
Sean

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 Rhymni 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.

Sunday Nov.19

A big week for Sean and the Corners. On Thursday, Sean left Chedoke hospital and moved into an apartment, (temporarily renovated while the family home gets more permanent and extensive renovations) with his Mum, Dad and brother, for about 3 months. Christmas will be different this year.

Friday, Canada played a great game against Wales, scoring two tries. After the game, the Canadian players traded shirts with their opposition and then put 15 Wales shirt up on eBay to raise funds for Sean. The Wales players are putting up an autographed Wales shirt on Ebay for Sean.

Last night the Hornets major fundraiser was held, organized by Sean's teammates and their wives and girlfriends. The hall was packed, great band, food, prizes, games. A party atmosphere. A limo was arranged to bring Sean and the family. Signed National team shirts (men's and women's) and AlCharron's shirt were raffled or auctioned. Final figures not in but over \$20,000 raised.

Tuesday Nov.7

It was great to have Sean attend the Hornet's annual players' banquet last Friday night and accept his 1stXV tie with the other players who qualified along with him this year.

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

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>

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

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

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.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,

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. Tickeys \$135.

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Game collections: Vintage, NOBs, XLs, Silverbacks, Staff College

Rugby Clubs: Hamilton Hornets, Ottawa Irish, Castaway Wanderers, Niagara Vintage, Montreal Wanderers, Niagara Wasps, Ste Anne de Bellevue, Crusaders, London, Muddy York, Saracen's Old Boys, Acadia Men's, Oshawa Vikings, Sarnia, Eastern Pennsylvania, Guelph Gryphon's (womens)

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

Al Charron; Sommer Christie,

Plumbers Local 67, Masonic Lodge #602, 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, and one from Maryland USA.

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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