



## The Grumbler

May 2011

Hi Everyone!,.....as you must all well aware,. The Season has begun. First blood for 2011 goes to the men's 2<sup>nd</sup> XV with a sound win over the Belleville 2nds. The firsts didn't fare so well losing by two tries 6 tries to four tries. The first games are usually a bit of a mis match with players having other commitments for the first week end or so. The men traveled to Belleville with but 23 players forcing seven of the firsts team to play back to back games.....so the narrow loss looks good on them.

**ACTIVITY AT THE CLUB** Every night at the club house is now a hive of activity, where every team is there either one or two nights into heavy contact drills and practices. The 12s are there each Monday and Tuesday with 17 :) players, all of whom are keepers. The 14s are a positive over last season's 14 players. At Tuesdays practice I counted 17 good looking lads (good athletic looking) so another :). I haven't caught up to the 16s or 18s yet but my spies report all is well on that front. The men have 32 players registered :) while the senior women have a full squad of experience players..... another :). We were pressed for a coach for the 15s girls when Corrie Lewis came on board to steer the tyro girls,.Thanks Corrie and another :)

The flag 8s and 10s shall be practicing on Mondays/Tuesdays with Jenn J and Steve Lamb at the helm of that rowdy bunch. I wish them all the luck in the world keeping those ruffians under control.

**EQUIPMENT** This year the 8s and 10s shall be sporting their new club (colours) jerseys rather than the lime and black they have worn for the past number of year. The jerseys were paid for by Bingo and generous donations from (Ike) Selby Electric and Lindsay Optimist (many thanks)..There has been an ample supply of shorts and socks purchased for the club members to buy for their personal use. I would encourage every member to please wear club shorts and socks that you look like a reasonable and disciplined side whenever you take to the field rather than something resembling Fred Carno's Army, wearing various coloured shorts or even track pants and mix and match stockings.

**TOURS.** We are hosting two incoming tour this season. Ammanford from Wales are arriving July 13 for three days,.....then Wallington from the London area of England shall be here July 22 for three days. The players from both schools shall be between 16-18 years of age. They are both very strong sides. There are four adult teachers with each school

**. WE REQUIRE BILLETS PLEASE.**

**STOKES GOLF CLASSIC** This annual event shall be produced in July. Please see Ted Twohey about volunteering to assist and to register for playing.

**MINI & 12/U FESTIVAL** Occurs on Sunday July 17. I expect in excess of 150 kids and probably as many adults for the Festival which **commences** at 9.00 .a.m. Players, Mums and Dads arrive around 8.15 a.m.

**OUR staff/helpers/Volunteers must be there by 7.45 a.m. at the latest PLEASE!** I request we form a planning committee of 3/4 parents who are workers and know how to run things to meet with me at practices on May 23/24 for a 5 minute discussion to get things going.





**THE CLUB HOUSE.** The new(er) members shall not notice but the former members from last season and earlier shall note the transformation which has occurred and continues to occur at the club house and grounds,

Initially the nine trees which have been planted in the burme situated on the east side of the main field are now in leaf, They shall become a most attractive and addition to the field's overall ambience. The nine trees were presented to the club by Ted & Sandy Spearing in loving memory of their daughter and our own sweetheart, Rachel who died tragically, earlier this year following severe injuries she suffered in a traffic collision two years ago. Rachel was a world class scrum half, hence the nine trees to recognize the number of her playing position, No.9. There shall be further ceremonies later in the season to recognize Rachel's value to the club and to her memory. ....Over the next few years Ted & Sandy shall be instrumental in planting more trees to enhance the overall beauty of the Lindsay Rugby Club grounds .

The transformation continues inside the club house proper where the bar area has been completely revitalized. An interior, narthex type entrance has been created separating the bareness of the entry door from the remainder of the main hall. A wall has been erected creating a passageway from the entrance to the centre of the building, This passageway separates the washroom traffic from/and offering privacy to the bar/lounge patrons. This passageway is dedicated to the recognition of club members achieving National Honours,



I do hope and pray that I do not appear to be lecturing you in this discourse upon the re-vitalization of the Club House. I feel so much hard work, committed by the traditionally few dedicated club members should be recognized, or at least have the remainder of the club made aware of just what is going on. That all of this transformation simply doesn't happen by itself.....The bar area itself is a work of art. The floor has been tiled with the centre portion carpeted.. 'New' tables and chairs are present which gives the overall aura of 'there is someone here who cares' . The club is beginning to become a bit of a 'classy joint' .....Two large screen T.V screens (Operating and showing rugby games) are to be viewed by patrons socializing in the bar/lounge area.

Hot coffee is now available for those members not wishing to partake of barley sandwiches.

**THE SHED** Was in danger of falling down. It had become a liability. The executive had talked about fixing it for years., Well,.....on the very worse day possible, early in April, when it was pouring rain, some sleet, high winds , cold (very cold) all in all a very ungood day, a noble band of the club stalwarts produced a few pieces of machinery, shovels and an untold amount of guts and daringdo attacked the challenge and won. There is still a little bit of clearing up to do but the shed is saved to store our machinery for years to come. Other stalwarts assisted Ted Spearing in planting the 9 Rachel trees that day, also a task not for the faint hearted. Oops!.I'm running out of space,.....I have deliberately NOT mentioned any of these wonderful club members by name as I run the risk of omitting somebody, and that would be cruel. SO.....You all know who you are and I know who you are and all the other wonderful persons who worked with you know who you are.....**Therefore, a heart felt thank you from the club to all of you**

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