



The Clansmen Rugby Club

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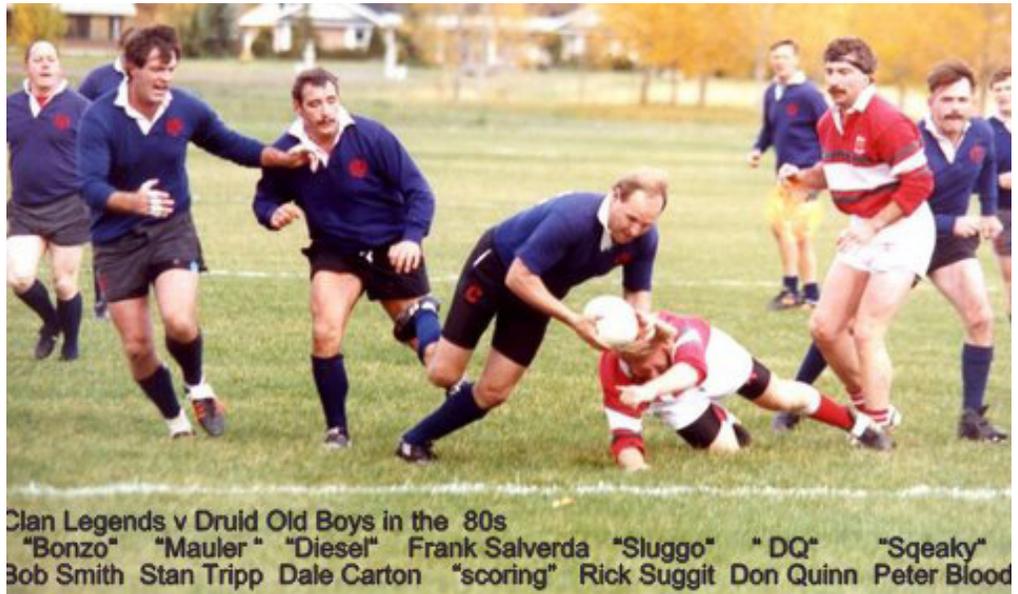
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THE GAME NEEDS YOU!



Clan Legends v Druid Old Boys in the 80s
"Bonzo" "Mauler" "Diesel" Frank Salverda "Sluggo" "DQ" "Squeaky"
Bob Smith Stan Tripp Dale Carton "scoring" Rick Suggit Don Quinn Peter Blood

All of the superb athletes depicted here have already confirmed for The Fiftieth.

Ok, ok, Ah'm getting writer's cramp. This isn't supposed tae be only MY recollections of The Clan past that we're looking for. We have listed some of the remembered events, and need you to send us your rememberances of said activities, or even of ones we, at HQ, haven't recalled. You don't even have to name names (I hope), so set yersel's doon at the old Underwood and clatter oot a few sentences for posterity. Old ballpoint on the back of an envelope will do, (Wait a minute, Abraham Lincoln didnae use a ballpoint, did he?). We don't care if ye're lips move when ye're writing as long as ye get the Skinny, the Intel, the inside stuff, the whole enchilada. **Doug (Sausage) Francis** was the first to kick in with a few photos of the legendary trip to the UK in 1979. It was great seeing you at the Vancouver Sevens, Doug. It was certainly a great place for reunions. Ma face wiz sore from laughin', and ma arm wiz sore from shakin' hands, and ma heid wiz sore from an entirely different activity, enuff said. So, I want tae see a wee bit of an effort, don't make me come tae you and start a stramash, get after it!



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Lucky You

If you have missed the previous newsletters you can find them all on the Clan's [website](#).

Get Yer Name In!

There are plenty of opportunities to make your mark and help pull off a fantastic anniversary weekend!

