

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2008

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENT

The season to date has been very enjoyable on all fronts and in all sections and the committee has been especially pleased to see the success being enjoyed by all the teams and sports within the club. It is amazing just how much an impact winning has on the club as a whole and the atmosphere and level of business is directly affected by how the first XV in particular is doing. The youth policy is beginning to show dividends, but we must not become in any way complacent, as we still rely heavily on older players in some positions and the work of the junior section will continue to be central to the long term future of the club.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who have made this such a great start to the season, coaches, players and supports of all sections in the club and the continued sterling work of the social section – it is always difficult to achieve a balance between the financial needs of the club and keeping all sections happy in terms of use of our facilities. Please continue to show your support for the club and work together – at the end of the day it is this kind of teamwork that will make us successful on and off the pitch!

Cheers,

Adrian

SOCIAL SECTION

Darts league starts Mon 20th Oct (Redcar & District) with a home game with the Lakes Club.

We have 16 players signed up but would like anyone interested in joining us for a good night out (Mondays around 8-00pm) they would be very welcome. Fixture list behind bar or see myself for a copy.

Billy Allen

SENIOR RUGBY

Preparation for the season started with successful training sessions with our new coaches Neil Cook and Rob Bryce .

Comment from Rob Bryce "It has been a great start to the season with the team now beginning to take shape. The numbers at training are the best I have known at Redcar with over 30 training in the four sessions before the Team Northumbria game. This gave the squad a good chance to prepare for the game going through 4 sessions of full contact game situations. There is also good competition for places with cover in a number of positions such as midfield which have been a problem in the past few seasons".

The new ELV's have suited the style of play which the squads are trying to adopt with an emphasis on keeping a high tempo and using every member of the team even if the weather conditions at Redcar do not always support this style of play.

It is also great to see the number of people coming to support the teams home and also away which can give the teams a great lift especially in tight situations.

Attendance figures were good, with new faces and a good contingent of last year's colts, who are now forming a great part of the 1st and 2^{nds} (development side).

A trial against the newly formed side South Bank Rangers was a great success, and identified some of the players for our squads.

Good luck to Michael Philo and Michael Bloom who have gone to universities and hope they will return to play some more games for Redcar. A further trial at Guisborough also highlighted what we had to choose from.

First league game for the 1st team was against Acklam which we won for the Ladies 22-0 – a damned good day.

2^{nds} won also at Acklam 22-19.

Sept 20 1^{sts} won at Ponteland 12-10 while 2^{nds} won at Guis 43-14

Sept 27 2^{nds} beat Mbro 16-0

Big match Oct 4th against UNBEATEN league favourites Team Northumbria (University). The 1^{sts} put up a memorable show of determination, great defensive rugby to win 17-14 (see message board for some of the comments)

On adjacent pitch 2^{nds} thrashed Seaton Carew 59-0.

Recent game saw the 1st team beat Whitley Bay Rockcliffe a resounding 59-10 to put us at the top of the table.

JUNIOR RUGBY

During September Gus Murphy has been involved with the u14 district squad as head coach. We had 5 sessions at the club, with the district comp taking place at the club on 11th October. The junior section has welcomed into the coaching staff x4 new coaches, Liam Rogers, Paul

Barker, Chris Mc Roberts, Ste Johnson and Ste Wilson, all young players who are now coaching within the section.

A letter has been drafted up regarding sponsorship boards for the mini's pitch, which hopefully will bring income into the section. The section is self sufficient this season so it is our priority to raise funds for the children from the local community , ages from 7-18 yrs providing training equipment, kits and other costs

For Your Information There is a valued OPPORTUNITY to purchase 13x 3 ft advertising board for your BUSINESS OR COMPANY.

Boards are located on the 'new' Junior pitch enclosure which gets plenty of photo coverage by the Evening Gazette Grassroots sports section as well as many parents from all over the county.

Advertising Boards

1. First year = £270
[£150 = board costs + £120 = 12 mths contract for advertising @ £10 / mth]
2. Second and subsequent years = £120

Anyone interested in supporting the junior rugby section should supply their company logo and cheque to me –any more information please contact me on 07917728234

We have also produced a recruitment poster for local schools and colleges to attract new players.

Successful visits to the Teesside University to meet Dave Reed(RFU, YDO) to discuss development, and also Steel river textiles to order equipment for the fourth coming Italy tour for u15s and u16s, for which sponsorship money of about £1,600.00 has been obtained

The kitchen has 3 new PVC windows fitted by John English free of charge; total cost of windows is £360.00 which will be paid from junior kitchen monies.

An inspection of the container took place as well, it is clear that we need to have a good clear out of old equipment, which isn't used anymore to free up space.

We sent 4 under 15s to the Yorkshire trials, however, they were not successful in progressing, although, it was good experience for them. The season is well up and running now with all three teams playing regularly, with the under 18s colts leading the way, the minis have just played their first game on 5th October beating Acklam at their club.

I would like to thank all parents and other supporters and helpers for their continued support of this section

Gus Murphy
Redcar RUFC YDO (0791772834)

FOOTBALL SECTION

The Football Section promotes, supports and represents the interests of all the Teams who play at the Rugby Club.

These include;

- Redcar Rugby Club (Saturday Team)
- Redcar Rugby Club (Sunday Team)
- Redcar Rugby Club Over 35's
- Redcar Town Juniors
- Langbaugh Police
- Clarendon Hotel FC

The Section has representation on the Rugby Club Management Committee and continues to play a full part in efforts, alongside the other sections, to help secure the clubs future success.

As a self-financing section we host several much needed fundraising events throughout the year and are always grateful for the continued support and help we receive from those who regularly attend these events. (Watch the Club Events page and Notice Boards for future events, and Yes 'ELVIS' will be back 'in the building' on 26/12/08)

The 2007/08 season proved to be one of the most successful since the Section was formed, with the Saturday Team winning the Cleveland League Cup, The Sunday Team claiming the Redcar & District 1st Division title, The Over 35's securing promotion to the 1st Division and Redcar Town Juniors enjoying continued success in various local and regional Tournaments.

Anyone who would like to know more about any aspect of the Football Section or feels they could offer any help, in whatever way please contact:-

Nobby O'Brien (Chair) [Tel:07748190487](tel:07748190487)
Peter Brockbank (Sec.) [Tel:07795515156](tel:07795515156)

SQUASH SECTION

Season just underway in our new refurbished court.

All teams have done well in their opening matches. Thanks for continued support .

New members are always welcome

ANYONE FOR SQUASH

Contact John on [07799664901](tel:07799664901)

CHARITY WORK – RELAY for LIFE 15th November

Don't forget Big launch night at Club on Nov 15th for 2009 relay for life
Tickets on sale – lookout for postings nearer the date

Any info, or offers of help, email Sharon at gaffers.row@ntlworld.com or
ring her on [01642 487230](tel:01642487230).

Website <http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/relay/>