
Sean

Friday Dec.28 The family was together for Christmas, then Sean went to Ohio to visit his long-time girl friend Jamie. For the New year the whole family are getting away for a week up north. Earlier this month Humber College and Brock University Badgers presented Sean with shirts and fundraising results. And a nice Christmas present for Sean when his godfather Ron Stewart and hockey buddies presented him with a specially fitted car which will allow him to drive with hand controls (see story in press articles below).

Thursday Dec.7 Sean attended his old high school Hill Park to receive a presentation from the student council's fundraiser. The gym was full and the students were congratulated on their successful fundraising. Meanwhile Sean will continue 5 days a week rehab as an out-patient. This includes swimming which he is enjoying a lot. He is also playing some wheelchair tennis.

Sunday Dec.3 Whew, another big week. What with his physio sessions as well, I don't know how he keeps going. On the Score channel Tuesday (the interview was seen on some cable TV in England!), huge fundraiser event on Thursday, organized by Dawn Elliott, insurance people, friends and hockey mates of the Corners; over 1200 attended, including Liam Powell, who flew over from Caerphilly, Wales on Wednesday to surprize Sean on Thursday. Liam will fly back on Monday. Liam toured here in 2003 with Cwm Rhymini School when they played the Hornets juniors, including Sean Corner. Liam was billeted with Sean and they became good friends. Liam came out in 2004 and stayed for a couple of weeks. He now plays rugby in Caerphilly. Another example of how rugby and touring brings the world together. Meanwhile the Canadian team had put their newly acquired Wales special edition test jerseys on the web and raised \$10,000 and still counting. Well done Canada!

Monday Nov.20 At the HHRFC AGM, Sean was awarded Life membership in the club, joining only nine others who have been awarded this honour in the 52 years of the club's existence.

Newspaper Stories: (Ending in .pdf is image of newspaper story; other hyperlinks are to the newspaper's website)

Hamilton Spectator Sept 26, 2006:

- <http://www.hamiltonspectator.com/pdfs/20060926/A3.pdf>

The Globe and Mail Sept 30, 2006:

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/LAC.20060930.RUGBY30/TPStory/?query=insult+to+injury>

Hamilton Spectator Oct 3, 2006:

- <http://www.hamiltonspectator.com/pdfs/20061003/A1.pdf>

- <http://www.hamiltonspectator.com/pdfs/20061003/A6.pdf>

A letter from Al Charron on Rugby Canada website:

http://www.rugbycanada.ca/index.php?lang=en&page_id=10&news_id=2263

Hamilton Spectator Oct 13, 2006:

http://www.hamiltonspectator.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?pagename=hamilton/Layout/Article_Type1&call_pageid=1014656316146&c=Article&cid=1160689839183

Canadian Press Nov 9, 2006 Canadian rugby team to auction jerseys for paralyzed player without insurance:

<http://www.cbc.ca/cp/sports/061109/s110984.html>

The Associated Press Published: November 16, 2006 Canadian players hoping to raise money for paralyzed player

http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2006/11/16/sports/EU_SPT_RUGU_Canada_Fundraiser.php

Tuesday, November 21, 2006 Canadian rugby team to auction jerseys for paralyzed player without insurance:

<http://www.cbc.ca/cp/sports/061109/s110984.html>

Hamilton Spectator Nov.27 2006: Big-hearted rugby world aids player in paralysis

<http://www.hamiltonspectator.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?pagename=hamilton%2FSearch&searchstring=big-hearted+rugby+world&x=45&y=13>

(Video) Interview with Sean Corner from The Score Channel : (aired Nov. 28/06)

<http://www.thescore.ca/video/567.aspx>

Toronto Sun December 20, 2006 stem cell research provides hope

<http://www.torontosun.ca/News/World/2006/12/20/2894913-sun.html>

Hamilton Spectator Dec.23 2006: A gift of independence

http://www.hamiltonspectator.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?pagename=hamilton/Layout/Article_PrintFriendly&c=Article&cid=1166827812683

Upcoming fundraising events for Sean:

Sat. Jan. 20/07 Irish Canadian Club. **Racing night** fundraiser for Sean Corner.
Eight races. 50% of proceeds go to you, the owners and bettors. 50% to the benefit fund.
Real horse races on film where you can become the horse owner and possibly be the big winner, plus bet on the races.
Even the losers enter a draw for prizes! Door prizes. Plus a trivia contest for a special prize. What a fun night!
Contact John or Jennie O'Gorman to sponsor a race or to buy a horse.

