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**Rugby in Alberta news....**

**Special points of interest:**

- **Alberta cup results**
- **RA planning meetings set**
- **AGM date**
- **Message from RC**
- **Wolfpack News**

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**RUGBY ALBERTA PLANNING SESSION**

Rugby Alberta will host the first of two planning sessions on Saturday, October 3, 2009 in Red Deer at the Red Deer Lodge. All presidents have been sent an agenda and asked to pass on the information to their membership in the hopes of each club sending a representative to each of the five sessions. It is our hope that we will be able to determine the direction for Rugby Alberta moving forward through 2010/11. The meeting will be an information gathering session with the hopes that some of the participants will form ad hoc committees if necessary to bring details to the 2nd Planning session on October 31.

If you would like to participate in the upcoming planning sessions, please RSVP your intentions to the Rugby Alberta office either by phone or email no latter than Monday, September 28 at 4:00 p.m. Your help will be appreciated.

TIME	TOPIC Room# 1	TOPIC Room#2
11am-12:15pm	<b>Registration and Insurance</b> Chaired by: Colin Ogilvy Debbie Ashmore to attend.	<b>Rules and Regulations and Discipline Procedures</b>  Chaired by: Cam Wilton Dustin Hopkins to attend
12:15pm- 12:30pm	Break	Break
12:30pm – 1:45pm	<b>2010 /2011 League Structure Senior &amp; U20) Domestic rugby and Rep rugby.</b>  Chaired by: John Seaman	
1:45pm – 2:00pm	Break	Break
2:00pm – 3:00pm	<b>The roles of the Unions – Governance, Policies, Bylaws</b>  Chaired by: Sandy Nesbitt Debbie Ashmore to attend.	<b>Representative player pathway in Alberta and the Long Term Athlete Development Model.</b>  Chaired by: Paul Passuto Dustin Hopkins to attend

# ARFC ANNUAL GOBBLER RUGBY TOURNAMENT

At Exhibition Park in Abbotsford, British Columbia  
OCTOBER 10TH & 11TH

Men's Division - 15 aside

Women's Division - 10 aside

Old Boys Division - 15 Aside

Men's 15's Prizes: (based on 8 teams in Division)

1st - \$800

2nd - \$400

3rd - \$200

Women's 10's Prizes: (based on 8 teams in Division)

1st - \$400

2nd - \$200

3rd - \$100

Entry Fee for Men - \$350 (\$50 returned after completion of Sunday game)

Entry Fee for Women - \$200 (\$50 returned after completion of Sunday game)

## Weekend Events:

**Friday** - 8:00pm: Opening Night Party at the ARFC Clubhouse!

**Saturday** - 10:00am Games Begin - 11:00am Beer Garden Opens

**Saturday Night** - 8:00pm the Gobbler Dance at the Cadet Hall!!! Featuring live music! Theme is TBA for the evening!!

**Sunday** - 10:00am Games Begin - 11:00am Beer Garden Opens

**Sunday Night** - Closing Party at the ARFC Clubhouse

Please e-mail me back to register and mail a cheque payable to ARFC immediately to secure your spot!

\*There is an airport in Abbotsford 10 Minutes from the field\*

*Do Not Miss Out!! Always is a Blast!!*

## Rugby Alberta Casino



A huge thank you to the Rugby Alberta Match Officials as well as their family and friends and the Rugby Alberta U23 Women for helping us with our casino.

**Also special thanks to Judy Seddon, Roger Cowper and Vivian Giese for also assisting us for no other reason than their assistance was needed. Thank you very much!**

### RUGBY ALBERTA CREATES FACEBOOK GROUP

You can now keep up to date with the comings and goings of Rugby Alberta through members posts on Facebook. Join now, its FREE!



**PLEASE NOTE THE RUGBY ALBERTA AGM  
WILL TAKE PLACE  
DECEMBER 6TH, 2009 IN RED DEER at  
the Red Deer Lodge**

Agenda and Times to be announced soon!

## RUGBY ALBERTA SENIOR PROVINCIAL CUP



### **Congratulations to the winners of the 2009 Alberta Cup Championships**

AC: Calgary Hornets

AWP: Calgary Irish

Division 2 Men: Banff

Division 2 Women: St. Albert

Division 3 Men: Calgary Canucks

## TEAM ALBERTA National Championship Results

Team Alberta showed well at the recent 2009 Rugby Canada Age Grade Festival held at Seneca College in Toronto, Ontario. The U17 Women's team captured a silver medal while the U16 Men brought Bronze home to Alberta. The U19 Women struggled a bit but were able to maintain a 5th place.

The U18 Men traveled to PEI to participate in the 2009 Canada Summer Games. This U18 Men's team brought home 4th to Alberta! Congratulations to all those that competed .



