

The Blarney

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Welcome to the first edition of the 2008 Blarney, there are many news items to share in what is shaping up to be a busy and exciting year for the club.

2008 Annual General Meeting

The first two attempts to hold the men's AGM were thwarted by winter storms. Finally on February 27th the meeting formalities got underway chaired by Mark Winokur. After reports and discussion, business turned to electing the 2008 executive, results below. The women's executive was elected in December.

	Men's	Women's
President	Pat Hodgins	Lesley Gorman
Secretary	Peter Smith	
Treasurer:	Steve Orchard	Cassandra Young
Club Captain	Mark Thompson	Kirsten Sample
Social:	Mike Calderone	Tabi Stavrou
Fletchers Rep	Brett Domenchuk	
Fixtures	Jim Eckersall	Kendra Kryszak
Junior Dev.	Vacant	
Sponsorship	Vacant	
Alumni	Pat Hodgins	Becki Lee
Registration		Megan Butrill Jackie De Souza
Recruiting		Jessica Panzer
Communications		Karen Dillane
Fund Raising		Miranda Elliot

Men's Coach: Mark Winokur

Women's Coach: Koko Lozada

Sponsors

We are pleased to welcome Scruffy Murphy's as our lead sponsor and new sponsor DMC Mechanical. Welcome back Foster's and Sababa Fine Foods. You will be seeing the logos for these sponsors on playing kit and / or on our website, please give them your support.

We are constantly seeking additional sponsors, if you have any suggestions please mention them to any of the executive.

With the closure of the Rose & Crown our new gathering place will be Scruffy Murphys at 150 Eglinton Ave East.

Focus for 2008

In addition to supporting coaches and players to achieve successful on field performance, the executive will be addressing the following areas:

- Communications with players and alumni. Key to this is upgrading the website and providing regular updates. Occasional mailings to alumni are also planned.
- Expanding fund raising to address our increasing expenses and fund growth and development
- Policies for player registration and subscriptions will be clarified and applied
- Developing a strategy for grounds in response to developer interest in Fletcher's Fields. This will be done after consultation and meetings with all members.

Website

After serving us well for the past eight years the software supporting our website has become increasingly difficult to maintain. We will be having a new site developed over the next few months. In the meantime the existing site will be updated weekly with news and events. Thanks to Neil Maxwell for creating and managing the site.

Upcoming Events

May 31st at Fletcher's Fields

3:00 PM Ontario v Leicestershire County

5:00 PM ICRC v Shannon

Dinner after the game in the clubhouse, contact Eamonn Browner for Tickets 905-270-5399.

June 14th at Fletcher's Fields

2:00 PM Ireland A v Saxons

4:30? PM Canada v Argentina

July 12th Alumni Day at Fletcher's Fields

Men play Nomads and Women play Yeomen

Schedule

The schedule for all games is shown on page 2, check the website for any changes. Note that the McCormick Cup starts on August 9th as part of Rugby Ontario's plan to expand participation. Come out and support our teams.

Green Socks Are Back

After trying green and white then green and black, a return to solid green, first worn in 1975, will be seen as the season gets underway. What's next?

ICRC 2008 Schedule

March 23-08

Date	Men			Women	
	1 st	Development	3 rd	1 st	2 nd
April 19	@ Oshawa			@ Oshawa	@ Oshawa
April 26	@ Buffalo				
May 3	@ Niagara			Nomads @Newtonbrook	
League					
May 10	Scottish	Scottish	Scottish	Saracens	Saracens
May 17	Off	Off	off	Off	Off
May 24	Barbs @ Chatham	Barbs Tentative	Barbs Tentative	@ London	Off
May 31	Shannon			Barbs	Barbs
June 7	off	off	off	@ Waterloo	@ Waterloo
June 15 (Sunday)	@ Brampton	@ Brampton	@ Brampton	Off	Off
June 21	@ Creek	@ Creek	@ Creek	Banshees	Off
June 28	off	off	off	off	off
July 3 (thurs)	Beach	Beach	Beach		
July 5				Nomads	Nomads
July 12 Alumni Day	Nomads	Nomads	Nomads	Yeomen	Yeomen
July 19	Barbs	Barbs	Barbs	Scottish	Scottish
July 26	@ Cru	@ Cru	@ Cru	@ Ottawa Ir	@ Ottawa Ir
Aug 2 off	Off				
Aug 9 CUP first round				Semi finals	Semi finals
Aug 16	Cru	Cru	Cru	Off	Off
Aug 23	Nomads	Nomads	Nomads	Cup Final	Cup Final
Aug 30	Off	off	off		
Sept 6	Scottish	Scottish	Scottish		
Sept 13	@Beach	@Beach	@Beach		
Sept 20	Creek	Creek	Creek		
McCormick Cup					
Sept 27					
Oct 11					
Oct 18					
Oct 25					
Nov 29 (tentative)	Annual General Meeting				