire State Games.
- Winning tournaments. Cooper will know which ones!
- The penalty drop kick I had to put in order to get us through to Nationals, which took place during Regional's in New Jersey. Against Monmouth? Cooper will know! I will never forget that!
- All of the games that were played in the freezing cold rain. Always landing in a puddle tackling or being tackled the 1st play of the game. Worcester comes to mind.
- Being completely exhausted at New Jersey 7's and looking at Willow in our attacking 3rd. We both knew what we were going to do without even saying a word. We scored, winning the bracket we were in. That victory was sweet. We gave everything we had. Our (Janelle and I) reward was always an iced coffee!

- Running with Ruth down the whole field to score a try at Springfield 7's. She was always "With Me". Pinning the defender to put Ruth through the hole time and time again.
- My back line, we didn't have to call a play. We "ran off our feet" as Jaco would say.
- Playing with Kristin, Joanne, and Claudia at the same time.
- Injuries. UGG.
- Representing the rugby club at dart night.
- Road trips, Flip cups, Boat Races, Rugby Songs, Jello Shots, dancing, LAUGHING, weddings, and LAUGHING.

Playing rugby was a part of my life for a long time which I will never forget. Ten years of playing for Albany Knickerbockers-Sirens. Fall, winter touch, spring, summer 7's, and Saranac. Through rugby, I have made a "core" of awesome, life-long friends. You know who you are. It's You and You and You! LOL! (A Tracy Cooper quote) I am so glad Stacie and I "had a dream" to play rugby again. Not only am I proud of what the club has accomplished but I am so, so, so grateful for the friendships that were made!

Jenn Boland



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In Loving Memory

From the coaches

To all Knicks (past, present, and future) and extended family:

40 years is quite an achievement for our club. It seems like only yesterday that we were celebrating our 25th anniversary and the christening of the new Dick Green Field. A lot has changed in 15 years and the rugby landscape continues to evolve both locally and nationally. We've seen the emergence of youth rugby and more notably: Capital District Youth Rugby. There are several current club members that can trace their rugby roots directly back to CDYR.

This past year, the Men's side finished 2nd in their D2 league and made the playoffs for the first time in quite a while. This accomplishment came on the backs of the hard work from all the players. The players rededicated themselves to working hard and focused on continuing to put a product on the field that would make all our club members proud (young and old).

There are many challenges ahead for the club as we navigate through this ever changing landscape. Let's continue to work together to find ways to cement our future in Albany and to continue to promote the game of rugby and the Albany Knickerbocker Rugby Club.

For now, let's enjoy the weekend, reconnect with old friends, and make new ones!

Cheers,

Patrick "Hondo" Deloughery, Coach

Albany Knickerbocker Rugby Football Club—40th Anniversary Reunion - 2013

I am very fortunate to have been a member of the women's club since its inception in 2000. Back when we first started playing matches (and losing) against local college clubs, I don't think anyone could have dreamed that just 10 years later, we would be bringing a national championship back to Albany and then continuing on to play Division 1 rugby.

Throughout this journey, it's been the support of the entire club that helped fuel the women's on-field success. Off the pitch it has been equally satisfying to see the dynamic of the club change and become more vibrant with the addition of the women's side.

In closing, I'd like to remind everyone that it doesn't matter when you played or for how long- if you pulled a Knick or Siren jersey over your head, you were and will always be a part of this rugby family and should be proud of the role you played in continuing an honorable and amazing rugby tradition here in the Capital District.

Lori Staples, Coach

Albany Sirens

From the captains

The Albany Knickerbocker Men started the fall season with the goal of winning the NERFU Division II Championship. The team worked hard in the preseason and the effort showed with five straight wins to start the league season. The Knicks showed that we were serious about contending for the league title and that visitors traveling to Dick Green Field to play the Knicks was not going to be an easy task. Early wins over the Boston Irish and Old Gold set the tone for the fall season. However, at the end the league season, we suffered tough away losses at Worcester and Portland. Still, the regular season ended with a 5-2 record and a semi-final appearance against Burlington. Although we lost in the semi-finals of regional playoffs, we battled the entire game and put in a performance the entire club could be proud of.

