



Touchline 5

February



U-16's are the Champions



Left – the Winners ; above – Team Captain Stephen Gillies

A Word from the President

Hello,

As we enter the final quarter of both the season and our financial year I am delighted to be able to report good news on all fronts through this latest e-newsletter.

Last weekend the U16 team won handsomely at Murrayfield (41-7) against a good Boroughmuir team to win the U16 National Cup. Having won the event last year at U15 age grade this team once more shows the development process is in full flow for the sustained future of the club. Well done to Eric and John for their hard work with this squad and to captain Stephen Gillies (boy has he got some gas !) and the young lads. We are proud of you all.

The 1st XV are one win away from regaining our place back in Premier One. Here's hoping we do it this Saturday in our last home league game. But it will not be over until we secure the P2 Championship trophy and then we test our capabilities against P1 opposition in the Cup.

The 2's are two victories away from securing the National Reserve Championship.

It's also encouraging to see so many 3's training, they even turned up for a game of touch when last week's match was called off due to the frost. Stuart is doing some great work with this squad.

The U18's have had time to get over their disappointment of being eliminated from the National Cup and should reflect that they are a young team so next year gives great promise.

The Juniors now prepare for their mini and U15 tours and end of season tournaments. Please help them all you can as their fund raising efforts continue.

Off the field the club is indebted to the efforts of Jim Richardson and Ally Logan in organising the recent Race Night and last weekend the Sportsman's Dinner. Combined these events raised over £20k for the club funds. Thanks to all who participated too.

Elsewhere you'll read about the ONDEO Stirling County 7's on Sunday May 2nd and we will play the Scottish Army on May 8th to help raise funds and awareness of the Army Benevolent Fund.

We continue to develop the facilities. You will have seen the new scoreboard. We now move on to complete the roof repairs before decorating the changing rooms this summer. John Souter is planning the field maintenance With Jason Hope and the players we are looking at our gym expansion project. We'll put out a call for volunteers to help with the labour once we have secured the funding.

Thanks once again for your support and participation through the season. Remember it's your club get involved.

Ray

What's on in the Club in the next few weeks

Sat. 27th.Feb.: 1st.XV v GHA
Fri.26th.Feb.: Members' Night + GAEL FORCE
Sat.6th.Mar.: 2nd.XV v Edin.Accies
Sat.13th.Mar.: 1st.XV v Selkirk (Cup) – lunches available+ Scotland v England – see ad below
Fri. 26th.Mar.: Members' Night
Sun.2nd.May : Ondeo Stirling County Rugby Sevens
Sat.8th.May : SCRFC v Army XV – in aid of Army Benevolent Fund
As always, to make a booking, contact the club

Club Shop

Please note that the club shop will be closed on Saturday 27th.Feb. (the staff will be in Rome for the 6 Nations match) and Saturday 6th.March (the staff will be at Iain Cunningham's wedding). If you require anything urgently, ask at the bar for assistance.



Scottish Hydro

Scottish Hydro
Electric Cup



Stirling County v Selkirk

Saturday 13th.March

at Bridgehaugh

Enjoy a 3 course lunch with wine before taking your seat in the stand to support County.

Following the match, return to the Parker Suite for exclusive access to a large screen television to watch



England v Scotland



Cost £27.50 for members and their guests.

For reservations contact

Alastair Cunningham (0771 8922284) or the Club Office (01786 478866)

New Scoreboard lights up Bridgehaugh



As visitors to Bridgehaugh will have noticed, the Club now has a new electronic scoreboard, thanks to the generosity of our main sponsors, Ondeo Industrial Solutions. The state-of-the-art scoreboard, which is the latest investment in the Club's facilities at Bridgehaugh, has a range of features, including a two-line 30-character LED display for teams, scores, scorers and other messages, along with a 4-digit clock, operated by wireless remote. As well as being used during matches, the electronic board can also advertise sponsors, publicise forthcoming events and display other information to spectators.

Anyone interested in advertising on the new board should contact the Club on 01786-478866. Likewise, if any members are aware of potential advertisers, please pass this information on to them.



Oudeo Stirling County Rugby Sevens



Sunday 2nd.May

**Table Hospitality
Special Members' price -
£30.00**

**Corporate Packages from
£30.00 +VAT**

**Basic package includes 3
course meal, 1/2 bottle wine per
guest, stand seat, programme.**

**To reserve your
place/table,
please contact
Alastair Cunningham
(0771 8922284)**



Club 7's Raffle

Members should be in receipt of their raffle tickets by the end of this week. It is vital that adult members and the families of junior members sell these tickets. As you will note from my covering letter, the funds raised will be targeted as essential improvements to our facilities such as upgrading the changing rooms and replacing the roof above them. If all the tickets which have been issued are sold, then the club will profit by a sum in excess of £9,000. A list of the raffle prizes will shortly appear on the club website. It should be noted that, although the tickets carry the original Sevens date of 24th.April, the draw will be made at the tournament which now takes place on 2nd.May. The change of date was necessitated by fixture congestion resulting from the cancellation of so many matches this season : hence, many clubs were unable to attend on the original date. Should you require extra books of tickets, please contact me.

Alastair Cunningham.

200 Club

The winners in the January draw were :
£200 John Gibson
£100 I. Hales
£75 D. Ogilvie
£50 G. Linning
£30 A. Barr
£20 KJ/AK McLaren



Images from the recent win over Haddington..note the new away strip designed by John Wright, Rugby Convenor and fashion guru.