To sign-up please contact:

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They Only Fade Away

The Cran Tara is working well and the old names are coming forward for the fiftieth Anniversary of the Clan, unfortunately some of the old faces will not be able to attend. We just received the word that **Danny Williams** has passed away in Nanaimo, BC. Big Danny, "The Whoosh," as he was affectionately known as, was one of the larger than life personalities that are more common in Rugby than any other game that I know. Danny, originally from Dunbar, and his good lady, Esperanza, joined us in that first winter (1967/8) but fate would have it that employment would have him move to Calgary before the season started in Edmonton. And so he joined, what became, our sister Club in Calgary, The Hornets.



An early porridge bowl.



Standing L-R: Peter Harcourt (D), Carl McColl, Davie Graham, Ian Biggar, Danny Williams (D), Roger Marsh. Sitting: Andy Gibson (D), Norm Suvan.

Danny never played a game for The Clan, but becoming a stalwart of the Hornets featured in a goodly number of "Porridge Bowls" which were established as an annual friendly between The Clan and The Hornets. The Porridge Bowl, was and is, the oldest established "Friendly" in Alberta Rugby. We also had our military service in common, having both done stints in Cyprus in the mid fifties, and having both been blown up, so the old nostalgia used to burn down when we got together, as always laughs were many.

Danny's family are continuing the family's Rugby tradition and are deeply involved the game. He made the thirtieth Clan anniversary but ,alas, won't be at the coming one...We will miss you, Big Man.

The Scotsman's Burden

"...or "My Travels in Darkest Ontario"

I was down east, representing The National Rugby Post, following the Canadian Women's Rugby team, who were playing in The Canada Cup series. We were all staying out at North York. On a day off from Rugby I had arranged to meet an old Rugby friend for lunch in Toronto. John Izod, noted thespian, artist, and bar manager, who has since moved back to England, lives, and practices his arts in the beautiful medieval town of Rye, on the Sussex coast. John was also a founding member of The Rye Rugby Club, along with my hero the late Spike Milligan.

I boarded the bus at the terminus, and there was only me and the driver for ten minutes or so before the schedule dictated that he move. So we chatted. He identified my accent and talked about the people he knew who had also come across from Scotland in the fifties, and invariably joined the police, the fire service, or the transportation. We finally left the terminus and started the long stop-start trip into Toronto. Now, I knew that Toronto and district has a 43% visible minority, but I was the only pasty white face on that whole bus trip. There were Somalis, Ethiopians, Arabs, Turks, Pakistanis, Indians, and a whole stack of Jamaicans. I was just fascinated by the varied languages. I eventually lapsed into a daydream, listening to the babble, when a hand touched my knee. My head snapped around. It was the bus driver. He had a serious look on his face, and said... "*Doctor Livingstone, I presume*"...then drove back into traffic laughing.

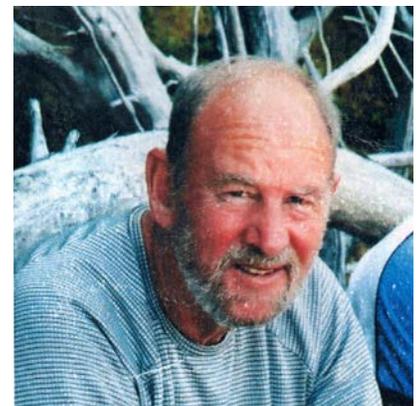


The 2016 Minis season starts soon. Where are your kids? Your Grand Kids? The Neighbours kids? Anybody's Kids?

Join that subversive group, the Clan Minis.

Contact our Junior Rugby VP, Tamara Kulyk at clanrugbymembership@gmail.com for more information.

Another face that will be missing is that of **Dave Hunt**, who was a regular on the Thirds back in the 80s. Dave, a wee English engineer, filled the full back slot. Dave and his wife were also involved with Edmonton's St George Society, and ran their annual Pantomime. One year he even gave Roger Marsh a bit in their "Old King Cole" production. Our boy appeared as "The Third Fiddler." Yet another hysterical evening as we all attended in "Full dress." We found out about Dave's passing in an unconventional way. A jacket had been left up in The Bear's Den for a few weeks, and in an effort to identify the owner we went through the pockets, and the only item we found was an "In Memoriam" card announcing Dave's Celebration of Life. In mysterious ways he works. Via Con Dios Dave.