The spring season started with an away loss to DI White Plains. The game was hard fought by both sides and the narrow loss gave us a boost for the spring season. The confidence obtained from the White Plains game was evident with two big home wins against Monadnock/Berkshire and Rochester. The highlight of the spring season was our win over Saratoga at Dick Green Field. We were able to defeat Saratoga 31-23 even though Saratoga had a team stuffed with old Knicks and several foreigners who had no business playing Division III rugby. After the Saratoga game, we were able to win the first ever I-90 Tournament with tight wins over Syracuse and Rochester. The next two weeks saw an away loss at Union and a disappointing showing at the NERFU Cup, winning just one game and losing two. Overall, the Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 seasons showed great promise for the future of the club, with the addition of many new and younger players. The past year also showed what we can do with our skill level, through hard work and quality coaching that puts us in a very good position for the upcoming Fall DII league season.

Tom Breslin, Men's Captain, AKRFC

The 2012-13 season, lucky number 13 for the women, has been the start of another great era of Sirens rugby! After having a successful first season in d1 in 2011, our ladies had a rather rough second go at it after losing some key players to moves and retirements. A strong core group of girls stuck with it, working hard through the season. Spring proved a great new beginning with huge recruiting successes and two player coaches stepping up to help support Lori. By the end of the season, you wouldn't even notice that 5 brand new players had stepped on to the field to replace seasoned veterans! We look forward to the fall season, eager to get back out there and prove we belong in D1!

Abby Brigham & Nicole Vidro
Women's Captains, AKRFC

From Cooper!

Hi! This is Coop! I joined the team right from the beginning during Spring 2000 and played until the National Championship of 2010. You want memories, I've got memories!

- Can-Am and NERFU Tournaments (playing our hardest on Saturday but secretly not wanting to win because after a night of partying who wants to play on Sunday??) I can remember each year as having crazy adventures!! Best Can-Am ever for me? Staying Sunday nights!!!
- The feeling of winning at the NRU's and knowing that we were going to the big dance.

National's 2004: Monmouth, NJ - 7th place?

National's 2005: Naples, Florida - 6th place.

National's 2006: Raleigh, NC - 2nd place.

National's 2007: Orlando, Florida - 3rd or 5th place. I know we played the Village Lions and won!

2008. The year we did not qualify was a horrible memory.

National's 2009: Houston, TX - 3rd place.

National's 2010: Phoenix, AZ - National Champs! That feeling will stick with me for the rest of my life!

- Empire State Games-If they ever come back, ADK will be the reigning Gold Medal Champs.
- All of the hard fought victories over teams like: Village Lions, Monmouth, Seacoast, Portland, Morris, Rochester, Providence, and Boston.
- There were teams that always gave us a run for our money.
- Players- So many different characters have come and gone. I can remember the most abstract and odd players but each of them brought something to the team. I can name them if you would like!
- Drink ups-Those are awesome adventures. You ladies must sing a song or two. The Vets have you there.
- NERFU 2008, North Conway, New Hampshire. We had just finished playing a game and the men were playing Boston Irish Wolfhounds. As I was sitting next to Sarah Snyder (Pulcher) watching the game, I said look at the #10, he is so cute~ LOL... That night, bought him a Newcastle and that was it. I am now Mrs. Thomas Breslin, but you can always call me COOP!

I have specific memories of so many things that there is not enough space or time for me to talk about each and every one. I am sure that if you ask any player, they will have many great moments to share also!

So, as you can see, I cherish so much about the Sirens and rugby: Camaraderie, competitiveness, friendships, family and a sisterhood. As a Siren, you will never find yourself alone in life. Though teammates come and go, friendships are forever. This team has taught me so much that I look back to my playing days and now as a Rugby wife/Cheerleader and treasure all of the memories! Love you all!



