

SIDCUP RFC SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2



Pre-Season Matches

The following games have been arranged

Sat 18th August – London Irish Amateurs-Away-Sunbury 3pm

Wed 22nd August – Old Dunstonians-Away RBS, Beckenham-7.30 pm

Sat 25th August – Eastbourne 1st & 2nd XV-Away 3pm.

Sat 1st Sept – Blackheath 2s (Blackheathans), 3s and 4s vs. Sidcup 1s, 2s, and 3s – Home 3pm

There will be early evening entertainment and a barbeque.

The first two games will be trial games played with 4x 20 mins periods and the remainder will be full games. Your support will be welcome.

Date For Your Diary

Another date for your diary is the 125 fixture against a Kent Clubs XV. This will now be played on Sat 29th Dec 2007.

125 Anniversary Ball.

The 125 anniversary ball will be held in the clubhouse on Saturday 10th November 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Double ticket will be £80, black tie preferred. To book tickets and your table please contact Bob Messham on rbobm@aol.com or 07986 357731. Please do not contact Margaret Leamon re booking of tables.

125 Anniversary Celebration Wall

Please contact Kevin May on 07738 474845 or sponsorship@sidcuprfc.co.uk to book your individual plaque with your own name inscribed on it. Go to the home page on www.sidcuprfc.co.uk to have a look at the artist's impression of the wall.

EDF Energy Intermediate Cup and Kent Cup

We have been drawn against Tring from London 2 North in the first round of the EDF Energy Intermediate Cup. Full London Draw is as follows:-

Beckenham v Eton Manor
Dorking v Bury.St. Edmunds
Letchworth v Guildford
Old Colfeians v Ruislip
Sevenoaks v Welwyn
Tabard v Wimbledon
Tring v **SIDCUP**
Tun.Wells v Thurrock

Matches will be played on Oct 13th 2007.

We have also been drawn against Sevenoaks in the 1st round of the Kent Cup to be played on Sunday 9th December.

Sidcup RFC and Local Schools

From September 2007, a joint effort between Sidcup Rugby Club and Chris Jones will be offering coaching services to schools within Bexley Borough. Chris hopes to improve the skills of young rugby players in the borough and to increase the number of players in Sidcup's mini and junior sections. As part of this initiative, Chris is actively seeking rugby coaches (qualified and unqualified) who are interested in earning a few pounds by committing to 1 or 2 hours a week for 6 week periods. To find out more contact Chris Jones on 07905 666901.

1st XV Shirt Sponsors

Only five of the 125 Anniversary 1st XV playing shirts are still available for members to sponsor for next season. For just £100 the sponsors name will be printed on the sleeve of your chosen shirt and in each home programme throughout the season, your name and a catchy one liner will be printed under the name of the 1st XV player selected to wear your shirt.

Sidcup RFC Golf Society

Following the success of the 125 Anniversary Golf Day, a second golf day has been arranged for Wed 26th Sept 2007 .It is a pm tee off.The cost is expected to be £55 a head including dinner back at Sidcup Club after the golf. The venue is still finally to be confirmed but is expected to be Cray Valley Golf Course. A maximum of 10 teams of 4 can be accommodated (we have 7 booked to date) .Call Phil West on 07740 065089.

Go Play Rugby –Touch Tournament

On Monday 27th August, there will be a touch tournament at the club to introduce players who have left the game for various reasons back into rugby and Sidcup RFC.

Each team will be 6 players but will have to include one player that is either new to the club or has stopped playing for over a year. Your squad can be made up of ten players. Teams should be for a certain group e.g. players over 25,an under 21 or 18's,fat boys etc. There will be two groups of 4 teams playing 7 mins each way against other group members. Please contact Phil West 07740 065089 to book your team.

Anybody who would like to referee on the afternoon please let Phil West know. If the weather is good there will be a barby!

Floodlights

We should know if our planning application has been successful on the 9th August.

Fixture Card and Programme

This season's fixture card will be with you around the middle of August .If anybody/company would like to place an advert in all of the home game programmes please contact Kevin May or Phil West.

Seal Of Approval

The Seal Of Approval Working Group is getting very close to finalising their work and to understand why we are doing it and what it is, a document is attached for you information.

4th Team Captain

We are still looking for a 4th team Captain. We all appreciate that this job is not easy but we would not like to start the season without this very important position in the club. If you feel that you could do this Captaincy we would be only too pleased to make this job as easy as we can for you. Please give me Phil West a ring.

Evergreen Cup

Sidcup Vets have been given a home draw against Beecahamian in the first round of the Evergreen Cup. After winning last season's plate final, lets hope for one step better this season!

Sponsorship

The success of the Club always depends on Sponsors. If any member would like to help with sponsorship please contact Phil West, Ian Anderson or Kevin May. Contact numbers can be found on the web site www.sidcuprfc.co.uk.

**Don't forget to keep up to date with Sidcup Rugby News by visiting the web site
www.sidcuprfc.co.uk**

Phil West

RFU SEAL OF APPROVAL (Sport England 'Clubmark')

What is it? Why are we doing it?

Club development is a major theme of the work of the RFU community Rugby and Operations Department. They recognise that they must support clubs to provide a 'quality experience' for players, coaches, referees and club volunteers, both in terms of the rugby offered and where it is played. With increasingly diverse leisure opportunities available to all the challenge is to ensure rugby union clubs continue to provide the sort of experience that people want to be part of.

The 'Seal of Approval' accreditation programme forms an important part of that drive towards supporting clubs to improve their provision of rugby for young people. In association with Sport England and the 'Clubmark' scheme, the aim is to set standards of quality control that will produce quality clubs.

The 'Seal of Approval' accreditation programme has been introduced as a method of examining, maintaining and improving the provision of rugby in the youth section of a rugby club. Building upon current good practice, the accreditation aims to recognise the effort and achievement of our volunteers in reaching the required standard of a club committed to the development of rugby for young people.

It will also show all those with an interest in rugby and sports development that our club is providing its young people with a safe, well organised and enjoyable environment in which to learn and play rugby.

This is an ongoing award system in which the club will be assessed on its ability to provide a 'safe, effective and child friendly' environment.

Specific criteria have been identified under the headings of:

1. 'Duty of Care and Child Protection'
2. 'The Playing Programme'
3. 'Sports Equity and Ethics'
4. 'Club Management'
5. 'Girls Rugby Development'

All these criteria will require evidence that we promote such a club environment.

Most of the above we already do to some degree however, there are areas where we will have to formalise our practices as well as providing evidence that our policies and procedures are being adhered to.

What will this do for the Club?

- **Increase membership**

Being able to demonstrate that we have addressed issues such as equity and child protection gives confidence to parents choosing a club for their children.

Equally give confidence to schools in recommending our Club to their pupils.

It is a requirement for any Club School links that we wish to make.

- **Developing the Club**

The foundation of any club is its youth structure. So by encouraging and attracting young members, we are building a strong future for the club.

- **Developing coaches and volunteers**

A part of the accreditation scheme means there will be help and advice given in developing the skills of everyone involved in the club.

- **Raising the Club profile**

Once accredited, our club will be listed on a national database and in other sporting directories, which will help attract new members.

Finally

A lot of work has been done in getting us to where we are at present, and there is still some work to do.

Your help is imperative in achieving and maintaining this award by adhering to and following the policies and guidelines that will be available to you very soon.

Remember if there is anything that you don't understand or are not sure of please ask.

Seal of Approval Working Group
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