



The North County Gurkhas Rugby Club Newsletter

GURKHA GAB

ALL THE NEWS THAT'S FIT? PROBABLY NOT!

July 2004

ANNUAL GURKHA BANQUET

The annual Gurkha Banquet was held on June 5th at Ray's compound. It started off with some festivities including Ray's MXC obstacle course challenge, which saw Marc Davis come out the winner. There was also an attempt to put Sean Milstead in the pond, but the feisty little scrumhalf fought gallantly and wouldn't be taken alive. The following individuals were the recipients of awards ranging from performance on the pitch, to long standing service to the club.

Most Valuable Forward: Hooker Ian Liebenberg
Most Valuable Back: Center Ben Willis
Most Valuable New Comer: Fullback Ryan Gallop
Most Improved Player: Flanker Cass Barrett
Leather Balls Award: Former President Joe Clark
Club Achievement Award: Coach/Scrumhalf/Old Boy John Gibb

The menu for the day included Green Flash beer, cheap wine, and some rot gut whiskey that Sleeper was seen drinking as if it were a good sippin' scotch. Oh yeah, and we did have an excellent Mongolian BBQ.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

On September 19th, the 5th annual golf tournament will be held. The Twin Oaks Golf club is hosting it again this year.

This year we are having some interesting incentives:
Sign up Two 4-somes, Get \$50 Off Dues
Sign up Three 4-somes, another \$50 Off Dues
Sign up Four 4-somes, Get Your Dues Paid in Full

For the Person who Brings in the Most 4-somes:
(Six 4-some Minimum)
Wins a Free 3 day Cruise to Mexico

And for any of the Youth Program Players:
10% of all gross sales can be earned, Cash in Pocket!
Lets' get them 4-somes signed up!!

A HEARTFELT CONDOLENCE

Scott Wilkes' Dad passed away in Australia recently and from one and all here from his extended family we wish to express our deepest sympathies. We're here for you Scotty!

GURKHA 30th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Next year is the 30th Anniversary of our club, so in recognition we will be having a special party in July, most likely the weekend following July 4th. We will let you now for sure soon. We will be inviting any and all old and current Gurkhas we can find just like our 25th Banquet.

7's Rugby

Las Vegas Midnight 7s

The Las Vegas Midnight 7s Tournament was held June 12th in Vegas Baby! Where we entered 2 teams in the Kings Division. The North County Kings (Gurkha II) were the hit of the tournament with their Elvis wigs, sunglasses, and gold warm up pants with custom T-Shirts. Although neither team won more than they lost, they certainly showed up to play rugby, and had a great time. That's about as far as this recap can go, due to the fact that "what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas"

Old Aztecs Summer Invitational Sevens (OASIS)

The OASIS tournament was held June 26th in Ocean Beach, at Robb Field. The Gurkhas again had two teams entered. The Gurkhas competed in the open division and the Kings competed in the social division. In the first match of pool play the Gurkhas were defeated 14-10 by OMBAC II in a match that could have easily gone the other way, but we looked out of sync nearly the whole match, even after good second half comeback. Tries were scored by Ryan Gallop and Benny Willis.

Up next was Oxy II, in this match the Gurkhas seemed to be slightly more comfortable. Some good ball movement coupled with a sure defense seemed the deciding factor as the Gurkhas came out 28-5 winners. Tries were scored by Benny Willis, Mike Gallop, and Cass Barrett. This performance saw a return in the Gurkha confidence for the next match against Los Angeles.

L.A. proved to be no match for a Gurkha side still not playing up to it's potential, but improving every game. On numerous occasions the Gurkhas were able to

breach L.A.'s line, and use pace to exploit the space outside. One try to Benny Willis, a hat trick of tries to Cass Barrett, and a brilliant individual try by Ryan Gallop, saw the Gurkhas through to a 35-5 victory with Mike Gallop kicking all of the conversions.

With a record of 2-1 and second in the pool, the Gurkhas ended up in the plate division due to being the #5 team overall in the open division. In the semi-final match the Gurkhas played the S.O.C. Gators plus with J.P. and Spill filling out the numbers. A fun, free flowing game saw the Gurkhas come out with a good win.

In the plate final, the Gurkhas finally looked like they were hitting their stride, scoring two intercept tries in the first 3 minutes and shut down Scottsdale's ball movement with great defense. By halftime the final outcome wasn't really in question, and another intercept try by Ryan Gallop (his second on the day) ended any hope of a Scottsdale comeback.