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Guided Tour of The Book of Kells & Trinity College

1st Match vs. Dublin Rugby Club (Attend Festivities with Host Club)

Saturday, August 17

Drive to Nenagh, Tipperary

Sunday, August 18

2nd Match vs. Tipperary Rugby Club

(Attend Festivities with Host Club)



Monday, August 19

Try Hurling & Gaelic Training Session with a Local Club Coach

Drive to Limerick City

Intensive Training Clinic with a Top International Coach

Tuesday, August 20

3rd Match vs. Limerick Rugby Club (Attend Festivities with Host Club)

Wednesday, August 21

Drive to Galway

Tour of the Cliffs of Moher & Visitor Centre

Intensive Training Clinic with a Top International Coach

Thursday, August 22

4th Match vs. Top Galway Rugby Club

(Attend Festivities with Host Club)



Friday, August 23

Drive to Dublin

See you at the Jamison Distillery!

Saturday, August 24

Depart Dublin

WHAT GOES ON TOUR - STAYS ON TOUR!!

Major Tours Taken:

1980. England: Old Emanuel, Cheshunt, Hastings-Bexhill, Hertford, London Harlequins
1981. Jamaica: Jamaican Defence Force, Jamaican School Boys, Expatriates RFC
1982. Bahamas: Baillou, Buccaneers RFC.
1983. Bermuda: Bermuda Police, Renegades RFC
1984. Virgin Islands: St. Thomas, British Virgin Islands (Tortola), Virgin Islands Combined Side.
1985. Hawaii: Hawaii Barbarians, Hawaii Harlequins, University of Hawaii RFC
1986. England/Scotland: Darlington Mowden Park (England), Hawick, Portobello, Highland, Greenock RFC
1987. Bahamas: Freeport. Too many Bahama Mamas to remember the rest of the tour!
1988. Mexico (Puerto Vallarta): South Side Irish (Chicago), Frothonians (Los Angeles), Boulder (Colorado)
1989. Ireland: Tullamore, Waterford, Corinthians, Old Belvedere RFC
1991. England/Wales: Old Crossleyans, Slough, Lensbury, Cross Keys (Wales).
1994. Denmark/Sweden: Denmark National VX, Frolunda, Penguins, Stockholm 10's
1995. Pacific NW: Oregon Sports Union (Portland), Valley Kangaroos, Tacoma Nomads (Washington)
1997. Holland: Nijmegen, Almelo, Amstelveense
 Tick, tick, tickwe WILL tour some more!
2013. Ireland: Dublin, Tipperary, Limerick, Galway (Teams TBD)

International Clubs Hosted:

- England: London Metropolitan Police, London Harlequins, Hertford, Cheshunt, Old Emanuel, Lensbury, Balliol College, Oxford RFC
Scotland: Hawick, Grennock, St. Andrews University, Cartha Queens Park (Ladies of the Evening) RFC
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Ireland: Tullamore RFC
Holland: Nijmegen RFC



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Favorite quote from Larry Hammond as we're standing over the aftermath of a Chuck Rappazzo/ Marty Parchuck head on collision (a botched penalty play at the horse stables in spring training) - "That Marty sure bleeds nice."

Congratulations on the 40th. Hope to see you at the 50th!

Drop by The Black Pearl, Newport - Don Ramroth

Jonesy

On February 27th, 2010, the Albany Knicks Rugby community was shocked with the horrible news that Michael 'Jonesy' Jones had suffered a catastrophic spinal injury while playing in a match in Florida. As Jonesy was fighting to stay alive in a Florida hospital, there was a big hole in all of our hearts and a general sense of helplessness as we all waited word on his condition. Similar to being in a rugby match and your team is getting its' butt kicked - you can choose to go one of two directions: You can stick your head in the ground and let the other team walk all over you; or you can lace up your boots a little tighter, look your teammates in the eye, and then go kick butt!

That is exactly what the Rugby community did when Jonesy was injured.

