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NEWSLETTER OF THE MIAMI UNIVERSITY MEN'S RUGBY CLUB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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## OLD BOYS WEEKEND IS AROUND THE CORNER SEPTEMBER 8-10, 2006

It's not too late to make plans to attend Miami's 34th annual Old Boys Weekend. This event is always a great opportunity to see your old rugby teammates again, and to enjoy some lively rugby (either playing or watching) in Oxford. The schedule:

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Location</u>
Friday	5:00 p.m.- ?	Informal get-together	Stadium Bar, S. Poplar St .
Saturday	10:30 a.m.	MU Men's RFC AA Annual General Meeting (Agenda on page 5)	Shriver Center (Student Union)
	12:30p.m.	Meet and Greet	Ditmer Field (U.S. 73 east of campus, past horse stables)
	1:30 p.m.	Old Boys A against Miami A	Ditmer
	3:00 p.m.	Really Old Boys against Miami B	Ditmer
	5:00 p.m.	Picnic buffet dinner served at the pitch	Ditmer

## Miami U. RFC News

### Mixed Results in Spring Season; Good Fall Season Prospects

*From Joe "Mario" Nauman,  
 Club President*

Our spring season started off in Nashville with the annual Nash Bash tournament. Miami did pretty well with a couple of victories and all of our new guys really getting a feel for the game. After Nash Bash, our next opponent was Ohio University. Both teams came out strong but OU was the better team that day. Ball State came to Miami the next weekend for a much needed home game. Miami stepped up big as we won our only home game 42 to 7. With many injuries to our team we headed up to BGSU for our next match. We played very well but we unable to beat them. Our season ended with the annual Ohio Rugby Classic. Once again we were plagued by injuries but ended up winning our first game against Cleveland State University. Later that same day we had to play Ohio State's B side that had come off of a bye in the first round. We stuck with them for the entire first half but during the second half they got the better of us with some break away tries. The next day we played in the consolation round, and by forfeit we won our morning game. Then in the afternoon we played Ohio State's C side. After losing a close game to their B side the day before we came out firing and ended up winning that final game by a score of 40- 10.

We ended our season and the final games for our two graduating seniors, Stuart Donnett and John Rundo on a positive note. We look forward to our fall season and plan on making it back to the play-offs and advancing even further than last year.

Editor's Note: Because of commitments related to obtaining faculty tenure, Kevin Kittredge is turning over coaching responsibilities to Tim Williams this fall. Tim is a Radiology Technologist at McCullough Hyde Hospital in Oxford. He played rugby for 13 years in the Midwest and California, and assisted Kevin in coaching Miami during the spring season. (Please see request for coaches on back page.)

#### Upcoming Fall 2006 Schedule

9/9	Old Boys	H
9/16	U. of Dayton	H
9/23	Ohio U.	A
9/30	Marshall U.	H
10/7	Queen City	H
10/14	U. of Cincinnati	A
10/21	Kent State U	A
10/29	Midwest Playoffs	A

## MU Men's RFC Alumni Association News

**Communications:** The development of our website is nearing completion. In addition to our newsletters, it will have a photo gallery reflecting club history and a facility to update our alumni database and establish contacts between rugby alumni. We anticipate making the website operational by the end of the year.

**Field Committee:** We have developed a plan for construction of a storage/restroom facility at Ditmer Field. The concept has received verbal support from Miami Club Sports officials, and a commitment of \$40,000 to fund construction was approved by our Executive Board. We will be submitting a formal concept proposal to Miami in the next few weeks. Because of recent increases in the costs of construction materials, we have determined that our initial cost estimate was low, and that construction of the facility will ultimately require approximately \$60,000. We are recommending that a MUM RFC AA fund-raising campaign be undertaken to obtain the \$20,000, conditional on Miami's acceptance of our concept proposal.

**Obituary:** Sadly, Bob Alder (1976 Miami graduate) passed away on February 27 of this year. Although he was not physically imposing, Bob's quick feet and tenacity made him an A-side hooker with Miami. He grew up in Bedford Heights, OH, and lived most recently in Orion Township, MI. He worked for the Boy Scouts in Cleveland and Michigan for 22 years and spent his last five years pursuing a love of landscaping. He is survived by his wife Shari, and daughter Rachel. Those of us who played with him will truly miss him.