Fri. Feb.2/07 Mississauga private

Fri. Feb.10th **Valentines Bash** bring the one you love for a fun night and support Sean at the same time!
Westside Theatre King St West Hamilton Live band, door prizes, raffles,

Mon. Feb.26/07 **Kingston Panthers RFC fundraiser**

Wed. Feb.28/07 **The Pudding Club** Dinner at Grano, Yonge and Eglinton. Sponsored by Toronto Nomads.

Fri. April 27/07 Oakville Conference Centre **Legends of Rugby**
Dinner featuring Wales, Barbarians and Lions legend, Phil Bennett, hosted by Niagara Thunder of the RC SL, with
auction and raffle for the Sean Corner Benefit Fund. Ticket \$135.

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Canada and Wales national teams- donating game shirts for auction on eBay.

Al Charron, Sommer Christie.

Other Groups: Hill Park High School, Plumbers Local 67, Masonic Lodge #602, Mayfield Secondary School, Hamilton Firefighters, Bnai Brith Sports Dinner, Hamilton Oldtimers Soccer League, Phoenix Fight Club, OECTA, nuclear power employees

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And more, from Newfoundland to Victoria, from Maryland and Tennessee.

We also thank those clubs and other organizations that are organizing events down the road.

It is both heart-warming and encouraging for Sean and the Corner family, and the Hamilton Hornets, to see the response across the country from the rugby community and others.

On behalf of the Corner family and the Hornets,

John O'Gorman

Hon.Secy, HHRFC

Donations and Tax-deductible receipts:

What is the benefit to me from a Charitable Tax Receipt? For individuals, donations totaling up to 75% of net income may be claimed as a tax credit in the year of the gift, and in the five years following (if not fully credited in the initial year of the gift). The portion of a donation in excess of \$200 is effectively credited against taxes at the highest marginal tax rate (Federal and Provincial). For corporations, donations totaling up to 75% of net income may be deducted in the year of the gift, and in the five years following (if not fully deducted in the initial year of the gift). For more info on Charitable Donations go to:

http://www.rugbycanada.ca/content_files/Charitable_Donations.pdf

Donations may be sent in a few ways, as follows:

1. If a tax deductible receipt is advantageous to you or your company, or your employer, make cheque payable to **"Rugby Canada"** with **"Paralysis Fund"** written in the comments area of cheque and send to:

**Rugby Canada/Sean Corner
c/o Hamilton Hornets RFC
P.O. Box 4397, Station D
Hamilton, ON L8V 4L8**

These donations will be logged by HHRFC, and a list with amounts, names, addresses, postal codes etc mailed to Rugby Canada to facilitate preparation of tax receipts. Rugby Canada will deposit the cheques then forward the funds to the Corner family.

2. **All rugby clubs or other organizations**, coordinating a fund-raising effort, are asked to handle it the same way with respect to individual donors wanting a tax receipt; i.e. make cheque payable to "Rugby Canada" with **"Paralysis Fund"** written in the comments area of cheque and deliver to your club or organization. That club will then list the cheques with relevant info and send in one envelope directly to :

Rugby Canada
40 Vogell Road, Suite 26
Richmond Hill, ON
L4B 3N6
Canada

(**Club:** Please cc the list to the Hornets to facilitate acknowledgements. Rugby Canada will deposit the cheques then forward the funds to the Corner family.)

3. Monies raised from fundraising event, **not requiring a tax receipt**, e.g. raffles, bucket collections, ticket sales at events, etc, may be sent directly to:

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