



Capilano Rugby Football Club Alumni Association

January 24, 2012

Alumni Greetings to all members.....

The 2012 spring rugby season is about to get underway and we look forward to another exciting year of Capilano Rugby. As you will have noticed, we have changed the membership tenure to cover the calendar year rather than the fall – spring season as in the past. We think that this will better capture the quality rugby played in the spring Premier League and help to emphasize the developing 7-A-Side competitions held throughout the summer months.

The alumni membership has been dwindling over the past couple of years and so we are asking for your help in bolstering our numbers. Phone those old friends and talk to them about joining the Capilano Alumni Association. Our definition of “Alumni” is quite broad; you don’t need to have played the game – parents, partners, and other supporters are all welcome. The benefits are rewarding and you know that your yearly fee is being used to promote the game among our young players here at home.

2012 Alumni Membership Fee is \$100 which entitles you to:

- a membership card
- admission to all Capilano home games and use of the newly renovated clubrooms
- invitation to supporter luncheons at the clubhouse
- regular communication about upcoming activities
- an invitation to be involved in our very successful Calcutta Night fund-raiser

As in the past, 50% of your membership money goes to the Club Executive for administration and the remaining 50% goes toward Alumni projects. As with most things these days, the costs associated with supporting and running a rugby club have increased and we feel that our fee structure represents good value.

Our main thrust again will be to help facilitate player development under the auspices of the **STORMY EXCHANGE PROGRAM** which previously has helped to send young players, both men and women, to New Zealand and Australia and to help sponsor incoming import players. Glen McKinnon, a key member of the Premier team for the past few seasons, received sponsorship this past year to play for East Coast Bays in Auckland. This contribution is greatly appreciated by the Alumni, the Capilano Exec and all the players that have been involved.

The program has become the envy of many clubs in BC and Alberta but we continue to look for new and improved ways to aid the club in player development. The Alumni believe that strong coaching is a key to the development of Capilano players and we are happy to work with Head Coach Tom Larisch with his on-going efforts to improve the club. We see this as a significant step in club and player development and, as such, we will continue to develop and expand the **STORMY EXCHANGE PROGRAM** to better reflect all aspects of player development.

Targeted Alumni activities for the coming season other than administration of the Stormy Exchange Program are:

- helping to sponsor summer fitness-strength training program at Level 10 Fitness
- hosting home-game lunches for all alumni members: **proposed lunch on March 24 – 5 home games with Premiers v U. Vic.**
- running of the very successful Calcutta Night fund-raiser: **this year to be held April 27th, details to follow**
- administering the Player Recognition Fund

Snowcaps:

Our goal this year is to continue to foster greater communication with the Snowcaps and we will be doing that with the help of the two Kens (Smitheringale and Robinson) who are on both the Alumni Committee and Snowcaps.

We invite all or any Snowcaps to sign on with us in this new season.

Player Recognition Fund:

This fund which part of your membership supports, continues to contribute to players who are selected to Provincial and Canadian National Teams. Three Capilanos were on the Canadian World Cup team. Jason Marshall and Ryan Hamilton were given some financial support; Jamie Cudmore only asked for our moral support, which was gladly given. Andrea Burke also received funding to help with her Canadian and Provincial rep commitments. As well there a number of women Provincial players and U-17 and U-20 men who received funding.

The spring schedules for both men and women are available on the BCRU website <http://www.bcrugby.com/>The men's Premier competition begins this Saturday, January 28th: Capilano v Burnaby Lake @ Klahanie Park and continues with home games on the 2 following weekends, February 4 and 11. The women start a week later, with a home game vs United on February 4. All league play continues until the end of April; playoffs follow.

Get involved once again.

- send in your \$100 cheque and sign up ASAP!
- persuade friends, relatives and others to sign on too!
- let us know if you'd like to get involved in helping with any event.....our preferred means of communication is by email...but Canada Post is ok too!

Donations

- in the past we have been fortunate to receive generous donations from members and these gifts have assisted greatly in carrying out our targeted goals. We are open to donations and are very grateful for this kind of input from members.

Alumni Membership

If possible we would like to deal with memberships through the mail and not at the gate on home game days and would request that you send your cheque and application through the mail. Also, Denny will be at Home games and you can give him your cheque on that day. **Remember the first home game is this Saturday, January 28th.**

So, here's the scoop.....

Send your cheque for \$100, payable to the **Capilano Rugby Club**, to:
Denny Maynard
222 West 22nd Street
North Vancouver, BC
V7M 2A1

Please fill out the attached Alumni Membership form and send in with your cheque. You will receive a membership card by return mail, or from Denny at a Club Home game.

Thanks again for your time, energy and generosity.

Capilano Rugby Club Alumni Committee

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Alumni Membership for the 2012 Season

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

What is the best way to contact you? _____

Suggestions:

***Anything you'd like to see happen in the coming year?** _____

***Anything you'd like the Alumni to do?**

**remember to include you chq for \$100