

The Gryphon Grumbler

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The dead arose, walked abroad, and was seen by many.....

Believe or not, I've done my Rip Van Winkle bit and awakened into Spring.

Apologies for my inactivity by not publishing the club's rag these many months; somehow I simply couldn't get my act together. So!.....here we go

Those of you who haven't been out to the Gryphon's Grotto for a while shall notice vast changes in the landscape and the club house interior.The old story prevailed where a very few persons performed enormous amount of work.....never the less the plan moves on. The club's executive have sound and solid views and targets to achieve this season and the future seasons down the road.

But first, a word of our prime purpose for being,.....that is to play the game of rugby and to instruct/teach/encourage the game of rugby here in Lindsay and the Kawarthas, for both genders, regardless of age, race, faith or handicap..... Did you know? in the most recent National Rugby Championship Ontario defeated Alberta for the National title. Playing for Ontario in that game were,..... our very own,

Seb Pearson, Brett Beukeboom, Rob Brouwer and J.T Rowbotham. Dougie Wooldridge (A 1/3rd of the side) The Ontario Coach was Chris Silverthorn, and the referee was Sherry Trumbull. All five players are current Club members and players, The coach is a former player and Club President while the referee is a former player (Fly-half) and co-founder of the club's First women's XV.

Accolades keep falling on Lindsay players. Seb Pearson was voted man of the match in National Championship game and Rookie of the Year at Western U. Lucas Hoppe and Luc Pearson were selected to play for Canada 20/U vrs Romania. Jake Webster is selected for Canada 19/U to tour Great Britain. Matt Macleod coached Western U to Canada Universities 7' s Championship. Spence Barrett & Scott Beukeboom were selected to Universities All Stars, as was Seb Pearson.....and all from Li'l ol' Lindsay. By the way, did you know, and I found this little tit-bit only very recently that Lindsay is in the top eight rugby clubs in the Province.(There are 63 clubs in the province). One club has 350 members, another club has 310 members, two clubs have 260 members and four other clubs have 250 or less but more than 200 members. We have 220 members which puts us among the top eight (numerically) plus I don't believe any of the other clubs **OWN** as much property (100 acres) as we do.. (Including The ORU)

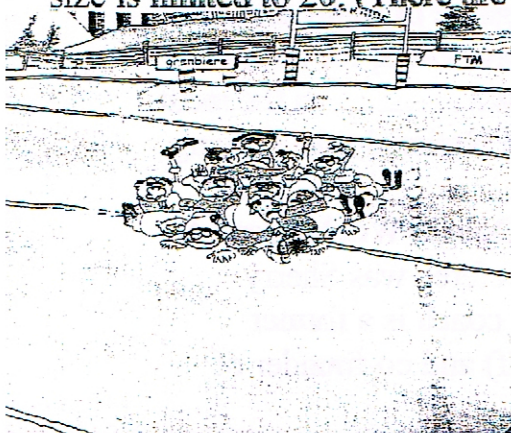


Your executive with the helm being steered by John Carr once more this season has prepared and continues to be prepared as active a season for everyone's pleasure and enjoyment. Besides the regular home games and bashes we are being visited by Welbeck Military College once again this July. They are a great team and group of guys. They are as fit and as tough as they come so we shall have a really great game with them. They arrive in July. On June 10th we are visited by the Ontario Blues (Canada Champs) who shall run a full contact practice game among themselves; then spend 1-2 hours coaching our Juniors. The Blues shall be catered by the club. Members may be accommodated at the festive board for a nominal fee.



'Don't worry boys they are just trying to psyche us out'

At the end of May a stone working artist shall be at the club teaching and building a dry-stone wall memorial. John Shaw-Rimington is world renowned for his dry-walling accomplishments. He is utilizing his time here with us to teach those interested in dry walling to learn the art by taking the two day course (\$175.00) whilst he is with us. Class size is limited to 20. (There are already 10 signed up)



The xvs shall be slightly different this season. Many of the former players who have been absent for a few years have returned They shall be 'new guys' to many of this season's Graduates from the 2011 16's, 18's and 20's. There are other new faces, a seasoned scrum half from Alberta with the interesting face in the crowd of an Irish Gaelic footballer All good stuff.....

'I just luv these friendly pre match warm ups'

Fund raising is always a sore point and a vibrant topic at every monthly executive meeting. Brett Moxley, Bob Brouwer et al raised more than their fair share last year

That noble band of warriors, Ali Westrop, Amanda Pascoe, Sandy Spearing, et al for ever worked magic at 'The Feast of the Fields' event. Amanda again with her Voluntary Parking fee Booth, 'Mandy' with her fantastic 'Moroccan Night' with a ((b))(e)((l))(l)((y)) dancer. All the Mums (and a few Dads) at our Home Mini/Minor Festival.....Mandy & Ali at their post game meals (which are mainly ignored by our team members but devoured by their opponents)..and BINGO, we derive so much cash from Bingo but virtually no one from our club ever attends :-)

We shall be at the club house shortly..Please, pretty please— Don't litter, place all of your empty cans, bottles, scraps or wrappers in the waste containers. We do not discourage the family pet from joining you at the club. PLEASE be AWARE there are also small children present. **Keep your dog on a leash and PLEASE STOOP & SCOOP**

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