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FUNDRAISING EVENT: TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER

The chairman of the fundraising committee, Jared Moore – '98, is coordinating a promising fundraising event for the Miami University Men's Rugby Football Club Alumni Association. Utilizing our charitable status as a 501(c)(3) and taking advantage of pokers recent surge, the Alumni Association hopes to generate \$25,000+ for the organization.

The event will be held at the Wilkes Conference Center on the Hamilton Campus of Miami University. There will be 30 tables at each of the sessions (see dates and times below) and we will also offer live action poker and blackjack during these times. This tournament is open to the public, members of the university community and even Miami Rugby Alumni. All

proceeds will go to the Alumni Association.

The active rugby players from Miami RFC will be running concessions, allowing them an opportunity to raise funds going directly to this year's budget.

The top twenty places will receive cash prizes and 1st Place is a \$10,000 seat at the World Series of Poker, including airfare and lodging for two, and \$15,000 in spending money. Frank Z Chevrolet will offer a chance to win a Corvette for drawing a Royal Flush during tournament play.

Entrance fees are \$55 per session with re-buys for \$25 each with a maximum of three times in the first hour of play. To reserve a seat, call 800-722-9232, visit



www.reecesonline.com or stop by Reece's at 2223 Needmore Road, Dayton, OH. Be sure to sign up early as all sessions will sell out.

We are looking for ambassadors to help represent the Miami Rugby Alumni Association during each of the sessions. If you are able to volunteer, please contact Jared Moore at 317-319-8410 or jaredmoore@yahoo.com. We hope to see many of you there!

DATES AND TIME FOR POKER TOURNAMENT

Thursday September 23rd—6:30 pm

Friday September 24th—6:30 pm

Saturday September 25th—12:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 8:30 pm

Sunday September 26th—12:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 8:30 pm

Thursday September 30th—6:30 pm

Friday October 1st—6:30 pm

Saturday October 2nd—12:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 8:30 pm

Sunday October 3rd—12:30 pm

FINALS: SUNDAY OCTOBER 3RD—5 PM

SCHEDULES, RESULTS & MORE

OLD BOYS SCHEDULE

Friday September 10th:

Golf Outing at Hueston Woods State Park
RSVP: Steve Fazekas - (614) 989-9764

6 pm Informal Gathering at The Stadium

16 South Poplar St. Oxford, OH

Saturday, September 11th:

9 am Annual General Meeting

Shriver Student Center

Corner of Spring St. and State Route 27
Oxford, OH

11 am Miami A. vs Un. Of Dayton A

Dayton, Ohio—Directions to be Provided Later

3 pm Kickoff: Old Boys Game

Club Fields—St. Route 73

East of Campus

5:30 pm BBQ & Awards Banquet

Scholarships Awarded

2004 MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$120.00 PER INDIVIDUAL
DUES & DONATIONS SHOULD BE

SEND TO:

“*MU RFC AA*”

P.O. BOX 1603

TRAVERSE CITY, MI 49685

*As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization,
donation are tax deductible.*

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ALUMNI EMAIL LIST SERVE

There is an email list serve for old Miami Ruggers.

To subscribe, send an email to

murugby-subscribe@yahoo.com

Or visit the website at:

www.groups.yahoo.com/group/murugby

MIAMI UNIVERSITY RFC 2004 FALL SCHEDULE

9.11	U. Dayton / Old Boys (Home)
9.18	Kent State Un. (Home)
9.25	BGSU (Home)
10.2	Indiana Un. (Away)
10.9	Un. Of Cincinnati (Home)
10.16	Ohio Un. (Away)
10.17 (Sun)	Ohio Select Sides Tryout (Athens, OH)
10.23	Marshall (Home)
10.30	Playoffs—Location TBD
11.6	Playoffs— Location TBD

MIAMI UNIVERSITY RFC 2004 SPRING RESULTS

4.3	Ohio Un.—41-29 L
4.10	Un. Of Michigan—19-17 W
4.17	Un. Of Cincinnati—45-13 WGSU
4.23-24	<u>Ohio Classic Tournament :</u>
	<u>Miami A-side:</u>
	Eastern Kentucky Un.—48-0 W
	Franciscan “B” - 39-10 W
	Wittenberg—33-5 W (Semi-finals)
	Franciscan “A” - 10-5 W (Championship Match)
	<u>Miami B-side:</u>
	Ohio Northern Un.—7-5 W
	Franciscan “A” - 45-3 L
	Marshall Un.— Miami Lost (Score Unavailable)

A LETTER FROM MURFC-AA PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni, Parents & Friends of Miami Rugby:

It's that time of year again for an update on the Alumni Association's (AA) activities. First, the executive committee and several members of our board of trustees convened in a series of conference calls this winter to set the course of the AA in the future by setting goals. Charged with the long term support of the undergraduate rugby program at Miami, and with input from Coach Kevin and Club President, BJ Brick, we identified the following goals:

- Short Term Goals (1-3 years):
 - Club Recruitment
 - Tournament Organization
 - Enhancing our relationship with Miami University
- Long Term Goals (4-15 years):
 - Human Resources
 - Fundraising
 - Facilities –A dedicated rugby pitch

We've identified that the need for additional coaching assistance (i.e., Human Resources) as being key to continuing the strong rugby tradition at Miami. This will most likely include either a part time salary or stipend for coaches in the future. We believe that the continuity provided by adult supervision and administration is key to a successful program. These goals are the primary source of direction for our Fundraising Committee to develop ideas and plans to achieve these goals.

