



# WINCHESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

## MEMBERS' eNEWSLETTER

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### THIS WEEKEND'S MATCHES

#### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**1<sup>st</sup> XV vs Alton XV** – Away – KO 2pm

**2<sup>nd</sup> XV vs Havant A XV**– Home (Top of the table match) - KO TBA

**3<sup>rd</sup> XV vs Gosport & Fareham 3<sup>rd</sup> XV** – Home – KO TBA

**Vets vs Stoneham** – Home – KO 2.30pm

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December

**Colts vs Trojans** – Away – KO 2pm - Hampshire RFU 17s Cup Semi Final

**U16s vs Fareham Heathens**

**U14B vs Fareham Heathens**

### WRFC CURRENT LEAGUE AND TABLE POSITIONS

- **1<sup>st</sup> XV** – **3<sup>rd</sup>** in London 3 South West League
- **2<sup>nd</sup> XV** – **1<sup>st</sup>** in Hampshire Merit Table 1
- **3<sup>rd</sup> XV** – **4<sup>th</sup>** in Hampshire Merit Table 2
- **Colts** – **1<sup>st</sup>** in Hampshire U19 Cup Division
- **Colts Saxons** – **1<sup>st</sup>** in Hampshire U19 Plate Division
- **U16s** – **2<sup>nd</sup>** (equal points with 1st) in Hampshire U16 Division One
- **U15s** – **1<sup>st</sup>** in Hampshire U15 Division One
- **U14a** – **3<sup>rd</sup>** (equal points with 1st) in Hampshire U14 Division One
- **U14b** – **3<sup>rd</sup>** in Hampshire U14 Division Three

## NOTICE TO M&J PARENTS

Please let Goldstripe know if your children will be attending the M&J Christmas Parties which are being held on Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> December, by this Friday evening at the very latest. Numbers are light, so Goldstripe may have to cancel if numbers are insufficient.

Gold Stripe 01962 865388 or [info@goldstripe.uk.com](mailto:info@goldstripe.uk.com)

## BOOK A HOLIDAY – AND BAG A PRIZE



SCRUM down! The lads from Winchester Rugby Club Seniors 2<sup>nd</sup> XV dropped into the city's new branch of Travelbag to say thanks for the company's sponsorship. Travelbag Winchester says it is proud to be lead sponsor for the team and is also celebrating their opening in the city by launching a booking incentive for the club members and supporters to win a three-night city break to North America.

The offer and draw is open to those booking a holiday between now and March 30 to be entered into a prize draw to win a three-night break for two to either New York, Boston or Toronto. Customers need to quote Winchester Rugby Club when making a booking, and will need to log their booking number at the club.

So you can swap standing on the sidelines in Winchester, to watching the live excitement of a New York Yankees, Boston Celtics or Toronto Maple Leafs game. Mark Castle from Winchester Rugby Club is pictured; second right with Travelbag staff Robyn Gallagher, Andrew Pritchard, Ryan Doyle and Steve Morris. Echo picture by Stuart Martin. Order no: 11622206

## WRFC WEBSITE UPGRADE CONTINUES

Following on from the success of the current WRFC website which is approaching 4000 visitors and well over 300,000 hits a month, the Management Committee have decided to move the site to a new slicker and more professional site – see at [www.winchesterrugby.com](http://www.winchesterrugby.com)

The new site is already up and running. The information has started to be copied over to the new site and should be completed in the next week or so.

If you have any queries, please contact Mark Castle [markcastle3@googlemail.com](mailto:markcastle3@googlemail.com) or Peter Jones [pj@ykw.com](mailto:pj@ykw.com)

## TICKETS ON SALE NOW FOR ENGLAND vs ITALY



Italy will be the first visitors to Twickenham Stadium in the 2011 RBS 6 Nations Championship when they take on England on Saturday, February 12. Nick Mallet's Italy side will provide a stern test, with their typically abrasive pack and smattering of world-class talent in Leicester Tigers prop Martin Castrogiovanni, Racing Metro centre Mirco Bergamasco and talismanic captain Sergio Parisse of Stade Francais. [Buy tickets now at rfu.com/tickets](http://www.rfu.com/tickets) and see first hand how Martin Johnson's side are developing after a promising campaign in the Investec Internationals.

