



Old Anniesland Rugby Newsletter - August 2011



On a beautiful sunny Friday evening at the end of July, Glasgow Hawks hosted a fairly informal pre-season tournament at Old Anniesland in memory of David Williams, who was a great supporter and benefactor of the Club.

Hawks, GHK, Glasgow Accies, Ayr, Hamilton and Whitecraigs each played two 15-a-side matches of 10 minutes each way followed by play-off games for 3rd/4th and 5th/6th places and a final for 1st/2nd. The final was a close, hard fought in-house derby match between GHK and Hawks, with Hawks coming out winners by 14 points to 7. The David Williams Trophy was presented to Rory McKay the winning captain by Phyllis Williams.

LEAGUE RESTRUCTURING

At the recent SRU AGM, it was agreed that the structure of leagues in Scotland will be changed to limit the number of games and reduce the amount of travelling for smaller clubs. There will be no change this season to Premier 1, Premier 2, Premier 3 or National 1. Below that, leagues are now regionalised.

GHK RFC
www.ghkrfc.com

GHK completed a very successful tour to Colorado in June, beating Denver Harlequins 90-0, Boulder 17-41 and ending with an impressive 22-56 win over Glendale Raptors in front of a crowd 2500. The trip was a great experience for the whole tour party and the team spirit they built up will hopefully carry through into the new season.

GHK will be playing in the West Region Division 1 this season, with the highlight being derby matches against Glasgow Accies.

GHK games coming up at home (or nearby) are:

- Fri, 9 Sep Allan Glens
- Sat, 17 Sep Glasgow Accies (Away)
- Sat, 24 Sep Waysiders

GHK MINI RUGBY SECTION

www.ghkrfc.com/cms/junior_rugby

At the Mini Rugby Section AGM on 26 May, Bob Coats took over from Russell Sim as Convener and Fraser Campbell took over from Alasdair Wood as Treasurer. The general email address remain the same: minirugby@ghkrfc.com

- Sun, 21 August Registration & Training
- Sun, 28 August Registration & Training

The mini section are always looking for parents to help out. You need to gain some basic qualifications and submit to a disclosure check in order to coach children but it is quite a straightforward process. There are also plenty of other roles on a week-to-week basis that you can help out with.

GLASGOW HAWKS
www.glasgowhawks.com

Despite showing great promise in league and cup last season without any real success in the end, the squad have been determined to improve their position. Having identified strength and conditioning as a reason for faltering in the critical last few games of the season, senior players found a small industrial unit and kitted it out as a training gym. No lycra, mirrors or pop videos - more tractor tyres, sandbags and steel bars. (Well maybe some lycra!) Players have been training all summer and preparations are well under way.

On Saturday 6 August, Cumnock RFC will formally open their 50th Anniversary year with a match between Glasgow Hawks and a President's Select XV.

The following weekend, Hawks head to Belfast to play a pre-season warm-up match against Belfast Harlequins on the Saturday afternoon.

The first match for Hawks is a friendly away to Watsonians on 19th August. After that, Premier 1 league games coming up at home are:

Sat, 27 Aug Stirling County
Sat, 10 Sep Gala
Sat, 24 Sep Currie

The target this season is to finish at least third in the league which will mean qualification for a place in the British & Irish Cup next season. Of course, we really aim to be league and Cup champions again. You can help to achieve that with your support. Come and cheer on the team whenever you can.

Season tickets are now available:

Adults	£70
Concessions	£50 (incl. members of GHK / Accies)
U21	£25
U18	Free

Join our **Hawks Supporters Club** for free to receive fixture updates, team news and invitations to events. Download a registration form from the SUPPORTERS page of Hawks' website.

All sports clubs require revenue to keep going and that is particularly so for Scottish rugby's Premier 1 division, the top level of our club game. Coaching is becoming increasingly professional and many of the players in top club sides get some financial assistance. If we are to compete with these clubs on the pitch, we need to match them off it too. Hawks are very grateful to all their sponsors, advertisers and supporters.

To discuss sponsorship opportunities for your business or to book your table for match-day hospitality, please speak to Administrator Cammy Kerr in the Hawks office:

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SUMMER CAMP

About 60 youngsters between the age of 8 and 16 have started the month of August enjoying a full week of fun and games at the Hawks Summer Sports Camp. Running Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm the camp is great for busy parents and also very good value. The day starts

with a cooked breakfast and in the middle of the day, a hot lunch is served to give the hungry boys energy for the rest of the afternoon. If you missed out this time, look out for information on future camps organised by Grant Talbot, the Hawks Club Development Manager.

HAWKS Midi Rugby
<http://junior.glasgowhawks.com>

We look forward to seeing all the boys back in our junior teams. Some of the Under 16 players have already been training over the summer with our senior squad. *[I'm sure the rest have been following their own tough fitness regimes. -Ed.]* Match fixtures for Midi Section will be published shortly.

One of the great things about GHK is the amalgamation of players from different schools. That happens again at Under 13 level when Glasgow Accies and GHK join together under the Hawks identity. It does of course mean a new strip but the boys have probably grown out of their old ones over the summer anyway (!)

The Junior Convener is Graeme Davidson.

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The Under 13 team traditionally provide ballboys for Hawks home matches. We will let you know which of the coaches will be coordinating that but in the meantime, if you would like to take part, just come along on the day.

SCOTLAND
www.scottishrugby.org

Hawks Director of Rugby Peter Wright was at the 'junior' World Cup in Northern Italy in his other role as Scotland Under 20 Head Coach. A very hard pool saw Scotland lose to South Africa, England and Ireland. A win over Tonga earned a 9th/10th play-off against Argentina. The boys had to settle for 10th place after losing by a point (14-15) but it was enough to guarantee their place in next year's competition.

Scotland have two World Cup warm-up matches before they head out to New Zealand :

Sat 6 Aug	Ireland	Murrayfield	ko 2:15pm
Sat 20 Aug	Italy	Murrayfield	ko 5:00pm

Tickets are available from £10 for adults and £5 for students and Under 18s.

Use our unique club link to buy all your Scotland tickets and we will receive the SRU commission. **[CLICK TO BUY SCOTLAND TICKETS](#)** or find details of the URL on the LINKS page of our website. Remember to save it in your FAVOURITES and use it each time you buy Scotland tickets.

Members of GHK RFC and associated clubs (including GHK Mini Rugby Section) can book the function suite upstairs in the Pavilion free of charge, so why not consider holding a birthday party at the club.

Speak to the Club Manager Jim Dempsey (0141 959 1154) or ask one of the bar staff for details.