



The Gryphon Grumbler

Sept - Oct 2011



This has been an exceptionally busy period in the year and for that matter , in the club's history.

On the down side of this period, and for a rare time in many a year the club **did not** finish with a championship side in any of the age groups. Oh! we went through the season with many of the sides as Gang Busters. Laying waste to all and every opponent. But come the finals, it just wasn't there. The 16's took a heart breaker in their semis vrs Bytown from Ottawa when a missed grounding of the ball by the ref allowed our opponents to score a try late in the game for the win. A similar fate with the 14s where they were untouchable through the season only to have their mind set broken by the onset of football at their high schools. A three week lay-off between their last league game and the first playoff game interrupted by school football witnessed their demised from further proceedings at rugby by trying to play rugby using football tactics.It simply doesn't work that way.The women and the girls XV's faired much better though regrettably there were no championships there either.

However I shall mention some interesting movement in the senior ranks. Recently, when the Toronto (Ontario) Blues won the National Championship. **Six Lindsay members** were partakers in the event. Doug Wooldridge, Seb Pearson, Bob Brouwer and Brett Beukeboom were players on the team, Chris Silverthorn was the coach whilst Sherry Trumbull (a founder member of the club's women's XV) refereed the game.....:)

Brett has now returned to B.C where he is playing for U. Vic. Dougie and J.T (Rowbotham) are playing for James Bay with Nate Rees (the Welsh 20/U player we had during the summer is also out there. He is spreading his talents with Cowachin Rugby. Sebby has chosen not to pursue his rugby career in Britain for the next while as he returns to U.W.O where he is playing for the Mustangs.

And talking about the seniors, I wish to sow the seeds of growth among the **senior seniors**. This club, whether you wish to believe it or not is now **33 years old**. The kids with whom I started this club way back in 1978 now have kids of their own playing in the club. Over the next few months or so I shall be endeavoring to contact as many of these founder members and later older members with the possibility of starting an over 35 XV .and/or a Supporters/Social Club within the structure of the Lindsay RFC of course.....

Many of the rank and file of the club really are unaware of what a gem we have here in Lindsay with our Rugby Club. There are times galore when visiting rugby clubs, with old rugby sweats such as I, in their ranks and newer young bucks, also have spoken to me in glowing and envious terms of the club (house) and the grounds.: Expounding about our good luck and how fortunate we are to have such a wonderful facility.While I agree with everything they say I hasten to advise them 'Rome was not built in a day', neither did this club descend from the heavens as a glorious and shining city as envisioned by St John. It was and has been the result of that valiant few of loyal, hard working and so often stoic members toiling with zealous ardour. And in that vein I invite you to..... please see the other side





What this page shall reveal, in part, is a goodly number of faceless names, whereas, over this/these past season(s) you have been beset by a goodly number of nameless faces.... I wish we could/would devise a system where/when volunteer workers could wear big, bold, permanent type name tags when they come to the club so the non-workers/volunteers shall know who is really doing the work.

The club has produced massive events during the year. No.1 Is the Annual Rob Stokes Memorial Golf Tournament ram rodded by Ted Twohey. Ted has his list of helpers I know many of those names shall be duplicated in the following lists,

The Moroccan Night. Lot of work, not too many (of our club) showed up. The idea was conceived by Ali Westrop . The food was terrific, the decor intruigeing, very exotic, especially the belly dancer. Mandy and her husband Mustaffa produced the Moroccan cuisine So many of the helpers assisted here while others helped at the feast of the Fields so I'll say thank you to all you you at the same instance

Feast of te Fields, a memorial service-dinner to our lovely Rachel. A very touching service where Rachel's ashes were scattered on the field (with 50lbs of quality Blue Grass grass seed) There were 215 persons in attendance. A marquee over the patio, 7 quality chefs purveying their own particular style of food/food preparation, and oodles of the most delicious num-nums one could desire.

Field Maintenance and the club environs. The 9 trees on the burme at the east side of the field, the avenue with the natural stone curbing. The enhancing of Rob's Memorial corner with additional trees and shrubs, the sunflowers along the west side of the field , the flower bed at the front of the club house,.....then, when you enter the place, it has been transformed. A closeted bar area, tiled and carpeted floors. The toilets are all re-tiled with non slip tiles and new stall partitions, toilets and vanities. The patio has a permanent weather structure for the BBQ site. It all blows one's mind away.

Special thanks to Glen Smallwood and Glen Wiltshire for their over & above the call of duty in running the bus shuttle for the Tragically Hip concert making almost a \$1,000.00 for the club. Rene Sorensen for building the BBQ shelter, assist with registration and ordering club jackets (with John Carr). Jade & Dawn Hershey for assist with bracelets and freezies. Brett Hershey and Andrew Rafton for physio. duties at games and Andrew again for the First Aid kits Amanda Pascoe and Cathy Coulter, Fund Raisers extraordinary. April McIntyre with the minis and Brenda George whose deftness with the needles has saved us many a dollar in jersey repairs. The Callaghans, Tom, Sandy, Kim & Robin..... Also: Devon Hepburn, Logan Kourousis, Noah Pascoe, Jake Rutherford. Zoltan Vincze. Kyle Payne

Coaches/Managers. Brian Greven, Brett Moxley, Bob Brouwer, Luke Gledhill, Steve Lamb, Doug Payne. Kirk Wilson, Jenn Johnson, Glen Smallwood, Ali Westrop, Corie Lewis, Kim Callaghan Heather McCrindle

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Please forgive should I have missed someone.

A BIG THANK YOU
TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED.