### Miami Rugby Highlights—1984 "Final Four" Team



Front L-R: Skillman, Schwartz, Hassett, Muhoray, Elsworth, Palamountain, Ryan  
 Middle: Wilamosky, Heller, Trauth, Hastings, Brinkman, Cox, McInturf, Edwards  
 Back: McDermott, Sauer, Cope, Grote, Williams (Capt.), Lucas

In 1984, this was one of the final four teams that competed for the Collegiate National Championship. Obviously, Miami did extremely well to make it that far, but placed fourth. In the semifinal, it was Colorado 18, Miami 0; in the playoff for third place, Miami had a narrow loss to Cal. State Long Beach (9-6). Three Miamians were named to the Collegiate All-America squad: John Trauth (aka "Flounder") at prop, Jeff "Little Bird" Sauer at lock, and John Lucas at flanker. The entire team must have been exceptional, but apart from J.R. Hassett, WHY DON'T WE SEE THEM AT OLD BOYS WEEKEND?

Could it be that they're TOO EMBARRASSED to show their faces after being ONLY the fourth best college team in the Nation?

Could it be that having achieved fame and glory at a young age, they think they're TOO GOOD to mingle with the rest of us?

Are they AFRAID that Doug Edwards' contention that his teammates from the early 70's were better athletes was true?

Or could it be that they are just TOO WHIPPED to get a weekend pass to come to Oxford?

Enquiring minds want to know. Seriously, guys, you represent a proud piece of Miami rugby history, and we'd like to see you in Oxford next month.

## MU Men's RFC Alumni Association Database

We would like to increase our membership by finding alumni with whom we have lost contact. Please take a minute to look at the following list (with graduating years organized by 5 year segments of the club's history). **Send corrections and missing names/addresses to Steve Seilkop (seilkop@centernet.net; 3942 Rives Chapel Rd., Siler City, NC 27344, Fax 919-742-5636).**

**Note: \* denotes No Mailing Address**

1968-1975	1968-1975 (cont.)	1981-1985 (cont.)
Jeff Amick 1974	Clark Shimeall 1972?	Terry Jones 1982
George Ashton 1975?	Steve Seilkop 1972, 74	* Eric Juday 1981
Drew Barkley 1972	Rick Sivik 1972?	Mike Katz 1983
Tom Barney 1974	Mark Sharman 1972	John Lucas 1984
Tim Butler 1975?	Bill Sommer 1975?	Eric Mather 1981
* Ron Bruder 1969?	Bill Stromenger 1972	George Muhoray 1984
Dean Crist 1975?	Brian Svegal 1974?	* Brett Navin 1984
Mike Davis 1974	Rick Sykes 1974?	Tom Parker 1983
Rick Davis 1975?	* Jeff Torrence 1972?	Michael Queenan 1984
* Rick Depp 1975?	Alan Weber 1974	Terry Rankin 1982
Andrew Einspanier 1973	David Weber 1975	Scott Skillman 1984
* Jack Goss 1973?		John Trauth 1984
Art Fiser Advisor	<b>1976-1980</b>	Marty Trinkino 1982
Mike Freeman 1974?	John Biggins 1980	Dale Tuttle 1981
Jack Gilbert 1973?	Kris Braunschweig 1979	Bill Walker 1981
Glenn Greenbaum 1971?	Marty Brix 1980	Justin Whelan 1983
Bill Griffes 1974	Greg Cohen 1979	Fran Wilamosky 1984
Steve Gustin 1974	Patrick Corcoran 1979	Stephen Williams 1983
Bill Hansel 1970?	George Curry 1979	
Mike Harrington 1974?	Kirby Farrell 1978	<b>1986-1990</b>
Dave Heidel 1974	Woody Fox 1977	* Rich Bremer 1989
Mark Heggie 1971?	Doug French 1977	* Tom Cope 1990
Jay Hering 1974	Ken Glassmeyer 1978	* Michael Dailey 1988
Chris Hines 1975	Mark Gorjanc 1980	Tom DeSanto 1986
Charlie Howard 1975	Marc Hirth 1976	Tim Galvin 1986
* Alan Hupp 1972	Kevin Iler 1977	Paul Gardner 1989
Alan Kimmel 1973?	Charles Kikta 1978	* Richard Hastings 1986
Tom Kralick 1970?	Glenn McIntyre 1979	Jonathon Hitch 1987
* Paul LaFleur 1972	Tom McKarns 1976	Christopher Johnson 1987
Mike Lindner 1972	Mauri Miles 1979	Bill Laczowski 1987
John Lucas 1973?	Martin Morrow 1978	John McDermott 1986
Bob Lyon 1971	Jim Penikas 1977	* Joe Melenick 1989
Rodney Malott 1974?	Peter Shoup 1979	Gregg Palain 1989
Bob Morrisey 1972	Pete Van De Carr 1978	Thomas Rankin 1986
Sam Moser 1972	Brad Williams 1978	Jeff Shipp 1986
Greg Oberlin 1974?	Steve Zeller 1980	
* Alan Papenfus 1971?		<b>1991-1995</b>
Tom Peate 1973?	<b>1981-1985</b>	Dike Ajiri 1993
David Penman 1974?	Dave Anzo 1981	Paul Auer 1995
Paul Perle 1974?	John Gardner 1982	Jean-David Chauvet 1995
Dave Perske 1973?	Doug Hacker 1984	* Bob Deck 1995
Carter Richards 1971?	J.R. Hassett 1985	Toby Edison 1992
Ron Pruitt 1974	Les Irvine 1981	Bill Gardner 1991
John Ratliff 1974?		Rob Graham 1994
* David Schutte 1972		