Nom, Nom, Nom...



A delicious experience had by all.

Lobster lovers united on April 2, 2016 at the Clan in support of the Face Off Against Alzheimer's Hockey Tournament. Former club vice president **Troy Hawes** hosted the event, welcoming 100 guests to the clubhouse to dine on freshly flown in Nova Scotia lobsters. Hawes cracked more than 100 lobster shells, and taught each guest how to get the most meat from their lobster. After dinner, Calgary based band The Novascotiables performed a selection of east coast music throughout the evening that kept the dance floor hopping!

Hawes is captain of The Mayflowers, a team comprised of a group of friends of former club president, **Darren Cunningham**, whose mother, May, was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's a few years ago. May is in the late stages of the disease and now lives in a full time care facility in Lethbridge.

This group of friends is all connected to Darren via the rugby community, and has shared the pitch with him at one time or another. The event boasted a silent auction, 50/50 and a raffle for a top shelf bar set. Thanks to **Kent and Bri Plewes** for hosting the bar and for keeping the night flowing with ice cold Keith's beer. All in all, just over \$15K was raised for the tournament; a donation that will be matched dollar for dollar by the Alberta government. It was a lobster-iffic good time!



Darren Cunningham



Troy Hawes showing us how it's done.



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Silent auction items

The Stupendous List of Alumni & Accomplices

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*New additions since the last newsletter are in green.

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Drew Allan (BC)
Ron Allen
Ian Andexser (BC)
Deb Ashmore
Bill Aylesworth (BC)
Mike Baker
Danny Baugh (UK)
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Tricia Benne (ON)
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Vince Bergin
Ian Biggar (UK)
Travis Bilou
Steve Blink
Peter Blood
Billy Bowd (Red Deer)
Bennett Brown (BC)
Russ Brown (ON)
David Burke (ON)
Suzanne Byron (BC)
Shawn Caithness
John Calderwood (BC)
Dale Carton
Simon Cheng
Gunnar Christensen (Clgy)
PJ Clooney
Greg Conroy
Mike Cooper
Carey Craig
Glen DeLancey
Jayne Dewar (UK)
Stan Dilworth
Rory Dixon
Ted Dyck
Peter Eligh (BC)
David Evans (US)
Ieuan Evans

Wayne Evans (US)
Merle Fameineau (Uruguay)
Ted Fitch (Clgy)
Mike Fleming (BC)
Doug Francis (BC)
Wayne Gallop
Keith Garrard
Pat Gibons (BC)
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Taffy Gittings (UK)
Davie Graham
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Jimmy Hamilton (US)
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Chico Harris (NS)
Lee Heighway
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Ken Hilsenteger
Brian Hodgson
Kevin Holt
Ron Horton
Gerry Hunt
Michael Ingoldsby (US)
Peter Jamieson
Andy Johnston (BC)
Mike Kaine
Peter Kerswell
Rob Kallir
Tim Kirby
Des Kissane (AUS)
Jay Kmech
Dick Koch (BC)
Rod Kurylo
Peter Laird
Paddy Lamb
Kevin Lavelle (BC)
Archie Lees
Ken Livingstone (Red Deer)
Barry Loewen
Dana Lowrie
Dale Lowrie

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Mike Lynagh
Mike Lynch
Sean Mager
Leon Marciak
Ken Mark
Jim Martin (Clgy)
Rob Marshall
Allan McAuley
John McClelland
Heather McDonald
Kym McDonald
Jen McDonald
Rob McDonald
Bruce McFarlane
Rolly McGinn (UK)
Tim McGrath (Ireland)
Trent McHardy
Mike McLetchie (Clgy)
Bob McMillan (ON)
Jim McPartlan
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Blaine Mitchell
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Vince Moroney
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April Prescott
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Don Quinn
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Richard Ross



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Phil Scott
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Frank Smith
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Rick Suggitt (Lethbridge)
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