## VOICE OF RUGBY BLACK TIE DINNER



The Bill McLaren Foundation will be holding a "Voice of Rugby" Black Tie Dinner at the Rose Suite Twickenham, the weekend of the England v Scotland fixture, 7pm Friday, March 11. Come and join a stellar cast of guests from the world of sport and kick off the Calcutta Cup weekend in style with MC for the night John Inverdale and renowned guest speaker, England & British Lions legend Martin Bayfield. Don't miss out on this fantastic occasion. Book Now! A table of ten costs £1,500. Tickets can also be bought individually at £150. Simply book on line at: <http://www.billmclarenfoundation.co.uk/news/2010/11/24/voice-of-sport-dinner?utm>

## RFU ADVANCE COACHING COURSES AVAILABLE

a. **PLANNING & PERIODISATION** - 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011 - 1900 -2130 – at Newbury RFC

b. **PERFORMANCE PROFILING** - 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011 - 1900 -2130 – at Newbury RFC

These courses are targeted at the following coaches:

- a. **Level 2 coaches working towards Level 3, this will be a requirement for any coach taking Level 3 from 2011 onwards**
- b. **1<sup>st</sup> XV Coaches**
- c. **Colts / U18 Coaches**
- d. **Representative Coaches**

Cost is £15 per person

Further Information from [gavinwilliams@rfu.com](mailto:gavinwilliams@rfu.com)

Applications to: Josie Molloy, RFU Regional Coaching Centre, 2-4 Darwin Close, Reading, RG2 0TB [josiemolloy@rfu.com](mailto:josiemolloy@rfu.com) 0118 3766124

## HAMPSHIRE RFU COACH EDUCATION PROGRAMME 2010 – 2011

Once again Hampshire RFU is running in partnership with London Irish and has a varied programme of coaching seminars during the coming season as follows:

### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

**`Counter Attack` and Round 1 of Prop Idol** **Andover RFC**

London Irish

### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

**CPD Course – Youth and Adult - The Lineout Game**

Venue TBA

**CPD Course for Mini and Junior – TBA**

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

**`Developing the Back Row` and `Effective Kicking Strategies`** Sunbury

London Irish

### **PLUS The Final of Prop Idol**

All Sessions £10 All Sessions commence at 7.00 p.m. Cheques payable to: Hampshire RFU Ltd.

Application Forms to: David Ball, 52 St Johns Road, Newport, Isle of Wight PO30 1LS

E mail: [dball84894@aol.com](mailto:dball84894@aol.com)

**GOLD STRIPE EVENTS MANAGEMENT LIMITED**  
**FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT WINCHESTER RUGBY FOOTBALL**  
**CLUB**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2010 - THE WRFC SNOW BALL**



Come and enjoy an evening of fine food, drinks and dancing to get you into the Christmas spirit. This is a black tie event.

PRICE: £25.00

**RAFFLE ON THE EVENING IN AID OF THE 'PITCH RESCUE FUND'**  
**PRIZES INCLUDE:**

- Mr Chris North from FOXPOKER has very generously donated the following prize(s). A night for 2 at the Fox Club boutique hotel with a lesson on how to play poker at the Fox Poker Club. Dinner for 2 and a lesson on how to play poker at the Fox Poker Club. Lesson on how to play to poker for 10 with a bottle of champagne x 2. 2 x VIP Full house Membership of the Fox Poker Club and Fox Club. To check out the poker club, hotel and all their facilities please visit [www.foxpokerclub.com](http://www.foxpokerclub.com) and [www.foxclublondon.com](http://www.foxclublondon.com)
- Course of Reflexology treatments (worth £150.00) courtesy of Mrs L Knight
- Family day at Longdown Dairy Farm (Courtesy of.....Longdown dairy farm!)
- Family pass for the Ice rink at Winchester Christmas Market on Christmas Eve - (Thanks Dribble!)
- Tool Bags (courtesy of Brewers)
- 2 Men's Watches (thank you Mr Tim Fell)
- Various bottles of wine

We are still on the lookout for prizes that will enable us to raise funds for our very worthy cause. Any contributions are much appreciated, should anyone want to donate please contact Lynsey Knight on 07899 951561.

**BUY TICKETS FOR SNOW BALL AND GET NEW YEAR TICKETS HALF  
PRICE!!!!**

**19<sup>th</sup> December 2010 - FUNDAMENTALS AND MINIS  
CHRISTMAS PARTIES - SEE THE BELOW FLYER**

FUNDAMENTALS: 11.30-1.30

MINIS - 2pm - 4pm

Food and fun provided.....and of course a little something from Father Christmas!

PRICE: £5.00 per ticket



**December 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 NEW YEARS EVE -  
HOLLYWOOD STYLE!**

Doors open: 7pm

Dress: Dress for the red carpet! (Fancy dress optional)

Price: £10.00

*KIDS ARE MORE THAN WELCOME AND GO FREE! PLEASE NOTE IF YOU PURCHASE TICKETS FOR THE SNOW BALL YOU WILL RECEIVE A 50% REDUCTION ON OUR NEW YEAR PARTY*

**Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011 - COLTS SUPPORTERS LUNCH**

You may or may not be aware that the Colts are through to the 4<sup>th</sup> round (last 32) of the National Cup - congratulations and good luck boys! We have decided that there will be a supporter's lunch for anyone who may be interested in supporting the boys on the day. It is expected that there will be a good turnout of Seniors...please do not disappoint us!

To book tables please contact the Goldstripe office on 01962 865388.

# **SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!**



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MINIS 2pm-4pm**

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