



# The Clansmen Rugby Club

Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

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Clan Website at [Clanrugby.com](http://Clanrugby.com)

*Registration is Open!*

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/clansmen-rfc-50th-anniversary-registration-32498948229>

Click on the link above to register for the activities planned.  
There are limited spaces available (especially for the golf) so act now!

**Deadline for registration is July 16, 2017.**

## *The Plans - A Novella*

Some of you have been asking how to pay and that is not the sort of question you allow anybody to ask twice. We are now taking your money at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/clansmen-rfc-50th-anniversary-registration-32498948229>. You will also be receiving an email invitation in a week or so.

We ask you to register sooner rather than later, so we have an early handle on numbers. And there is a deadline of July 16. If you do not have access to EventBrite or have any questions regarding registration and payment, please contact David Walker at 780-434-7615 or by email at [sbeet@telus.net](mailto:sbeet@telus.net).

Event tickets will be handed out at registration on the Friday evening at Ellerslie and on Saturday at Airways. Should this not work for you, please email Bruce McFarlane - [bmcfarln@shaw.ca](mailto:bmcfarln@shaw.ca), who is looking after registration.

We are accepting payments (prices below include processing fees) on EventBrite for:

1. Fiftieth Anniversary T-shirts for Friday's touch rugby at Ellerslie, \$11.20. If you are not playing, you can order a T-shirt to support one of the teams. Barbecue style food will be available with payment when you order it. Other anniversary gear will be available at another website soon to be organized.
2. The Saturday banquet at Fort Edmonton, \$74.80
3. An all inclusive ticket for Sunday golfers including transport from Airways to the golf course and back, green fees and ticket for the barbecue on return, \$131.11.
4. Sunday catered barbecue at Airways, \$27.11. Note golfers have this included in their ticket.

Otherwise there has not been much in the way of change for the weekend. But we will repeat what is planned in case you missed it in last month's newsletter.

**Friday Evening:** Registration – from 6:00 pm, touch rugby – 7:00 pm, with a barbecue menu at the Ellerslie Rugby Park. At registration you will get a lanyard, the tickets you have ordered and a copy of the weekend's program with such things as addresses and phone numbers.

**Saturday Afternoon:** Women's and men's junior rugby games will be featured plus activities for the kids at Airways, generally from about 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

**Saturday Evening:** Banquet (tickets are \$74.80) 5:30 for 6:30 pm at the Hanger at Fort Edmonton Park, including a group photo to be taken by Ian Biggar, some speeches, presentations, a DJ and such. As it was for the 30th - see below, the group photo will be very special. Dress Number Ones.

For those planning not to head home that evening we have had 20 rooms set aside at the adjacent Selkirk Hotel - <https://www.fortedmontonpark.ca/hotel-selkirk/>.

Other attractions are being negotiated.

**Sunday:** Golf at Coal Creek – no, we have used this one before. Bus departs 9:15 AM, golf starts at 11:00. The plan is to be back at Airways for the barbecue. For further info contact Peter Laird - [plaird@wrscottequipment.com](mailto:plaird@wrscottequipment.com). Meanwhile back at Airways fun and games for the kids and adult non-golfers are planned.

There will be a catered barbeque at Airways at about 6:00 pm. Rocking Ron Horton & the Radiators will be coming out of retirement to entertain us for this very special engagement. They have already been practicing on unsuspecting customers at various up market taverns around town.

Hotel arrangements are unchanged:

The Ramada at 11814 Kingsway <http://www.ramadaedmonton.com> has been selected as the official hotel during the big event. The hotel is about a kilometre from Airways, the NAIT LRT station and the VIA rail station if you are coming into town the old fashioned way. The deal is \$111.00 single one queen bed, \$120.00 double two queen beds, plus \$10 for each extra body- max four per room, \$5.00 for breakfast, plus 5% sales tax, plus 4% Alberta Tourism Levy, plus 3% DMF. REFERENCE BOOKING CODE: CGECRF. These rates are good for up to three days before and three days after the event. This offer expires on July 15.