This victory meant that the Gurkhas had won hardware at OASIS for the first time since 1997, and followed up on a 2nd place Open division finish to Riverside at SLO in 2003.

In the social division the Kings played some good rugby all day, and many players were utilized in the side. Some of the highlights being Vino Martinez's beautiful up and under kick, which he recovered himself, and dished off to Kai who took the ball straight up for a good line break. Bad Andy had a lovely day at halfback as well. The maestro distributed the ball as if he thought he were John Gibb or something.

All in all a good day was had by all, and the club took home hardware. Next up is Sun splash 7s at Long Beach.

SCRFU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Vino, and Cass attended the So Cal AGM on Saturday June 19th. The report from those two indicated that attending the meeting was worse than consuming beer out of Spill Martinez's famous boot. The meeting lasted for about 5 hours and it seemed like nothing really got accomplished except a bunch of bickering. However, there was some new officers put in place and the following is a list of those new officers.

President: Jason Scott – L.A.R.C. President
Vice Pres: Paul Ganey – Longtime ex So Cal Pres.
Treasurer: Delyn Barclay – Referee and new Referee's chairperson
Secretary: Brad Torgan – Referee and Coach of L.A. Rebellion

Who's Who AND Who's Not

Congratulations to Scott Talbot and Colleen Talbot, as they were recently married while on vacation in Hawaii.

Goodbye to a couple more of our Gurkhas
We said goodbye to one of Gurkhas recently and to one not so recently.

Sean Milstead, an outstanding player for the Gurkhas over the past couple of seasons, has moved to England to study. He will be there for 18 months, and will be playing rugby for the London Wasps, as one of his best mates Fraser Waters (England National Team) plays for them. We do hope to see the Brent Russell look-a-like back in Gurkha colors as soon as possible though.



Another famous Gurkha, Jean (Dogger) Bergesen also moved off to the land of bad weather, warm beer, and bad teeth. Jean was offered a citizenship by the prime minister of England, and gladly accepted. Jean was a well known member of the Southern Cal rugby community and was an inspiration to Gurkhas during her time with the club, and will be remembered fondly by all. She is pursuing her rugby career with the NEC Lady Harlequins, and rubbing elbows with many famed English rugby players (yes Weka they are considered famous in England at least.)

Dana and Hot flowing Magma in The Land of OZ



No I'm not referring to Kansas, but to Australia, where Dana and Magma have taken up residency for the summer. They have been playing for a club called the Golden West Holden Rhinos in Dubbo. Dana has been playing at hooker and prop for the U-19 Colts team and is the leader in player points.

Player Points: Colts: 1. Dana Nutter 2. Andrew Seaton
3 Rick Medway

Magma, on the other hand has been sampling the local adult beverages and playing more with the local livestock than anything else.

Both Magma and Dana also participated in the annual Rhino's Man-O-Man competition, as seen in the pictures in this newsletter.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Here is an update of some upcoming events. Pasadena will not be hosting their tournament for the second year in a row, meaning the Gurkhas are still the defending plate champions.

Don't forget to spread the word about the golf tournament, this is an event we would like to have more outside participation.

Back Bay 7's in the Sand – July 10 & 11, 2004

Belmont Shore Sunsplash 7's – July 24, 2004

ERAC Rock Fest 7s - July 31, 2004

Santa Barbara Firestone 7s– August 21, 2004

San Luis Obispo Tri-Tip 7s- Sept 11, 2004

5th Annual Golf Tournament – September 19, 2004

Flagstaff 10s Tournament – Sept 25-26 2004

Gurkha 10s Tournament – October 30, 2004

Rugby Trivia

A new addition to the Gurkha Gab is the rugby trivia question of the month. The way this will go is there is

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a five question format, and whoever answers the most questions correctly is the winner. In the event of a tie we will place the names in a hat and draw for the winner, and the winner will receive a 12 pack of Green Flash Beer. All you old heads make sure you give the young guys a fair go at this.

Question 1

This 61 game, and 51 test veteran for the All Blacks was the youngest player to captain the men in black.

Question 2

What famous 3 named Irish 2nd Rower (pictured below) was the recipient of 63 caps for his country and a record 17 British and Irish Lions Caps.



Question 3

What current South African player is the only Springbok left over from the World Cup Championship team of 1995.

Question 4

Which former All Black #8 and captain in only his second test, stayed in the match after instructing the team doctor to "stitch up his torn scrotum" only to have to leave the game 35 minutes later because of knock to the head. This being the only test match out of 22 that he didn't finish.

Question 5

What Irish fly-half was born in San Diego, CA