



## Niagara Vintage 2004 News Letter

The Niagara Vintage are in for another year of running, sweating, complaining and looking for reasons to drink Beer. Hey.....at our age do we really we need a reason to drink BEER.

We hope to see some new faces as well as some old faces on the field this year We have heard from several people that they would like to join our group of aging but highly skilled players. This is great news as we have had a few people leave due to injury and other obligations.

John Vanderzanden is looking after the Stoney Creek's +35's this year, so we may see more of their players out for games.

### **2004 Schedule**

We have set the schedule for this year and included a Hamilton Hornets 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary game August 7<sup>th</sup>. Depending on the turnout for games we have left some dates open in the fall for more games. An away game against Rochester is one of the possible games for Sept. More details so follow late this spring.

## **RE: London games**

I would like to thank all the players who made our away games in London in 2003. We lived up to our commitments and had a couple of good games against them. Unfortunately London is not sure they will be fielding a team this year due to declining attendance. If they don't field a team we may see a few of their players join the Vintage for games.

**A copy of the 2004 Schedule is included with the newsletter.**

**Staff College** has asked if we could make a spring game in Oakville, as they would like to host us for a change. I have tentatively set May 26 as the date for the game. This would be a mid-week game starting at 6:00-6:30 PM.

Staff has played us in Hamilton for the last four years and it's time we let them host us.

## **Web Sites**

Our Vintage web page has been recently updated so I would encourage everyone to have a look and download anything of interest. Our Wine Labels are posted in the Picture Gallery.

[www.hamiltonrugby.com/vintage/index.htm](http://www.hamiltonrugby.com/vintage/index.htm)

**NRU** has also re-designed their web site and has included a +40 Old boys section. We can thank Tom Kenny for his work on the web site and for including not only info on our team but also several pictures from some of our games.

<http://www.niagararugbyunion.com/>

**Canadian Rugby News** has been publishing a Canadian Rugby Web magazine since the beginning of the year with a +40 section for any news or events.

If you are so inclined, you can send them an article and they will post it on the site.

[www.canadianrugbynews.com/](http://www.canadianrugbynews.com/)

I hope we can use all of these sites as a way to advertise the fact that +40 Rugby is alive and going strong in Ontario.

## Club Web Sites

Most clubs involved with the Vintage now have web sites so I have included them in the newsletter for reference. Hopefully each of these sites will post our schedule for their over +40 players.

**Hamilton Hornets:** [www.hamiltonrugby.com/](http://www.hamiltonrugby.com/)

**Niagara Wasps:** <http://webzdeziqz.com/rugby/>

**Grimsby Gentlemen:** [www.gentsrugby.com/](http://www.gentsrugby.com/)

**Stoney Creek R.F.C.:** [www.stoneycreekrugby.com/](http://www.stoneycreekrugby.com/)

**St. Kitts Tigers:** [www.tigersrhc.com/](http://www.tigersrhc.com/)

Hopefully all of these web sites will include a link to our Niagara Vintage Web page.

## Dues, Dues, Dues, Dues, Dues

For the last five years we have held our dues at **\$25.00** for both social and playing members. We will again keep the dues at the same cost. It does mean that we need everyone to play their dues so that we can have some social event and possibly a weekend tour. If everyone can pay their dues on or before the first game it would help the executives a great deal and reduce the amount of time and effort spent on collecting them.

If we do not see an increase of members paying due this year we will be forced to increase them for the 2005 season. With approx 60 members listed last year, only one third actually paid.

**We would also encourage all members to pay their local club dues as well.**

### Things that cost more than:

- ?? See a movie
- ?? Buy a round of drinks
- ?? Give your kids money to get lost for an hour
- ?? Take a family to McDonlds for lunch
- ?? Case of beer
- ?? Bottle of scotch
- ?? Carton of smokes
- ?? Round of Golf
- ?? Box of golf balls

## Vintage Dues

## Golf Shirt and Jerseys

Many players have expressed an interest in purchasing golf and new playing jerseys and we will again attempt to place an order this spring.

