



## **Bath Saracens Newsletter:**

**November 2011**

# **Hard Fight Ahead**

Welcome to the autumn 2011 issue of our vice presidents newsletter. Following on from the tremendous success of last season Sarries are now playing in Dorset & Wilts, Division I (North) against a very much higher standard of opposition than they have faced for many years. A number of players have moved on over the summer Joe Salmon, Guy Niuenhaus and Will Martin to new careers and clubs, Jon Bradley has retired and been awarded a well earned vice-presidency. However, recruitment has gone well with 9 new players making their debuts for the club in the first rounds of matches. It has been a very challenging season to date, with Saracens losing a number of hard fought games, the tale of the match often being somewhat overshadowed by a score line compromised by the concession of a flurry of late tries.

Geometry PR continues as the main club sponsor and in their tenth year of business, have underwritten the purchase of a new set of home shirts. A formal presentation and team photo will take place at our home fixture against Minety on Saturday 19th November.

The Annual Christmas raffle will be taking place after our home fixture with Supermarine on Saturday 10th December at 17:30 at the Hadley Arms. This will also be the vice-presidents day, so please make every effort to come along and support your club and join in the post match hospitality. As you will be well aware the revenue from the Christmas draw remains our single biggest source of income and we have enclosed some raffle tickets with this newsletter and hope that you will be able to purchase or sell some - please return the stubs, monies or unsold books to the club secretary, at the following address by 3rd December:

Jim Biss  
4, St Matthews Place  
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### **Hot off the Press:**

As we complete this edition of the newsletter, you will be pleased to hear that Sarries have completed their first two victories of the season. One in a mid-week friendly against Mod Abbey Wood, kindly hosted under floodlights by Combe Down RFC; one a hard fought (22-25) away win against a strong Fairford team. You will find more details on the club web-site in a few days.

## **What's my Name Again?**

VP and Webmaster Hugh Sawyer sends his regards. He is still trying to improve the website by filling-in gaps in our history, and he has made a new start on the photo for 1982-83. If you were playing then, check out the picture in the History section, and if you can add any names let Hugh know.

## **On the Social front:**

The summer recess has seen the weddings of our illustrious president and last season's Vice-Captain, so every congratulation and best wishes for their future to Hils and Paul and Paula and Owen.

## **Future Events**

**Saturday 10th December 2011 - Annual Christmas Raffle** - Potentially the biggest club fund raiser of the year. Sarries would like to invite you to attend the Christmas draw after the Supermarine match (which should be an excellent game to watch). We will be heading down to the Hadley Arms after the match to conduct the draw, who can resist?? Come and support us, renew old friendships, and possibly win some prizes in the raffle!

**January 2012** - Sunday Lunch, more details to follow

**February 2012** - Suggested Pitch and putt session at Victoria Park, more details to follow

**Saturday 17th March 2012** - Yes kids, it's the annual trip over the Mendips to Morganians. And that means a slow trip home stopping in a few favourite watering holes with some beer, stories and singing.

**Friday 20th -22nd April - Toor -**

Rob Garton has begun to organise the destination for this years Toor! Please let him know if you are interested in coming (20th–22nd April 12).

**Saturday 11th May 2012** - Annual Dinner, once again at the recreation ground in Bath.

Any VP who is interested in being kept up to date of social events from the Social secretary please provide Rob Garton with your email address.

Please continue to visit the club website at [www.bathsaracens.co.uk](http://www.bathsaracens.co.uk) for any info during the close season and details of socials and dates for pre-season training.

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