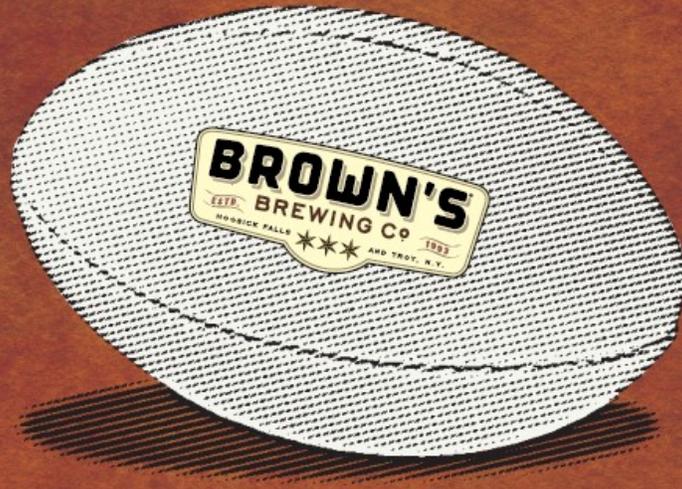
Within hours of Jonesy being in the hospital, a bucket was put out at the tournament in Florida and ruggers from around the world starting emptying their pockets. Within a couple of weeks a Trust was established to receive the donations that were coming in from around the world. We received donations from clubs in New Zealand, Australia, England, Ireland and from all over the U.S. By the end of March we had organized the first Jonesy Open Golf Tournament, which was played in May of that year. The tournament was a huge success and raised close to \$70,000 the first year. Thanks to the continued support of our major sponsors: Dr. Dan Phelan; Billy Smith; Chuck Cronin; Tom Selfridge; Bob Hurley (Subway); SEFCU; and to the many other supporters, the four Jonesy Open Golf Tournaments have raised a combined total of approximately \$210,000 for the Michael Jones Trust.

In addition to the money being raised, the biggest help given to Jonesy and his family is the outpouring of love and support by his family and friends. Twice each week a group gathers at Jonesy's house to help in his rehabilitation (lifting). Jonesy has received cards and letters from people from all over the globe. The aides that are at Jonesy's side 24 hours a day have become a huge part of his life. They provide all kinds of help that allow Jonesy's family to keep as much normalcy, as possible, in their day-to-day activities. If you're not sure how to help, the best way to start is to simply stop by and pay him a visit. Putting a smile on his face is priceless and a tremendous help in keeping him motivated to move forward.

Once you have committed to joining a rugby club, you quickly realize that rugby is much more than just a game, but it is a way of life. Your rugby club becomes another family and you will always be a part of that family. Jonesy was, is, and will forever be, a huge part of the Albany Knicks family. As with any family - if someone needs help, the whole family must come together to support them! Over the last 3 years and 4 months, Jonesy has made monumental improvements in his condition, yet he still has a long uphill battle in his recovery. Jonesy's positive attitude has never wavered and is what keeps him dedicated to improving. Your continued support of Jonesy, his wife Lisa and their beautiful daughter Lilliana, is critical in helping Jonesy push forward and continue his recovery. Happy 40th to all.

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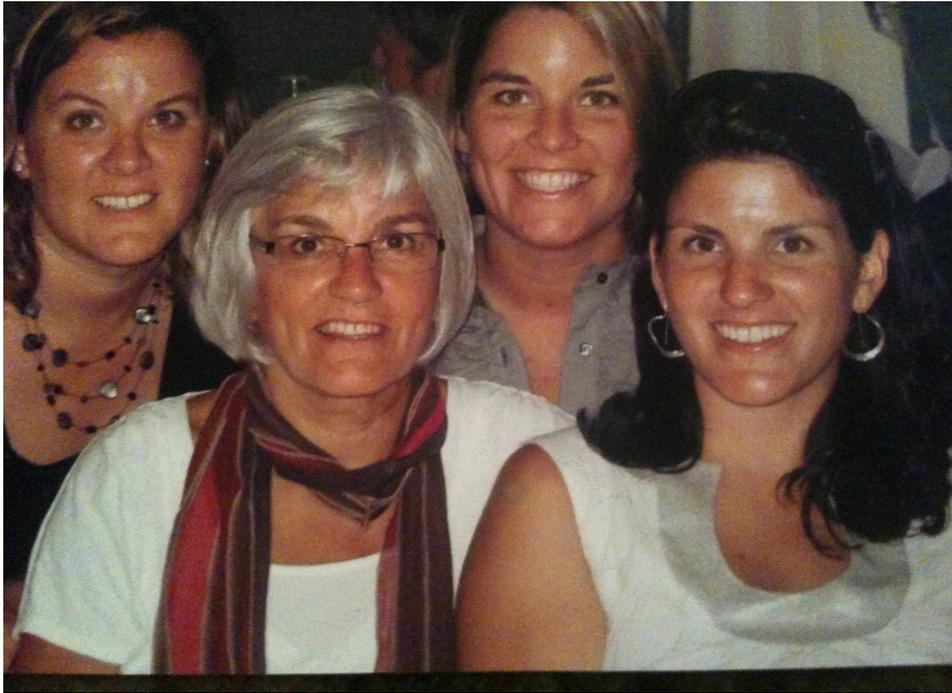
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SPRING 1986

