

Niagara Vintage 2005 News Letter

We have started another year of Old Boys Rugby and our 7th year as a team. The 2005 season had did have some disappointments with teams canceling or showing up with very few players. We hope that this year's schedule will be better attended by the visting teams.

Over the winter there has been some new players contacting us to play this year. Some of the senior players with the associate clubs are now planning to continue playing rugby with the Vintage. This is great news for us and for each of the clubs. The more people that stay involved in the game the better for everyone.

2005 Schedule

We have set the schedule for this year with a few additions and changes.

The South Western Ontatio Old Boys League have decided to include in the schedule "OPEN CALL" games. These open call games will be rotated each month to a different club to try and promote the game and to attract more old boys players.

It will also allow the players from each team that want more playing time to get in a few more games than their team has scheduled.

Dues, Dues, Dues, Dues, Dues

We have found it frustrating and disappointing that we are unable to get our players to pay their \$25.00 dues. We have repeatedly requested people bring or send in their payments. We have even supplied forms to allow you to mail in your dues.

Collecting dues should not require this amount of time and effort that we have to expend every season. All of the other teams are charging over \$100.00 for players.

For the 2005 season we have adjusted the dues to the following:

Players..... \$50.00

Social Members.... \$25.00

Our original plan for the money raised with dues and raffles was to donate funds to school and club junior programs. We have done this on a few occasions but it has been well below the level we had hope for.

To try and solve this issue we have decided to contact each person individually to get a commitment to pay your dues on or before the first game of the season. To mail it in you should address it to the following.

Wayne Hodgson
3505 Cardinal Drive
Niagara Falls Ontario
L2H-2X3

London Stumps

The players from the London Stumps joined the Vintage last year as a temporary measure to keep their players involved in the game.

Due to our help London has been able to rebuild the team and we will be playing them several time this year. This will also mean that we have to make our commitments to the away games.

Web Sites

Our Vintage web page has been recently updated so I would encourage everyone to have a look and download anything of interest.

www.hamiltonrugby.com/vintage/index.htm

Canadian Rugby News has been publishing a Canadian Rugby Web magazine with a +40 section for any news or events. We hope to provide them with updates on our league and games.

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

www.canadianrugbynews.com/

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

Niagara Wasps: www.niagararugby.com

Grimsby Gentlemen: www.gentsrugby.com

Stoney Creek R.F.C.: www.stoneycreekrugby.com

St. Kitts Tigers: www.tigersrffc.com

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

We will also be looking for more commitment from each of the clubs to support the Niagara Vintage. If any of our players are on executive for the clubs let us know.

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.

I have included order forms for golf shirts and jerseys.

If you can fill it out and send it back by email so that we can confirm we have enough for the minimum order. Money will be due after we have confirmed the number of Jerseys to be ordered.

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.

President: Mark Phillips
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 Email: markp@htech.ca

Treasurer: Wayne Hodgson
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Secretary: Joe Ventresca
 Phone: 905-735-7489
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Niagara Vintage 2005 schedule

Date	Away	Home Field
April 17	Open Call	@ Xls Brampton
April 24	Nobs	@ Vintage Port Colborne
May 8	Vintage & Xls	London CANCELLED
May 15	Open Call	@ CRU Oakville
May 24	Staff College	@ (Vintage & Nobs) Hamilton
June 12	London	@ Vintage Hamilton
June 14	Vintage & Nobs	@ Staff College (Toronto)
June 19	Open Call	@ Nobs Burlington
June 26	Vintage	@ Nobs Burlington
July 10	40-50 Fest	@ Grey Hares Markham
July 17	Open Call	@ Nobs Burlington
Aug 28	Vintage	@ London
Sept 11	CRU	@ Vintage Port Colborne
Sept 25	10 A-side	@ Nobs Oakville
Oct 2	London	@ Hamilton
Oct 16	Open Call	@ Vintage Hamilton
Oct 23	Vintage	@ CRU Oakville
Nov 13	Nobs	@ Vintage Port Colborne

Niagara Vintage 2005 - Player/Social Membership Form

Please complete the following Membership Form.

Announcements are sent out by email, so be sure to include your address.
 Social Member dues: \$25.00

Player Member dues: \$50.00

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Cit: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Paid by: Check_____ Cash_____

Player: _____

Social: _____

Date ____/____/____

Niagara Vintage 2005 - Jersey Order Form

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

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 ____/____/____

Niagara Vintage 2005 - 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 ____/____/____
