



Gurkha Gab

June 2007

End of Year Banquet

As newly elected President, I would just like to begin by thanking the outgoing committee for a fine job over the last year, especially for the end of Year Banquet, which was enjoyed by all who attended, especially by Kai who decided to get better acquainted with a bush at the end of the night, of the green and leafy variety

Congratulations have to go out to the winners of the Players awards –

- Best Forward – Casey Wood
- Best Back – Barry (Baz) Zeait
- Most Improved – Mike (Fish) Fisher
- Best Rookie – Kalani Haupu
- Best Newcomer – James Cross

I would also like to express my thanks to everyone who voted at the committee elections, especially those who voted for me. I look forward to working with everyone to work towards building the type of club that we all want to play for.

Hello from the new Committee

- President – Dave Burns
- Vice President – Tony (Mac) Stewart
- Secretary – Alan (Big A) Miles
- Treasurer – Ray (Pops) Steel
- Social Secretary – Brian Taylor

Goals for Year

This years committee have identified fund raising and recruitment as the areas that we most need to address. As well as tried and tested fund raising activities we will be looking to try new ideas as well. Similarly, we are going to look at ways to get more people out and playing Rugby for the Gurkhas.

Fund Raising

The main fund raising event for this year will, yet again, be the Golf Tournament in September (9/16, so make sure you keep your diaries clear). We need to start getting raffle prizes and sponsorship organized, so please talk to anyone you can think of that may be willing to donate a prize or be an event sponsor. Costs for the tournament will be announced as soon as possible.

In addition to the Golf Tournament we are considering other fund raising events, such as a Casino night, so watch this space for more news.

Recruitment

We are going to look at recruitment on a number of fronts, advertising in various publications such as City Magazines (Oceanside, Vista, Carlsbad, San Marcos, Encinitas and Escondido), College Magazines (CS San Marcos) and making sure that

our results get published in Newspapers (North County Times)

We will also have a table at the North County Highland Games (<http://www.sdhighlandgames.org/>) to hand out information on NCRFC as well as the Golf tournament. If you have any free time on 6/23 or 6/24 please come along and help Coby and I by talking to people about our club and Rugby in General (kilt wearing is optional).

Longer Term

It is something that has been talked about for years, but it was agreed that we should start to look seriously at getting our own ground. It was suggested that we look at the possibility of using the services of a Grant Writer to help apply for various Grants. If anyone knows a Grant Writer or has experience in this line of work please let us know as we may well have some work for them.

Tour News

Gurkhas are goin' loud an' large to Fiji in 2008 (at least that's the plan). We will be getting some prices together as soon as possible, so start saving for what should be an awesome tour, more details to follow.

Fish Got Hooked

Many congratulations to Fish and Jenny on the announcement of their engagement. Attempts were made to persuade me to refer to Fish's betrothed as 'Wanda', but insufficient beer was forthcoming, so under no circumstances should anyone ever refer to Jenny as Wanda.

Casey Got Bounced

Even more congratulations to Casey on completing the first part of 'Bouncers 101 – how to take a punch'. Casey will be giving demonstrations for anyone who is interested on request at Dini's in Carlsbad.

It's a Boy

Final set of congratulations for this Newsletter go to Mr and Mrs Zeait who now know that they are expecting a boy. Hopefully he will have more sense than his old man and will play in the pack.

Summer Touch Rugby now in session

For those of you who didn't already know, we have started the Summer Touch Rugby sessions at Cannon Park, Monday and Thursday starting at 6:00pm.

Suggestion 'Box'

Please remember that above all this is your club, so if you have any suggestions, ideas, concerns, criticisms or gossip then please let us know.

Unpaid Dues

Sorry to end on a sour note, but there are still some people who owe dues for last season. As a club we lost money last season, but would have at least broken even if everyone had paid their dues. These outstanding dues are still need to be paid, so make sure that you pay as soon as possible.

Until Next Month - Dave Burns