MARCH 15/16	SPRING TOUR to WASHINGTON, DC.	
MARCH 22	OMEX (NYC)	AWAY
MARCH 29	OLD BLUE	HOME
APRIL 5	WHITE PLAINS	HOME
APRIL 12	NORTHEAST CHAMPIONSHIPS at NEWPORT, RI. (B & C vs. ORMSTOWN, ONT.)	HOME
* APRIL 20	COLLEGE ALL-STARS at BLEEKER STADIUM	
APRIL 26	UPSTATE TOURNAMENT (WINDOVER), CLIFTON PARK	
MAY 3	DANBURY	HOME
MAY 10	(B & C vs. MAD RIVER/RUTLAND)	HOME
* * MAY 11	NIJMEGAN, HOLLAND at BLEEKER STADIUM	
MAY 17	MONMOUTH	HOME
MAY 31	SCHAEFER-STROH'S 7's at BETHLEHEM, PA.	

GAMES -- SATURDAYS (1 PM) at Lincoln Park, unless otherwise noted.

PRACTICE -- WEDNESDAYS (6-8 PM) at Lincoln Park, Albany

- * Sunday (vs. Albany Knicks-A/B/C) -- 12 PM. Steak roast to follow.
- * * Sunday (Tricentennial Event) -- 12 PM (Over XXXs), 2 PM (A-SIDE)

SUMMER 1986

JUNE 7/8	PORTLAND TOURNAMENT	PORTLAND, ME.
JUNE 21	ROCKAWAY 7's TOURNAMENT	NEW YORK CITY
JULY 5/6	MAD RIVER TOURNAMENT	VERMONT
JULY 19	ALBANY KNICKS 7's TOURNAMENT	ALBANY
AUGUST 2/3	SARANAC MOUNTAINEER TOURNAMENT	SARANAC LAKE, NY.
* AUGUST 9	INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT	FREAR PARK, TROY
* * AUGUST 16	HAWAII HARLEQUINS	ALBANY
* * * AUGUST 23	KNICKERBOCKER STEAK ROAST !	TBA
AUGUST 30 -	TOUR TO SCOTLAND	
SEPTEMBER 13	- ENGLAND	

- * Knickerbocker Open -- Golf/Drinks/Dinner. Contact Steve Cronin (% The Clubbery)
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January 1986

Rugby

Club

EASTERN RFU

Rank	Club	Points	1st Place Votes
1.	Old Blue	60	6
2.	Boston	52	
3.	Washington	47	
4.	Life College	45	
5.	Blackthorn	22	
6.	Albany Knicks	13	
6.	Baton Rouge	13	
6.	NOVA	13	
9.	Bethlehem	10	
9.	Atlanta Renegades	10	

MIDWEST RFU

Rank	Club	Points	1st Place Votes
1.	Cincinnati Wolfhounds	75	3
2.	Milwaukee	71	4
3.	Louisville	65	1
4.	Scioto Valley	55	
5.	Chicago Lions	39	
6.	Quad Cities Irish	25	
7.	Palmer College	24	
8.	Dayton	15	
8.	Michigan	15	
10.	Indianapolis	14	