Anyone interested purchasing a playing jersey in long or short sleeves should let us know ASAP, so that we can put an order together. Minimum order will be 12 jerseys.

**I have included order forms for golf shirts and jerseys.**

## Executives

As we will have some new players this year, I have included a list of the executives for the team. If you have any questions, comments or recommendations please do not hesitate to contact us.

### **NOTICE:**

**We are looking for a replacement for Matrin Tees as Secretary. Martin had to step down due to family commitments (a new baby girl)**

**We are looking for a volunteer to take the position.**

**Anyone interested please contact: mark Phillips.**

**President: Mark Phillips**

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Email: [markp@htech.ca](mailto:markp@htech.ca)

**Treasurer: Wayne Hodgson**

Phone: 905-358-0748

Email: [wayneh@hodgson.on.ca](mailto:wayneh@hodgson.on.ca)

**Secretary:**

**Anyone with nothing to do!!!!!!!!!!**

# NIAGARA VINTAGE SCHEDULE 2004



## Vintage Wine

This wine has a rugged taste from the vines that grow in soil along the sides of Rugby pitches from Hamilton to Niagara Falls. The ground has been fertilized by years of players urinating at half time and vomiting from parties the night before a game. We take only the best and wrinkled grapes for this wine and will not take a grape before ripen to an age of forty.

This means that it may not have any body left, but it is still capable of getting juiced.

The grapes have been delicately stomp on by high cut Mitre Rugby boots and the pulp has been strained through jock straps that have been aged by weeks of being left in a kit.

You will find that this wine has a taste that at first, plays well but soon falls to the side lines and requires several days to regain it's former greatness.



<u>DATE</u>	<u>FIXTURE</u>	<u>FIELD</u>
Sunday April 18	Vintage @ NOBS	Oakville
Sunday May 2	XLS & Grey Hares @ Vint.	Port Colborne
Sunday May 16	Peterborough @ Vintage	Port Colborne
Sunday May 26	Vintage @ Staff	Oakville 6:00 Pm
Sunday June 13	Lion & Leps @ Vintage	Hamilton
Sunday June 20	NOBS 50-60 Festival	Burlington
Sunday June 27	Vintage @ XLS	Brampton
Sunday July 11	LEPs & Grays @ Vintage	Hamilton
Saturday Aug. 7	NOBS @ Vintage	Hamilton 50 <sup>th</sup>
Saturday Aug.14	Possible 50 <sup>th</sup> between SOB and (game and not confirmed)	Vintage
Sunday Sept.19	Vintage @ Peterborough	Peterborough
Sept. TBA	Staff @ Vintage	Hamilton
Sunday Oct. 17	NOBS 10-A-side	Burlington
Sunday Oct. 24	XLS @ Vintage	Hamilton
Sunday Nov.7th	NOBS @ Vintage	Port Colborne

# Niagara Vintage 2004

## Player/Social Membership form

Please complete the following Membership form.  
Announcements are sent out by email, so be sure to include your address.

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Paid by:** Check \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

**Player:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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# Niagara Vintage 2004

## Jersey Order Form

**We are now taking orders for the Niagara Vintage Jerseys including the crest. It should take approx. 4 weeks for delivery.**

**Money is due at time of order.**

Amount due: approx. \$55.00 Final cost depends on quantity ordered

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of jerseys ordered:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Size:** Medium\_\_\_\_\_ Large\_\_\_\_\_ Extra Large \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Extra Large \_\_\_\_\_

**Paid by:** Check\_\_\_\_\_ Cash\_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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# Niagara Vintage 2004

## Golf Shirt Order Form

**We are now taking orders for the Niagara Vintage Golf Shirts. It should take approx. 4 weeks for delivery.**

**Money is due at time of order.**

Amount due: approx. \$35.00 Final cost depends on quantity ordered

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of jerseys ordered:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Size:** Medium\_\_\_\_\_ Large\_\_\_\_\_ Extra Large \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Extra Large \_\_\_\_\_

**Paid by:** Check\_\_\_\_\_ Cash\_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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