

BATH SARACENS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Affiliated to Rugby Football Union, Civil Service Rugby Football Union and Bath District Rugby Combination

FOUNDED 1947

Colours:
Navy Blue -
Cardinal Red -
Gold



Clubhouse and Ground:
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President: P. KAVANAGH

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Dear Vice Presidents

Happy New Year to you all. After a difficult start to the season we began to fulfil our potential just before Christmas with a win against Morganians at home and wins against both Somerton and Bath Old Edwardians in the New Year. These were all league matches and have lifted us up to fourth in Somerset II. We are beginning to be looked upon as a force to be reckoned with as our confidence and performance improves as the season progresses.

The date for this year's annual dinner has been set for 14th May 2004, at the Bath Rugby Club House. It's always good to see as many VP's as possible for a few beers and a chat about the old days. The price this year stays the same as it was last season at £15 and the format will be the same also, a buffet meal, followed by the speeches and a disco afterwards for those who wish to dance. I must also stress that there will be plenty of 'quiet areas' for talking whilst the disco is on. Tickets are available from Mike York who can be contacted on 01225 424613.

This seasons raffle held just before Christmas, it was very successful and I'm pleased to announce that a VP won first prize. Congratulations to Terry Brien, we all hope that you treated yourself with the winnings??? Thanks also to everyone who sold their tickets, its not a nice job but it is a big earner for the club and is much appreciated by all.

As we were unable to organise a VP day before Christmas the committee have decided to arrange one for Saturday 13th March 2004 when we are playing Castle Cary at home. It's always good to have plenty of support whilst playing and it would be great to see as many of you as possible cheering us on. Not that I need to make the invitation any more attractive, but the committee have decided to bully Hugh the treasurer into forking out for **two beers for every VP after the game**. If that wasn't enough, a club quiz night has been organised for the evening in the posh lounge rather than the sports bar. Food will be laid on also, so get your thinking caps on in preparation and hopefully we'll see a few VP quiz teams competing against the players – see attached flyer. What could be better than an afternoon watching rugby, **free beer** and an evening's entertainment?

This years Toor is also fast approaching. The destination is Congleton and as always the VP's are welcome to join the party. Several of you have already put your names forward but if you haven't and you would like to join us please contact the Toor organiser Si Walker on 01761 436136.

The club website continues to be an excellent resource for all information relating to the club and although it's a biased opinion, we feel it is the best in terms of design and content compared with other clubs in Bath and Somerset. If you have the technology please keep an eye on **www.bathsaracens.co.uk** for the latest results, match reports and much more. This leads me nicely to my next subject as we are trying to create profiles of all the VP's, but we need your help. If you have time could you let us know when your career with Bath Saracens (or Bath Civil Service in most cases) started and finished, what were the most memorable times and which games were the most challenging. We aim to publish this information on the web site so that the players can get to know a bit about the VP's and also understand some of the club history. As an example, Hugh Sawyer has already created a profile that I have enclosed for reference, it also available on the website. Please send all profiles to Hugh: 20 Kennedy Avenue, Whitley, Melksham, SN12 8QT, or to his e-mail address: glenys.hugh_sawyer@tinyworld.co.uk

Yours Faithfully

Gareth Hind

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Membership and Publicity Secretary

Profile: Hugh Sawyer

I was introduced to the Bath Civil Service Club by John Carling in 1968, when I was 21 - membership was 10 shillings (50p) and match fee was 4 shillings (20p). At that time, the Civil Service Club was at the top of Bathwick Hill, where the University now is. Originally I played on the wing for the seconds, but I worked my way into the firsts and along to centre, and then back row and second row. Funnily enough, as time passed I reversed this progression, and ended up back on the wing for the seconds!

I joined the committee in 1970, and have been on it just about ever since! I was Club Captain in 1977/78, when we were running three sides. I was made VP in 1982 when I left for a tour of duty with NATO in Germany and on my return in 1986 I was asked to be Treasurer, which I still am today.

I carried on playing until 1989, and the other day I came across the match sheet when I scored what was probably my last try ever, against Colerne 2nds that year - aged 42.

My very last game was on tour in Jersey on the Club's 50th anniversary in 1998. As I was also 50, it seemed so appropriate to don my boots, but unfortunately when I tackled their chunky fly half he fell on me - popping one of my ribs. This was absolutely the worst injury in my playing career (especially when I developed a cold soon after - coughing when you have a rib problem is **NOT** recommended), so I took the hint and have stayed on the touchline ever since.

The photo is Glenys and I at the 1969 Club dance at the old ground (and, yes, I truly am as pissed as I look).

<<<Please see the web site for the photo>>>



BATH SARACENS RFC

proudly present an evening
of factual recounting fun...

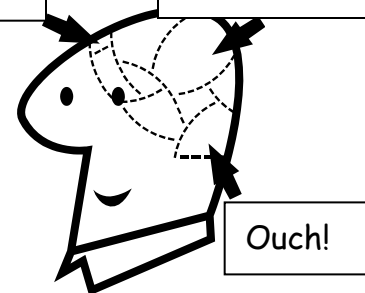


The Brain Teaser

- Reckon you're Bamber Gascoign?
- Mates think you're a smart arse?
- Know the capital of Laos?
- Does your brain sometimes hurt with the vast quantity of useless knowledge it contains?

Rugby scores

Cost of beer



Ouch!

If you answered yes to any of the above - then **prove it** at Sarries annual quiz night. Impress all with your astounding ability to remember useless things. Fun starts after the home match against Castle Cary on Sat March 13th. Don't forget to bring partners/friends!

Sat March 13th

Sulis Club lounge bar 6:30 pm

Cost to be confirmed (guaranteed cheap) - Payable on the night