WESTERN RFU

Rank	Club	Points	1st Place Votes
1.	Dallas Harlequins	36	1
2.	Denver Barbarians	34	2
3.	Oklahoma	24	
4.	Austin	17	
4.	Kansas City Blues	17	
6.	Dallas	16	
7.	Kansas	15	
8.	Boulder	12	
9.	Denver Highlanders	11	
10.	Aspen	10	1

PACIFIC COAST RFU

Rank	Club	Points	1st Place Votes
1.	Old Blues	76	4
2.	Los Angeles	75	4
3.	San Francisco	53	
3.	OMBAC	53	
5.	Santa Monica	44	
6.	Seahawks	40	
7.	Old Puget Sound	34	
8.	BATS	21	
9.	Belmont Shore	20	
10.	Back Bay	13	

College

EASTERN RFU

Rank	College	Points	1st Place Votes
1.	Navy	28	1
2.	Maryland	24	2
3.	Virginia Tech	23	
4.	Army	22	
5.	LSU	18	
5.	Dartmouth	18	
7.	Florida St.	10	
8.	Tennessee	8	
9.	Georgia Tech	7	
10.	North Carolina St.	5	

MIDWEST RFU

Rank	College	Points	1st Place Votes
1.	Illinois	67	4
2.	Wisconsin	63	1
3.	Kent State	57	1
4.	Bowling Green	42	2
5.	Ohio St.	37	
6.	Iowa St.	33	
7.	Miami-Ohio	31	
8.	Penn St.	30	
9.	Michigan	12	
10.	Minnesota	11	

WESTERN RFU

Rank	College	Points	1st Place Votes
1.	Air Force	20	2
2.	Texas A&M	15	
2.	Colorado	15	
4.	Kansas St.	12	
5.	Missouri-Rolla	9	
6.	Colorado St	8	
6.	Kansas	8	
8.	New Mexico St	7	
9.	Oklahoma	5	

PACIFIC COAST RFU

Rank	College	Points	1st Place Votes
1.	Cal-Berkeley	60	6
2.	Long Beach St.	50	
3.	San Diego St.	44	
4.	Cal-Santa Barbara	38	
5.	Arizona	25	
6.	Cal-Davis	24	
7.	Chico St.	23	
8.	BYU	21	
9.	Oregon St.	20	

Military

UNITED STATES

1. Monterey
2. Ft. Hood
2. Uniformed Sv. U
4. Davis-Monthan AFB
4. Ft. Sill
6. Camp Pendleton
7. Ft. Stewart
8. Ft. Bragg
9. Wright-Patterson AFB
10. Ft. Benning

EUROPE

1. Frankfurt
2. Nuremberg
3. Baumholder
4. Wurzburg
5. Kirchgoens
6. Goepingen
7. Baden Baden
8. Berlin
9. Schweinfurt
10. Stuttgart

PACOM

1. Camp Kinser
2. Kadena AB
3. USS Cleveland
4. Misawa AB
5. Wheeler AFB
6. Clark AB
7. USS Midway
8. Guam Warriors
9. Youngsan Eagles
10. Camp Schwab

