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Sean

Monday October 23, 2006

Sean's back muscles improving and he is now able to raise himself up into sitting position on his own.

Friday, October 19, 2006:

It was great to see Sean out again last night, at the Ladies in Prom Dresses and Cleats game. We should have some photos up on website (www.HamiltonRugby.com) in the next day or two.

Earlier:

Sean still likes visitors but his schedule is getting busier and he likes to get out for a bit, so it's best to phone first if you're planning to visit him at Chedoke Holbrook Pavilion. His room # is (905) 521-2100 x 77639.

Sean had his first outing since his injury four weeks ago, when he attended the Silverbacks game at Mohawk Sports Park last Friday night (Oct 6). A good game was made even more enjoyable seeing Sean out. Last week Sean went out with his parents, Tom and Lorraine, shopping for a wheelchair. It's rumoured he asked whether any form of turbocharger could be fitted. Later, he wheeled across to the back field at Mohawk Sports Park to catch the end of the OCAA game where his alma mater, Mohawk College Mountaineers, demolished perennial favourites, Seneca, by 56-0; see news story ref on page 3.

Meanwhile, Sean continues to beat most visitors at table tennis. Mark Lawson, Canadian hooker, had a chat with Sean on Wednesday night. Mark called from the Rugby Canada team training camp in Victoria. I can update you with the news that Sean is ahead of expectations at his physiotherapy and is expected to be released from hospital before the end of November. He will, with the Corner family, be moving to temporary accommodation while the house is renovated to accommodate Sean's wheelchair.

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>

http://www.hamiltonspectator.com/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?pagename=hamilton/Layout/Article_Type1&call_pageid=1014656316146&c=Article&cid=1159221040155

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/NASApp/cs/ContentServer?pagename=hamilton/Layout/Article_Type1&call_pageid=1014656316146&c=Article&cid=1159825813521

<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

Upcoming Hamilton fundraising events for Sean:

Wed. Nov.1 Tupperware Party at the Hornets Clubhouse. C'mon you mothers, get out here.

Sat. Nov. 18 Hamilton Hornets fundraiser: "**A Night For Sean**"

Ukrainian Culture Centre Of Hamilton 241 Kenilworth Ave. N. Hamilton

Saturday, November 18th 2006 7 p.m. - 1 a.m. Cost \$ 20.00 Food and Games

Bring extra \$ more for chances at some great prizes: TV's, DVD player, Microwave, side of beef, Vouchers, rugby shirts including Al Charron, Canadian Rugby icon "giving the shirt off his back" for auction. (Wales fans please note, this is your chance to get this shirt and bury it); Canada and France national women's team shirts, and much much more.

Thurs. Nov. 30 Michelangelo's. '**Friends of the Corners**' fundraiser. **SOLD OUT**

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. - Food, Live Entertainment, Prizes, Raffles, Auction

\$40.00 per person; Michelangelo Banquet Centre, 1555 Upper Ottawa Street

to purchase tickets or make a donation - please call: 905-574-1820. **SOLD OUT**

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! Plus a trivia contest for a special prize.

What a fun night !

Contact John or Jennie O'Gorman to sponsor a race or buy a horse.

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. Tickets \$130.

Acknowledgements:

We would like to thank the following organizations and individuals for contributions already received or on their way:

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

Rugby Clubs: Crusaders, Muddy York, Guelph Gryphon's (womens), Montreal Irish, Montreal Wanderers, Samia, London,

Al Charron (the shirt off his back !)

Sommer Christie, #9 for NSWT: A signed Canada WRC team shirt, plus autographed Calendar

Hamilton Oldtimers Soccer League, Masonic Lodge #602, Bnai Brith Sports Dinner, Phoenix Fight Club, Hamilton Professional Fire Fighters Local #288, LaFarge Slag, Benchmark Maintenance,

Edward Gibbons, P Michael Wilson, Tony Goss, Barry Campbell, John O'Gorman, Vince Jones, Scott Dexter, Rod Harding, Dai Rhys-Jones, Bill and Mike Stuart, Colin McMurray, Ron Hancock, Paul West, Cameron Purdon, Mike Torsney, Bill Bailey, Ray Rothenbury, Dan Powell, Aaron Abrams

Paul Van Camp, Ian Dunlop, Kevin McCluskey, Andrew Wright, Thanasi Tambakos, Brian Timmons, Bernie Harrington, Bill Van Camp, Bill Bowles (Scotland), Mark Chesser, Malcolm Gilchrist, Anthony Kenrick, Alan R Perry, Edna Harding, Colin S Campbell, Geoffery M Smith, William Powney, Jamie Campbell

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 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:

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