Other highlights from this spring include a 2nd consecutive Ohio Classic Rugby Tournament championship by the club, recent discussions with the Miami Alumni Association about the MU RFC AA becoming a "Constituency Group" within the larger Alumni Association, Coach Kevin becoming a member of USA Rugby's College Coaches Association and the awarding of two more scholarship at this year's Old Boys

to deserving undergraduates.

Next, we congratulate the following recent seven Miami Rugby graduates and welcome them into the world of being a Miami Rugby Old Boy:

- Chris Branson
- Greg Burling
- Sean Edwards
- Andrew Rance
- Ryan Rybka
- Andrew Sayer
- Michael Zimmerman

In closing, we would like to thank the following two club members and one alumnus actively serving in the armed forces:

- Brian "Chubbs" Jeffery who completed Army boot camp with the reserves this past spring is on call for possible deployment
- Robert "Wayne" Grooms who has been out of school the last year serving over-seas and has recently been re-deployed to Iraq
- Mark Hirselj, '96 who is currently deployed to Iraq with the Air Force's 49th Fighter Wing

I look forward to seeing each of you at Old Boys, the Poker Tournament fundraiser or a Miami rugby match this fall!

Regards,

Mike Coco, 1997
President
Miami University Men's Rugby Football Club
Alumni Association

ELECTIONS AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following Executive Committee positions are up for election at this year's Annual General Meeting:

- **President**
- **Treasurer**

Both of these positions serve for a term of two (2) years. The president is responsible for overseeing the executive committee, serving as a representative to Miami University and coordinating with the Club Coach and Club President. The treasurer has general ledger responsibilities and is responsible for presenting financial statements, all tax filings and maintaining 501c3 status with the Internal Revenue Service. Nominations may be made by any active member of the association. To nominate a candidate for either or both of these positions, please contact the Secretary:

Craig Scheiderer, '97, Secretary: 614-395-0816, scheidcs@hotmail.com

Note: If you are unable to attend the AGM, you may vote by proxy by contacting the Secretary by Wednesday 9/8/04

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OLD BOYS SPOTLIGHT - BY KEN GLASSMEYER

● JOHN "FLOUNDER" TRAUTH, 1984 ●

NAME: John Trauth (a.k.a. Flounder)

BORN: Norwood, Ohio

EDUCATION: M.U. 1980 - 1984. Came to Miami as an Evans Scholar and is reportedly the only caddy to ever play rugby. This also explains his curious habit of replacing the turf after kicks to goal.

FAMILY: Lives in Washington D.C. area with his lovely wife Chris and three boys Ryan, Patrick & Andrew.

RUGBY HONORS: Selected First Team Collegiate All-American 1984

OTHER CLUBS: Founding Member of the Potomac Athletic Club ("PAC") and led them to a Senior Men's Division I National Championship in 1995.

BEST RUGBY MEMORY: Playing for Doug Edwards and Miami University at the Collegiate Final 4 on the polo grounds at Pebble Beach. Nothing beats the college rugby experience.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE: Doug Edwards. (Author's Note: John was recently seen at the Savannah Rugby Tournament suffering with a case of the gout. He is also looking a little fuller in the face and a little more rounded in the shoulders. Does this sounds like anyone familiar? Could he be transforming himself into his mentor? For the answers to these and other exciting questions, see you at Old Boys 2004!)



IN MEMORIUM - LIONEL YOUNG

Lionel Young, a founding member and the first coach of the Miami Rugby Football Club passed away August 6th, 2004 in Tampa, Florida, where he had been residing with his wife Jane. Alum Steve Gustin, '74, recently shared the following memory from his freshman year: "I still remember taking sides for a kick-off...Looking at Lionel across the field I worried that I'd hurt him when I tackled him - he looked like the oldest guy I'd ever seen playing any sport (he was in his forties). That was the first and last time I worried about that. He ran circles around everyone on the field and I never laid a finger on him. I had never seen anyone run that fast, feint, cut and move before, or since."

For those people who knew Lionel from his time in Ohio, Jane has suggested that donations in Lionel's name should be made to the Doug Edwards scholarship fund since Lionel "absolutely loved Miami and Oxford." We plan to have more details on Lionel's life and his role in Miami Rugby in our next newsletter.