Please save these dates and support your club at the matches
2013 Fall Schedule

Club

August 2-4 Can Ams @ Lake Placid/Saranac Lake

August 15-24 40th Anniversary Tour @ Ireland

Men's DII

August 24, 2013 Home vs. Providence

August 31, 2013 LABOR DAY

September 7, 2013 Away @ Newport

September 14, 2013 Home vs. Saratoga

September 21, 2013 Home vs. New Haven

September 28, 2013 Home vs. Amoskeag

October 5, 2013 Away @ Portland

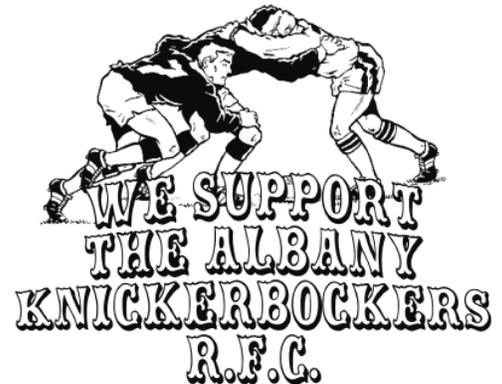
October 12, 2013 COLUMBUS DAY

*October 19, 2013 Home vs. South Shore

October 26, 2013 Away @ Old Gold

November 2, 2013 Home vs. North Shore

November 9, 2013 Away vs. Charles River



Women's DI

September 7, 2013 Away @ Morris

September 14, 2013 Home vs. Village Lions*

September 21, 2013 Away @ Providence

September 28, 2013 Bi-Week

October 5, 2013 Away @ Monmouth

October 12, 2013 Away @ Village Lions

October 19, 2013 Home vs. Boston*

October 26, 2013 Home vs. Morris

*August will be followed by our annual Poker Pub Crawl fundraiser on September 14

*October 19 will be our Match for Breast Cancer Awareness, we will be raising money for the American Cancer Society by doing what we do best, playing rugby and wearing pink.

For more information about game times and details for events please visit our website

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Smith's Paving

Paving-Sealcoating-Striping



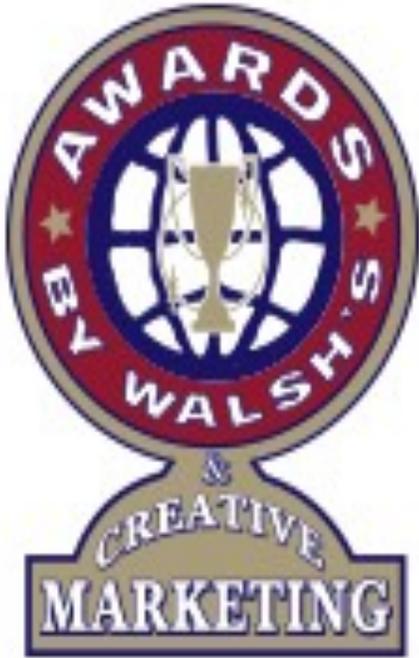
**40 great years! Have it out!
Bill Smith**

There's a dirty stinkin' piss-hole, to the north of Waterloo,
There's another for the ladies further down.
They're run by Sally Tucker, for a shilling you can fuck her,
You can sleep with her for half a crown.
She's known as Sally Tucker by the those who used to fuck her,
But her real name was Tuloola Johnstone Black.,
She's handled many a tool since the day she first left school,
And earned a damn fine living on her back.
She was the dirtiest of bitches, and by the colour of her britches
You'd swear that wench had never had a wash.
But the smell from her vagina was infinitely finer,
Than any rum or gin or lemon squash.
One night she had a rattle, with a sailor from the Seattle,
And she wondered why he held her so long and close,
But when he done his screwing, she knew what he'd been doing,
He'd gone and left her with a proper dose.
Well, she gave it to her father, who gave it to her mother,
Who gave it to the Reverend Percy Brown.
Who gave it to a cousin, who gave it to a dozen,
And now its half way round the bloody town.
At last it came to pass, it reached that sailor's ass
And it travelled half way uup his bloody back
It rotted and if festered, his very life it pestered
Twas the vengeance of Taloola Johnstone Black!

Now there's a dirty stinkin' sailor to the north of Waterloo,
With a dose of syph thats slowly turning green,
And ere he's hacked it and he's scratched it, if ere he can detach it,
He's a better man than I, Gunga Din.

Jim "Mongo" Stuart (40 Years of Bliss!)

All the best to Knicks old and new on this very auspicious occasion. Still the best memories of my life, although not sure how we all survived to tell the stories! Sorry I can't be there to help celebrate, but I promise to drink heavily and do something very stupid on the day (how out of character!). Seriously, going strong after 40 years is a testament to the commitment of many and the consistent quality of membership. Here is to the next 40!



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