



Scottish Golden Oldies Rugby Newsletter

Festival History

Dear Fellow Golden Oldie,

It's just over three years since the 18th World Golden Oldies Rugby Festival, was staged at Murrayfield, when many Golden Oldies had their first real experience of a major Golden Oldies Festival ! Everyone I have met, who participated in the event, was absolutely delighted to have partaken in the experience.....

But things have moved on quite a lot since then.....I'm delighted to say..... with more Clubs and Teams looking for Golden Oldies Games. Our Scottish Golden Oldies Rugby Festivals are the true Legacy of the World Festival. Three successful Festivals have been held at Perthshire RFC - Many Thanks to Andy Cummins and his Team. Our 2012 Festival shall be taking place at Madras RFC, St Andrews on Saturday 19th May, 2012. As places are limited, please enter your Team as soon as possible, to avoid disappointment. Entries, as always, are welcomed from Individuals or Groups of Players.....or, if your Team cannot raise a Team for the Event....contact some local kindred spirits and create a Touring XV !!

I'm heartened that a number of Teams have been organising Games in their areas and *Hillfoots* and *Mackie*, seem to be leading the field. To assist with your Team's Publicity, create Posters for all your local Clubs, inviting Recruits. Keep your local Media up to date.....and send in Reports of your Games. I prepared a brief Golden Oldies History which is included in Grammar RFC's Matchday Programme, to help spread the Word.....maybe you could ask your Senior Team for permission to have a Page in next Season's Programme ? Please give me a call, if you wish further details, or Template Articles.

Included with this Newsletter, is a Scottish Golden Oldies Rugby Membership Form which I hope you shall peruse carefully, complete and return to our Treasurer.....along with your Cheque !!

SRU Update

For several years, I have been chasing the SRU on many Golden Oldies Issues, and it is a great benefit that past SRU President - Jim Stevenson - is a true converted Golden Oldie ! Likewise, the current SRU President - Ian McLauchlan - has also been supportive and I'm sure that SRU President Elect - Alan Lawson - shall enthusiastically follow suit. Having spoken to Alan recently, and passed information about the Scottish Golden Oldies to the new SRU Chairman - Sir Moir Lockhead and SRU CEO - Mark Dodson, I am hopeful for greater support coming our way.

Already, I have had positive responses from these SRU Gentlemen and with your support, and theirs, Scottish Golden Oldies Rugby can go from strength to strength !

At this point, I do not wish to go into all the aspects of my dealings with the SRU, but I'm hoping that by our AGM in Spring following our Festival (Details to be announced later) I shall be looking for our Organisation to be fully recognised and supported, by means of a Motion, at the SRU Annual General Meeting in June, when I hope I can call on your Team and Club's support !

Website

We also have a wee Website - www.pitchero.com/clubs/scottishgoldenoldiesrugby - and it would be fine to hear all your News and Match Reports / Funnies etc. You can also get a FREE Website for your own Team, from Pitchero.....www.pitchero.com/rugby-union.

Please send in Photos / Stories about YOUR Golden Oldies Team.

Festival Sponsorship

I am most grateful to Eddie Inglis at *Highland Springs* for again Sponsoring the Water for our Festival and the support we have received from Fife Council. Sadly, we lost the support of *The Famous Grouse*, but are on the lookout for replacement Sponsors.....either as Corporate Sponsors, Field Advertisers or Festival Brochure Advertisers. We also require Prizes for our Grand Raffle. We are looking for new Sponsorship, so if you know of any potential Sponsor, please let me know.

Other Festivals

Amongst other Golden Oldies Events taking place around Scotland, a very successful - *1st Penicuik Golden Oldies Rugby Festival* was staged last Autumn.....and I hope Penicuik RFC shall be with us, at our Festival in St Andrews.

Following the Scottish Festival, the 11th European Golden Oldies Rugby Festival is being Hosted in Trieste, Northern Italy, from 14th - 18th June..... and information is available from their Website - www.egor2012.it - or by e-mail from Festival Director - Stefano de Rosa on - derosastef@gmail.com Further information on the European Golden Oldies Rugby Organisation can be found at - www.europeangoldenoldiesrugby.com.

Likewise, in 2012, the World Festival takes place in Fukuoka, Japan from 28th October till 4th November. Log onto - www.goldenoldiessports.com - and Click the 2012 Rugby Festival Button on the right side of the page, for details. If any Teams.....or Individuals are interested.....please give me a call. Let's have a Scottish G O Team ??

Golden Oldies Supporting Kit Aid

SOS / IRB Kit Aid is about helping disadvantaged youngsters to play Rugby and recycling badly needed resources. Where people from all walks of life with a passion for Rugby, can come together and participate, to make a difference to less advantaged young children's lives around the world. At the same time help the environment by recycling quality kit and help limit damage to our precious climate. For full information, contact the Scottish Regional Director - Dougie Sloan on 01475 732000 / 07798 755 221 email dougie@slugaruga.co.uk

Don't play much anymore ? - want to give something back to the Game ?

A *Kit Aid* Collection Point will be at the 4th Scottish Golden Oldies Rugby Festival at Madras RFC on Saturday 19th May, 2012. Bring along any KitMini - XXXClean and still useable, Shirts, Shorts, Socks, Boots, Tracksuits, Headgear, Shoulder Pads, Balls (any size) etc, etc Collect from your Club, other Local Clubs etc.....

Even if you're not participating in the Rugby Festival at St Andrews, you can make a Club Collection and bring it along to Dougie Sloan Esq on the day. Donations from Clubs, Schools, Families, Sports Shops etc all very welcome.

It all goes to a great cause !!
www.sosirbkitaid.org


The Way Ahead

Our Golden Oldies Organisation is just starting out.....but with all your help and support, and the continuous spreading of the " Golden Oldies Word " we can go from strength to strength in the years ahead. If you have a Golden Oldie Referee who may wish the Official Golden Oldies' Ref DVD, please let me have their contact details and I'll get a copy for them. We appreciate the support given by the various Referee's Societies.

If you wish further information on any aspect of this Newsletter, or Golden Oldies Rugby in general, please send an e-mail to me on - mcgoldiego@hotmail.com or call 07866 910 865. However, if you do not have a " Golden Oldies " Team, please advise us for our Records.....and pass this info to any kindred spirit.....or venerable Member of your Club. Please remember the Golden Oldies Ethos of - **Fun, Friendship and Fraternity.**

On behalf of the Scottish Golden Oldies Rugby Committee, may I take this opportunity of Wishing You and Yours every Best Wish for the Festive Season....and Health and Happiness in 2012.

Yours in Sport,



President Scottish Golden Oldies Rugby

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