



Chattanooga Rugby Football Club Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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WILL YOU HELP NOOGA RUGBY?

Nooga Rugby has an opportunity to use the Riverbend Festival as a major club fundraiser but will need volunteer help from both current players and CRFC Old Boys to get the most out of it. Will you help us?

We've confirmed that non-profit groups can reserve a specific beer tent for the duration of Riverbend and receive \$0.30 for every beer sold through that tent. Obviously, the larger & better positioned the beer tent is the more sales we'll see & thus more fundraising we'd incur. The issue however is that non-profits are assigned beer tents based on the number of volunteers they have committed throughout the 10-day long Riverbend Festival.



So, we're asking **YOU** if you'd volunteer for a night or two during the festival to help the CRFC. Each volunteer will get free entrance into Riverbend that night and will be required to work a 4-hour shift that could start as early as 4:00 PM. If we get commitments from 30 volunteers we'll get a relatively good tent and have the potential to raise \$5,000. If we get 10 volunteers we'll be stuck out of the way and have trouble making any money. Let us know if you'll volunteer ASAP as the remaining beer tent options will be reserved quickly.

UTC RUGBY - COACHING STAFF NEEDED

WANTED

UTC RUGBY COACH

The UTC Men's Rugby Football Club is looking for full-time and / or part-time coaching help. If you're interested please contact:

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Hoping to build on their re-organization efforts this past fall, the UTC Men's Rugby Football Club is looking for a new coach to help run practices, teach novice players, and build the program. This coach can be full time or part time, but must be willing to commit to helping the program throughout the winter / spring season.

While the current team is flexible, it would be best if the position was filled by someone familiar with current rugby trends, recently certified or willing to get certified as a rugby coach, and able to motivate college-aged kids through positive reinforcement.

Finally, anyone interested in becoming part of the coaching staff should be willing to take on some of the administrative burden the current players are undertaking. This would include working with the Local Area Union (LAU) to achieve permanent status, as well as, participation with the UTC athletic department.

If you're interested in helping in any way, please let them know.

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Practice Starts

The 2011 matrix season will officially kick-off next week with practices on Tuesday, January 11th and Thursday, January 13th at Chattanooga's D1 Sports Complex. Practice will be indoors on their 18,000 square foot turf field from 7 - 9 PM like normal. Everyone should plan on being at D1, ready to start practice by 6:45 PM. We'll have some administrative stuff to cover first, but we'll be at it by 7 PM. **SNEAKERS ONLY**

With the rough weather outside, everyone should be thrilled that the great folks at D1 extended us the opportunity to use their state of the art facility. Make sure to thank them for their help and if you're interested in joining, please don't hesitate to ask them. Directions to D1 are:

7430 Commons Blvd, Chattanooga, TN 37421
Located near Hamilton Place Mall on Commons Blvd,
off Gunbarrel Rd between Home Depot & Lowe's.

Anyone unable to attend practice should contact Kirk Neubauer, Clayton Parr, or Tom Snow prior to practice so that we can adequately plan.

Week 2 of practice will be back outside at the East Ridge Middle / High School practice football field.

CRFC New Orleans Tour

We're a little more than 3-weeks away from the trip to New Orleans and the bus / rooms are already filling up. If you're interested in going, you need to get your money into us ASAP.

Details:

- Depart downtown Chattanooga Friday, Jan. 28th at 3 PM
 - Traveling on a coach-style bus with bathroom & TV's
- Arrive into New Orleans Friday, Jan 28th around midnight
- Staying at the 4-star Sheraton New Orleans (500 Canal St)
 - Minimum 4 people per room
- Match Saturday morning at 11 AM vs. New Orleans RFC
 - Expect three 30-min halves
- Depart New Orleans Sunday, Jan. 30th at 9 AM
- Arrive into Chattanooga Sunday, Jan 30th around 6 PM

Costs:

- Full-time Undergrad Player = \$20
- Full-time Employed Player = \$40
- CRFC Old Boy / Part-Time Player = \$80
- CRFC Family or Friends = \$80

The costs cover the round-trip transportation & lodging. Food & drink are on your own.

Player Profile



Name: Ethan Wine
Position: Prop, Flanker
Hometown: Chicago, IL
Age: 21
Yrs Playing Rugby: 4
Previous Club: Montini Catholic RFC
Hobbies: Backpacking, Camping

CRFC Goes 501(C)(3)

After spending the last couple years incorporated as a 501(C)(7) non-profit, Nooga Rugby has now submitted paperwork to become a 501(C)(3) non-profit for the 2011 calendar year. We enjoyed many of the benefits of our current registration but it limits the amount of money Nooga Rugby can bring in, as well as, how those donations can be written off. Now that we're moving to 501(C)(3) any and all donations to the CRFC will be tax-deductible no matter if they're personal or business donations. Yes, this status requires much more diligence on our Executive Leadership Committee but it affords us the opportunity to many more avenues of potential sponsorships. So, keep us in mind if you're looking to donate locally as a tax-relief option!

Old Boys Update

Aligning ourselves with the information age, the club has also implemented a new focus towards our Facebook site. It's our expectation that the CRFC Facebook page will act as one of our primary information sources. We'll use it to announce updates on practices, matches, events, post photos & videos, etc. We'll also use it as an additional avenue to promote our sponsors, so please visit the page and sign-up so that you're kept up-to-date on any and all Nooga Rugby news.

www.facebook.com/#!/pages/chattanooga-rugby-football-club/

The CRFC Executive Leadership Committee has rolled out the financial objectives for the 2011 year and has begun actively soliciting the CRFC Old Boys for donations. The stated goal for Old Boy contributions is \$3,000 for the winter / spring season and an additional \$3,000 for the fall season. The donations will be allocated with \$1,000 of each season designated for team expenses (equipment, travel, etc), while the remaining \$2,000 will be held in a new account designed for the Montague Park field. Donations (checks) should be to Chattanooga Rugby and can be sent per the directions below. We thank you for your contribution to the club & we look forward to seeing you out.

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