## ***Miami University Men's Rugby Football Club Alumni Association, Inc.***

### Fifth Annual General Meeting – Agenda

Shriver Student Center, Oxford, OH – September 9, 2006 – 10:30 am

- I. Open Meeting
- II. Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2005 AGM
- III. Reports (Up to 2 minutes each)
  - i. Executive Board Members
  - ii. Board of Directors
  - iii. Club Coach
  - iv. Club President
  - v. Committee Chairmen Reports
    - a. Audit Committee – Steve Fazekas
    - b. Communications – Steve Seilkop
    - c. Lost Alumni – Mike Coco
    - d. Events – Ken Glassmeyer & Randy Mahlerwein
    - e. Investments – Dike Ajire
    - f. Fundraising – Jared Moore
    - g. Historian & Awards – Steve Gustin
    - h. Scholarship – Sean Edwards
    - i. Field Committee – Steve Seilkop
    - j. Coaching Committee – Toby Edison
- IV. Old Business
  - i. Coaching
  - ii. Women's Rugby at Miami: Possible inclusion of female rugby alumni in our organization.
  - iii. Newsletters – Need assistance in providing content.
  - iv. Website Development
  - v. Reminder: Old Boys Weekend "Match Fee": \$30/alum – Outside of dues and donations
  - vi. Membership Levels:
 

<u>2006 – 2007 Dues Levels</u>	
Miami Supporter	\$50 to \$119
Select Side	\$1201 to \$249
Eagle	\$250-\$499
Doug Edwards	\$500-\$4,999
Lionel Young	\$5,000-\$10,000
- V. New Business
  - i. Review Financials
  - ii. Field Committee Proposal to MU
    - a. Possible Capital Campaign – When/how/how much.....
  - iii. Elections:
    - a. Board of Directors (Annual Terms)
    - b. Treasurer (2 year term)
    - c. President (2 year term)
  - iv. Other New Business
- VI. Approval of time and location for next Annual General Meeting
  - i. 10:30 am, Saturday, September 8, 2007 in Oxford, OH
- VII. Close Meeting

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**Miami University RFC in Oxford Ohio is actively seeking coaches**, fitness trainers and administrators committed to building a professional, positive, rewarding and enduring college rugby experience. To set us apart from other programs we are seeking individuals who believe rugby is about team, leadership, sportsmanship, commitment to a common goal, and character. Practices, games and social events of rugby are temporary events that provide the life-long character forging experiences that build teams, leadership, sportsmanship, and commitment to a higher goal. We will find meaningful roles in the organization for people willing to contribute for a season, year or life time. We have 30 committed players, a dedicated coach, a strong relationship with the university and an active alumni association with a small budget to support interested, qualified people. Our seasons run from late August to early November in the fall, and late March to May in the Spring with practices 3:30 to 5:30 Tuesday and Thursday and games on Saturdays during the season. The fall 2006 season/school year begins 22 August. Please express interest to Toby Edison at 617-633-5987 or Thomas.Edison@hanscom.af.mil.

## **Miami Rugby Alumni Congratulates Dr. David Hodge as Miami's 21st President**

Dr. Hodge, and his wife Valerie join Miami from University of Washington where Dr. Hodge was a professor of geography and Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences. It's been reported that Dr. Hodge was a Collegiate All-American and nationally ranked track athlete in his college days at Macalester College. He is also an avid trout and bass fisherman. We welcome the Hodges to the Miami family and hope that some of our rugby "Old Boys" have an opportunity to meet Dr. Hodge soon.

### **Contact Us**

**Membership:** Contributions of \$50 or more per year qualify you as a member of the MU Men's RFC Alumni Association. Mail them to Brian Slutsky, 1720 McLean Ct., Glenview, IL 60025

**Gain Line News:** If you have a story, picture, or other information that you'd like to contribute, contact Steve Seilkop, 3942 Rives Chapel Rd., Siler City, NC 27344 ([seilkop@centernet.net](mailto:seilkop@centernet.net))

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