



Chattanooga Rugby Football Club Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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NOOGA RUGBY PUSHES RECRUITING!!!

With low numbers throughout the fall 2011 season and a historic amount of fundraising, the CRFC Executive Committee provided approval for a significant advertising / recruiting campaign that started this past Monday. Highlighted by two billboards located on Amnicola Hwy and Signal Mountain Blvd, the campaign hopes to recruit a minimum of 30 new players to the CRFC family.

Other avenues included in this recruiting campaign are radio spots on the local Sports Talk station, increased use of the Nooga Rugby Facebook page, increased use of our web site, The King's Crawl, and the new relationships we've built with our 15 new sponsors. If you know of a person interested in rugby, please send them to our web site (www.noogarugby.com) for more information.



CRFC Beats Huntsville 49 - 15 for First Matrix Win



To reduce the amount of required matches in the 2012 spring matrix season, the USA Rugby South Officials re-structured matrix play to include one matrix match in the fall of 2011. With that, Chattanooga traveled to Huntsville two weekends ago and came away winners 49 - 15. Nooga traveled and started well with hooker Derek Hilley setting the tone with a long-range, individual effort try roughly 5 minutes into the match. Shortly thereafter, Derek set up another score with another long run off a weakside movement that was ultimately finished by tight head prop Ethan Winel. The remaining time in the first half was dominated by Nooga as 4 more tries were scored compared to one from Huntsville.

The second half started quickly for Nooga with another score, but our squad was quickly de-railed by what seemed like a very biased referee. With roughly 15 penalty calls in a row, it seemed as if the ref was working to even out the game as opposed to calling a fair match. Huntsville used this to their advantage and put Nooga under constant pressure which ultimately led to another try for the home team. The match ended shortly thereafter with another 2 scores from the CRFC. Scorers on the day were hooker Derek Hilley, tight head prop Ethan Winel (4), fullback Steven Jones (2) and 8-man Pat Flynn. Flyhalf Jeff Bollig provided 3 conversions and a drop goal. Hooker Derek Hilley was selected as the Man of the Match.

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Tales From the Old Boys - There is a God and she's from Savannah

In 2004, Nooga entered a side in the social division of the St. Patrick's Day Rugby Tournament in Savannah, GA. After dominating through 3 matches Saturday, the team traveled 40-minutes to our rental house on Tybee Island. We pre-gamed through what seemed like a dozen cases of beer, tons of shots, various rugby songs, and thanks to the unselfishness of Rand Nichols, an entire prescription bottle of Viagra. Ready and "willing" we loaded up and headed back the 40-miles to the river street area of Savannah and readied ourselves for their Mardi Gras type party.

Fast forward 5 drunken hours and I'm sitting on a bench in the rain, with a dead cell phone, no money, and no clue where any of my teammates were. After spending what seemed like an eternity to figure out how I got into this position, I realized I'd missed the car pool back to the rental house and was probably stuck on my own. As we've all come to grips with before, I understood my only option was to convince a some nasty hippo to let me share her bed that night. No problem! I'd find her on a dance floor, wow her with my James Brown moves, and say, "Hey, hippo, take me home!" I walked into what looked like a crowded dance club ready to launch my fool proof plan. Onto the dance floor I went and as I slithered my way through the crowd I noticed a large circular area in the middle. It was the perfect size for me to make my grand entrance. I moved forward only to notice right in the middle of it was a half naked Jon Howell wearing what could only be described as a wig with bright green bicycle streamers as hair. Serenity! I wasn't alone! Within seconds though, Miller Hedges & Clay Hicks entered the same dance circle...four of us? It turns out that everyone was lost and had similar plans to hit a bar and work their way into a place to stay and all of us came upon Jon & his "for women only" wig at exactly the same moment. Part 1 of God does exist!

After partying together for several hours, the bar closed, the crowds went home, and the street sweepers started cleaning up so that it could be done all over again on Sunday. The four of us realized our ride home left over 4 hours ago and so we started a nomad-type walk around town to find a place to crash. Along the way three events occurred that changed how I looked at my friends and the world. The first was when we passed a 30-something year old women who whipped out her polaroid camera and pronounced she was working for "Guys Gone Wild" and simultaneously making a coffee table book of random male appendages. It was obvious she was lying but two of our group (Jon & Miller) believed her and set off on 5-minute catwalk type show. They pranced, they swayed, they hurricaned! Who are these guys and what the hell are they doing? Further into our walk Clay noticed an area the street sweeper had missed. He ran over to find 6 chicken wings in the gutter. Four of which had been eaten.....two with the meat still on. The only issue was they were laying in a nasty, disease ridden, beer & piss spoiled GUTTER! So, being the nice guy he was, he only ate one of the wings and gave the other to the Jon. Cue the throw-up. And, finally, right before we gave up all hope of finding a place to stay, we decided to put the night into God's hands and if she loved us, which we always knew she did, she would save us. Within 60-seconds, our spiritual advisor, John Barnabas Wysong came sprinting around the corner! He'd apparently been looking for us for over an hour and had a feeling he knew where we were. How, we didn't know where we where! Part 2 of God does exist!

The story ends with our foursome entering the rental house at 5:00 am to a rousing rendition of the Choo Choo song, the squad taking home first place on Sunday, a rookie eating dried puke off of the rental van, James Streeter offering hotel service to Mark Smith's girlfriend, and the always funny quote of the trip, "Couples room? Couples room?"

- Submitted by Kirk Neubauer

Player Profile



Name: Steve Lofty
Position: Wing
Hometown: Chattanooga, TN
Age: 61
Yrs Playing Rugby: Lots
Previous Club: Unknown
Hobbies: Rugby, Montague Park,

Holiday Party & Toys for Tots Drive

This Saturday (Jan. 7th) from 6 - 9 PM the CRFC will host its annual Holiday Party and Toys for Tots Drive. The event will be at Table 2 Bar & Grill on the Southside of Downtown Chattanooga and is open to everyone. Light appetizers will be served and a cash bar will be open.

All guests attending need to bring one toy valued at \$10 or more to gain entrance. All toys collected will be donated to the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Campaign.

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