



Gurkha Gab

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Gurkha newsletter, hopefully you will find it useful and informative (if nothing else, you can fold it up and use it to stop the table from rocking every time you put your beer down). So much has happened this month that I hardly know where to begin. Okay, that's a lie, the truth is the so LITTLE has happened this month that I hardly know HOW to begin.

Tournament Update

We fielded a team in the Eagle Rock Summer 7's on June 30th. This tournament was arranged at the last minute as a replacement for OASIS, so thanks to Tony Stewart for putting together a team and making the long trek north to Calabasas at short notice and putting up a decent show (apart from Kai, who got laid out by a 16 year old).

The next Tournament that we are playing in is the Eagle Rock 'Rockfest' on July 14th, Sunsplash at Belmont Shore on July 21st and then the Midnight 7's in Las Vegas on August 4th. For a full schedule of this year's tournaments, visit the SCRFU website at http://www.scrfu.org/schedule_7s.htm. We are planning on putting a team in for most, if not all, tournaments this year so please try and make it out for a couple.

Gurkha 10's Tournament

After a respite of a couple of years, we are going to be hosting the Gurkha 10's Tournament again in October. Ray Steel is heading up the organizing committee, assisted by Tony Stewart. They will probably need a few volunteers to help organize and run the tournament, so don't be shy in stepping forward and offering to help. Who knows, the committee might even decide to give you a credit against your dues if you volunteer.

Dues

Talking of dues, some people still have dues outstanding from last season. Please settle your accounts either by paying a member of the committee or by using the PayPal link on the website as the Club does need this money.

Unfortunately, the club did lose money last year, due in part to the amount of unpaid dues. As a result, it has been decided to increase the dues this year to \$300 (\$250 for rookies and students). We are getting some receipt books to hand out to the committee, so if you give payment to a committee member make sure that you get a receipt. Alternatively, use the PayPal link (see how easy we make it to give money to the club).

Touch at the Beach



Now that the water temperature has reached sensible levels, we are playing touch at Cannon on Monday and Wednesday evenings and at South Carlsbad State Beach on Thursdays. Directions to the beach are on the website, we usually play toward the south end of the beach by Life Guard tower # 21.

[Look, a Fish out of water](#)

Golf Tournament

The fees for the Golf Tournament have been agreed at \$120 for club members and \$130 for non-members. The entry form has been posted on the website so you can download it and send in payment. There is also a PayPal link on the website to allow you to make payment directly (see, another example of how easy we make it to take your money). The tournament date is September 16th. There will be no 'walk-ups' allowed this year, everyone must pay in advance, so make sure that you submit completed entry forms, with payment, by August 31st at the very latest.

Fiji Tour

Plans for the Fiji Tour are progressing. We are getting prices for a 10 day tour towards the end of June 2008 (have to leave the beginning of June clear for playing in Nationals), with plans to play 3 games. At this time, we are working with an estimate of \$2,000 per person, but this may change once the Tour Agent can get quotes from airlines and hotels, hopefully it will change for the better. We have the option to include some organized events, so if anyone has any specific requests for tours to outlying Islands, horse riding on the beach or whatever then let me know and I will pass that over to the Tour Agent.

We will be asking for a deposit in the not too distant future so that we know exactly how many people will be going. We may even put a PayPal link on the website to make it easy for you to pay.

MySpace

The Gurkhas now have a MySpace page; <http://www.myspace.com/northcountyrugbygurkhas> Upcoming events will be posted on the bulletin board. For now it is a public site, so please be aware - the content of any postings will be seen by anyone. Depending on how many of us use it and the eventual content it may be necessary to change it to private viewing only. It really just depends on how we, as a team, want to use the site.

Highland Games

The North County Rugby stand at the Vista Highland Games was a great success. Thanks to Tex, Butters, John Hoprich, Joe and Jessica who all turned out to lend a hand so that I had time to drink beer. I was very interested in Tex's idea of a suitable person to approach about Rugby, 20ish, blonde hair, big boobs, cute !!!!! We got a lot of interest in the Golf Tournament and some Marines and Navy guys that are thinking of playing this season. A couple of guys who we met at the games, Shaun and Mike, have started turning out at Cannon park and another possible, Marshal, a 6ft+ Zimbabwean, is probably going to start turning out once he and his fiancée have moved from San Diego to Oceanside.

The highlight of the games though was Russ, who competed as a novice in all disciplines and did very well. We tried to get him to wear a Gurkha jersey, but competition rules prevented that from happening.

Next year we will be better organized, who knows maybe we can even have a demo game. Judging by the large amount of interest shown in our jerseys, partially thanks to the 'Green Flash' logo, we may well look to actually have a stand in the vendor's area next year so that we can sell some Gurkha Gear.

And Finally

I'm sure that a few of you have read this newsletter and thought to yourselves 'what crap, I can do better than that'. If you are one of those people, or maybe you just fancy a chance to exercise your literary skills, please feel free to make yourself known, I won't be offended.

Until Next Month - Dave Burns