



# The North County Gurkhas Rugby Club Newsletter

**Gurkha Gab**

All The News That's Fit? Probably Not!

January 2002

## Happy New Year Gurkhas!

It's past time for the newest episode of The Gurkha Gab.

I've been asked, "Who writes this crap anyway"?

Well this time it's me! We don't make it obvious who's the editor (to protect the guilty) but often the style is different and we think it's fun to make you guess (and we can blame someone else).

So the editor will blame himself for missing the December edition - as he was only asked to write this in January!

But it's late anyway - too bad - suffer in silence!

## Da Bus!!

Claire made another request regarding the Bus (now named Stephanie - after the first chick to get laid there!).

She thinks it would be good idea to paint it UPS brown because she thinks that by the time its running it'll be Xmas again and she can use it as a package delivery truck. So if you want to be partying all the way to Vegas or Kern County in a UPS truck we better get this thing mobile!

Some progress has been made though. The roof rack has been painted - still needs some welding and new floorboards. Some rust holes have been bondo'd and fiber glassed. The inside has all the windows and side panels installed. The carpet has been cleaned. The gas tank is relined. Six new tires have been purchased (thank you Golden State Tire for a great deal!).

Tardy is rebuilding the carburetor (Doh - did I say Xmas - I meant Xmas 2003); Ray is working on a getting gas tank filler neck and sending unit. Things left to do are: body work and paint, reinstall gas tank and carburetor, brake system, install seats. Then we should be on the road!

## Game results since the last 'Gab:

**Dec 1:** Beat Pasadena at home 35-10, RBHS and Pasadena U19 played earlier (RBHS won easily), also Point Loma played mainly a B side - I think it was a draw!

**Dec 15:** Beat Camp Pendleton at home 37-12 (I'm making that up - I don't know the exact score!)

**Jan 12:** Lost to Old Aztecs in league match 37-21, B side lost by quite a bit to not much! Aztecs are much improved with their 4 new ringers and we started slow (again) to be down 20-0 at one stage. But scoring 3 tries to their 4, showed great heart.

**Jan 19:** Beat a very scrappy South Orange County side 22-12; B-side lost 15-5. This game was notable for great defense during our traditional warm-up period of the first 20 minutes, and punch-ups throughout the game, which finally led to their main culprit being tossed! And not before Aussie Scott (Sparky) ran onto the field to stop "Twiggy" from getting hammered by aforementioned SOC culprit! Go Aussie - We'll wait to see if he's suspended for this week!

Plenty of 'Claret' was seen this day, especially from 'Leonardo' who was only on the field 30 seconds before he was painting the town red! Stick to Canvas Johnno!

An interesting fact for this weekend: SOC Beat OMBAC III in week 1, OMBAC III beat Old Aztecs in week two, so south division teams are all 1-1 before this weekend. Old Aztecs are complaining that OMBAC stacked the team against them. Unfortunately there's nothing to stop higher division players playing lower division games until Super League starts. We could end up playing OMBAC's S.L. team for all the Union gives a shit!

## High School Rugby:

Aussie Scott and Batman having been coaching La Costa and Leo' has RBHS. It's a struggle right now for them. The kids at RBHS seem to only want to play not practice - they seem to be a bit full of themselves. John's losing work time to coach these kids and not getting more than about 10 to practice. La Costa's numbers are not great either. A nucleus is keen, but their friends don't come out after saying they will. A scrumage was held last weekend but only 10 La Costa kids made it out. Hopefully the scrumage this Sunday before the Club game will get these kids out and enjoying Rugby!

## New Year's Eve:

Ray and Claire held another New Year 'dress-up' party. It's amazing how well people polish up in their Sunday best. Copious quantities of alcohol and food were enjoyed by all, (especially Lena who was heard to be conversing with frogs most of the hours between 4AM and sun-up!). The Bus was christened (Big A - you need to come back and

clean the carpet!); Ping Pong was played until about 4AM. All in all a good time was had by all. Lou Loiola called from N.Y. but obviously got too hammered to call back when everyone was there. Pity - next time Ray ought to be bright enough to "WRITE DOWN HIS NUMBER". Doh!

## New Members:

We've had a large influx of new guys in the last month - a bunch from the Marines (some of whom were redeployed here from Okinawa) - Semper Fi dudes! Others from various different places including some new Kiwi's and Poms. Welcome guys, its great to have the numbers and we need you all. Just keep coming to practice (34 before Old Aztecs game - 18 after SOC Game). Is that typical or what!

## Get Well Wishes:

We would like to wish Danny, our trainer, a speedy recovery! Dan was working as an EMT and the ambulance got into an accident while he was helping the patient and he got banged up pretty bad. God speed Dan.


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