U19 Women	
Sarah Adriano	
Jillian Ankutowicz	
Stacie Becker	
Kristan Blais	
Vanessa Brown	
Jovita Byzitter	
Beverly Cheng	
Kaitlin Davis	
Lindsey Duxbury	
Alanna Fittes	
Alexis Goodin	
Marli Hadden	
Megan Kurcwal	
Melissa Lazoda	
Eliabeth Mackinnon	
Jasmine Michaud	
Carly Raslask	
Janelle Romanchuk	
Natalie Sarchuk	
Alias Schneider	
Emily Stearns	
Justine Thomson	
Mackenzie Thomas	
Jen Wickwire	
Paula Woynarowsky	

U17 Women	
Anna Ahart	
Lauren Baker	
Caitlin Block	
Kimberley Burke	
Bailey Campbell	
Madison Cyre	
Natasha Faulkner	
Jasper Graberline	
Tess Harlow	
Jamie Harley	
Sabrina Kelly	
Logan Kennedy	
Alyssa Marshall	
Briasha McLarty-Mueller	
Jade Menin	
Dana Mitchum	
Kelly Moores	
Cassandra Orr	
Jennifer Petersun	
Kelly Remus	
Viveca Robinson	
Carissa Rysko	
Erika Scherschel	
Katlyn Scott	
Janna Slevinsky	
Lisa Somers	
Juhee Thompson	
Dakota Weir	

U16 Men	
Jon Arndt	
Jolon Aubrey	
Inaki Azpiazu	
BJ Brush	
Nick Carruthers	
Conner Emigh	
Brandon Harrison	
Sam Hogg	
Adam Jeske	
Patrick Kirby	
Dustin Lehne	
Padan MacRea	
Adam McQueen	
Jake Mentz	
Sean Molle	
Nelson Nolan	
Aaron Outram	
Peter Piedimonte	
Darcy Ralph	
Jonathan Schlekach	
Michael Soley	
Mackenzie Tivendale	
Warren Tomlisom	
Duncan Wartier	
Harry Willis	

U18 Men	
Adamson, Sean	
Anderson, Robbie	
Barry, Mike	
Bauer, Karl	
Bowd, Gradyn	
Budd Jeremy	
Davies, Rhys	
Desjardin, Paul	
Dufresne, Brad	
Escobedo, Jorge	
Evans, David	
Gair, Shawn	
Garber, Christian	
Gusdal, Joel	
Hamilton, Brendan	
Heaver, Trevor	
Hull, Stuart	
Nicholas, Josh	
Roberts, Noah	
Wamsley, Colin	
Whalley, Matt	
Wilkes, Ryan	
Winter, Thomas	
Wood, Nathan	
Yeats, Kevan	

**RUGBY ALBERTA WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MANY SPONSORS WHO SUPPORTED THESE TEAMS WITH A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT! WITHOUT YOUR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THESE TEAMS WOULD NOT BE AS SUCCESSFUL AS THEY WERE. THANK YOU FROM ALL THE ATHLETES AND THE RUGBY ALBERTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS!**



For Immediate Release

**Rugby Canada Launches Program to Support National Team Athletes:** [www.supportrugby.ca](http://www.supportrugby.ca)

Richmond Hill, ON –

Following the announcement in mid August that Rugby 7's (the exciting abridged version of Rugby Union) had received the endorsement of the IOC (International Olympic Committee) Council, the IOC advised that Rugby 7's would be put forth for a vote by IOC Members on October 9<sup>th</sup>, for inclusion in the 2016 Olympic Summer Games.

This news was heralded as a potential watershed moment for the sport in Canada and around the world. For the athletes competing on Canada's Men's and Women's Rugby 7's teams, the news came as tremendous welcome surprise. For administrators with Rugby Canada, it brought an immediate and increased focus on the funding streams for these programs.

Maria Gallo, Captain of the National Women's Sevens team at the 2009 World Cup, and herself a carded athlete said, "For the first time this year, the men's and women's teams played alongside each other in the IRB Rugby Sevens World Cup and gave us all a sense of what it's like to play in full stadia and in front of passionate fans. I know we would be an inspiration to other girls who could aspire to Olympic success through Rugby".

The opportunity for Canada's rugby athletes to shine on the world stage has never been greater.

Rugby Canada's top female and male performers rely on Sport Canada funding to train and compete as world class athletes. With Rugby Sevens set to join the Olympics, it is vital that Sport Canada's anticipated review of funding for elite rugby players provides enough resources to allow us to win.

Given the substantial growth of rugby in Canada and the opportunity for Olympic success, our young rugby players need greater support to continue Canada's winning tradition. Now is the time for rugby fans from coast to coast to stand up and ask the federal government to give our athletes the support they need to win. Let Canada's Minister of Sport know that you want to win by **TAKING ACTION** to send the message and spread the word.

To learn more about Canadian rugby, please visit [www.rugbycanada.ca](http://www.rugbycanada.ca) .

To show your support for Canadian Rugby and the young athletes that represent our country, please visit [www.supportrugby.ca](http://www.supportrugby.ca) .

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### WOLF PACK PLAYER OF THE WEEK IS ONE OF A 'KYNE'

Following a significant road win over the Ontario Blues, Jeremy Kyne of the Prairie Wolf Pack has been selected as ARC Player of the Week.

Jeremy Kyne was unable to compete in the recent Prairies Regional Competition as he was recovering from injury. Unable to make an impression with the coaches and selectors in the earlier competition and not being able to draw on previous representative rugby experience at the NA4 level, the selection chips were not positioned in favour of the 26 year old Edmonton Druids flanker.



We have set up an email address that you can send your encouragement and well wishes to the team as they prepare for their match against the BC Bears on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 4:00 PM PST in Vancouver. Please feel free to forward this to your contact list. The address is: [wolf\\_Pack\\_Rugby@hotmail.com](mailto:wolf_Pack_Rugby@hotmail.com)