

SIDCUP RFC

SUMMER NEWSLETTER



125th Anniversary Season

As you are probably aware this season 2007-08 is our 125th Anniversary season and we are trying to make it a season to remember.

The first team is back playing in London 2 South and we are increasing our playing squad to cater for this challenge.

A special 125 Celebration Handbook has been commissioned and we have many functions to look forward to: the Vice Presidents'/Centurions' lunch before the home game against Jersey, the 125 Ball, a Boxing Day game against Kent Clubs XV, an Easter game against a Penguins XV, a 125 Club Dinner, a trip to Jersey, the erection of the 125 Anniversary Wall and a planned celebration with Blackheath as it will be their 150th Anniversary in 2008.

For further information, please either visit our web site www.sidcuprfc.co.uk or check the notice boards in the entrance hall.

Our Web Site

Ian Anderson, our Webmaster, keeps the web site up to date and this is a good way to find out what is going on at the Club. It is also a good source of information with regard to results and league tables after Saturday's games and feel free to join in the banter or add your views on the Forum.

125th Anniversary Celebration Wall

Kevin May our Sponsorship and Business Manager has been instrumental in the design of a 125 Anniversary Wall. This is a wall with individual members names inscribed on an individual plaque, which then makes up a wall comprising of 125 plaques. For more information please contact Kevin on 07738 474845.

Dates For Your Diary

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| Sept 1 st | First home games for the 1 st and 2 nd XVs against Blackheath with evening sing-song |
| Sept 8 th | First London 2 South league game - Guildford - Away. |
| Sept 15 th | First London 2 South home league game – Sevenoaks, 3pm ko |
| Oct 6 th | Sidcup Oktobfest: Oompah band in the clubhouse. |
| Oct 20 th | Vice Presidents'/Centurions' lunch, 11.30am meet for midday sit down - 1 st XV home to Jersey, kick off 2.30 pm followed by Rugby World Cup on BIG TV, 8pm ko. |
| Nov 10 th | 125 Ball - in the clubhouse. |
| Nov 23 rd | Quiz night |
| Jan 26 th | Away game to Jersey - traveling supporters welcome. |
| Feb 15 th | Quiz night. |
| Feb 22 nd | 125 Club Dinner - in the clubhouse. |
| Mar 22 nd | Penguins XV Anniversary Match (Easter Saturday). |
| Apr 5 th | Vets Ball - in the clubhouse. |
| Apr 26 th | President's XV. |

Jersey Trip - Sat 26th January

When we visit Jersey on Saturday 26th January we will also be taking a Vets side. Although it seems along way in the future, to take advantage of cheap flights we have to make bookings very soon. If you would like to join the traveling supporters please contact Phil West or Simon Beaton, a.s.a.p. The trip will cost £200, which will include flights on Friday afternoon and Sunday afternoon, two nights bed and breakfast and coach journeys on Jersey. It does not include travel to and from Gatwick.

Go Play Rugby

The RFU is running a 'Go Play Rugby' campaign to coincide with the World Cup 2007. The basis of the campaign is to **bring back** players who have left the game for various reasons. This is being aimed at players of all standards.

Sidcup RFC is joining the campaign and will be running a touch rugby tournament on Bank Holiday Monday 27th August as a way of introducing players back into the game. Check the web site and notices for further information.

Rugby Round-Up Awards

Sidcup RFC was presented with two awards at the annual Rugby Round-Up Awards Dinner held at Rugby Lions RFC on Saturday 2 June 2007. The awards for Richard Roddis as joint top try scorer in the league and to the Club for winning the league were both collected from Jeff Probyn by Danny Mizen.

Club Shop

The shop will be selling new items this season. They include a new fleece, a white dress shirt, umbrellas, a new beanie hat and a replica Polo shirt of the original playing shirt in 1883.

Seal Of Approval

Richard Cato and Allan Jones are working towards attaining the Seal Of Approval. This includes an update of the existing club policies, which will be available on the web site. We will also be producing Managers and Coaches packs to assist in the smooth running of the Junior sides.

Floodlights

The application to Bexley Council has now been submitted and we hope to have approval for the work to commence at the end of August.

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 a ring.

Sponsorship

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

Phil West
President