In order to book a room, phone 888.747.4114 and reference BOOKING CODE: CGECRF. Paul Cassidy, [pwcma-chofficial@shaw.ca](mailto:pwcma-chofficial@shaw.ca), has organized this and should be contacted if you need further details.

We will endeavour to arrange your pick-up at the airport by members (past and present) so stay tuned. Should you find yourself at the airport without a ride, there is Sky Shuttle Airport Service <http://edmontonskyshuttle.com> that goes from the airport to various hotels (including the Ramada) at a cost of only \$18.00. Uber does not provide service to the International Airport but TappCar does.

Visit the new Clan website at [ClanRugby.com](http://ClanRugby.com) for other news of the club.



# Let the Games begin...

The Alberta Rugby Union fixture book (yes, we used to have them in the old days) reads, “ Sat. April 20th. (1968) Pirates 1 v Clansmen 1 at 2 pm. Kinsman Park, and Clansmen 11 v Tigers 11 at 3.30 pm”...and we were away.

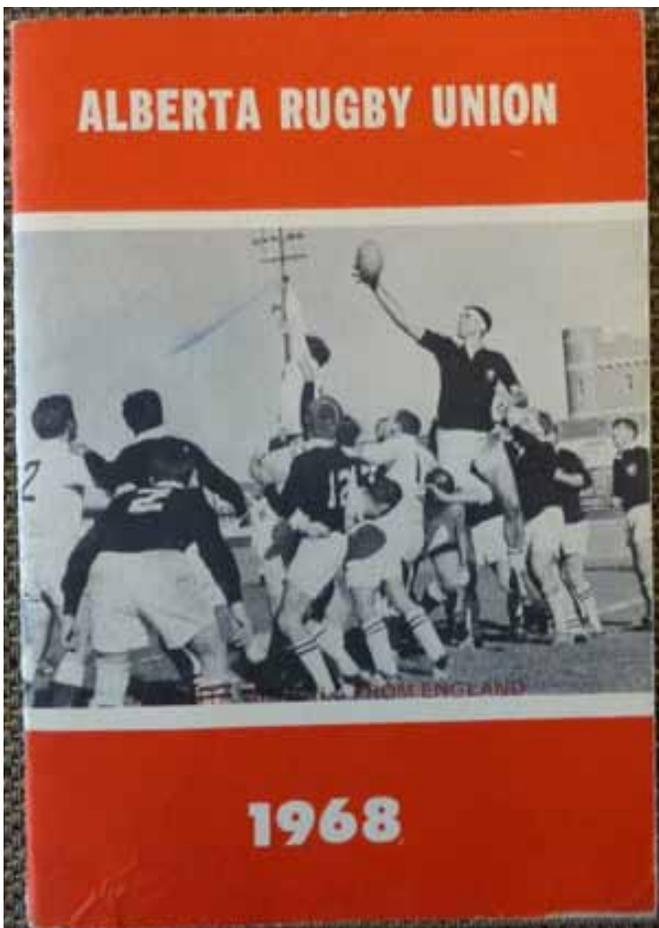
These games were scheduled “Friendlies\*”. We were beaten in both, as was expected, but put up a spirited display. About thirty per cent of our players were playing their first actual game of Rugby! The only miscalculation was that we let Bert Radford, (Lord Glencoe?), score the first ever Clan try in that first game against The Pirates, and the bugger has never let us forget it. It was a great year for playing rugby. The Clan First team had 20 regular games, and the Seconds had 14, and there were other friendlies, plus three Seven-a-Side Tournaments. The season finished on Sat. October 19th with the Edmonton winners playing the Calgary winners. There were no Play-Offs, it was just straight league play.

The Rugby Law of no-substitution applied to all First Division games, however, at that time we started, if I remember correctly, the Edmonton Union had just decided to use a “Local Law” which allowed Clubs to play as many substitutes as they wanted in their “lowest” team. This guaranteed that everyone got a game, and it encouraged the Clubs to grow. This proved very successful and within ten years we were running FIVE divisions! The fixture book also reveals that among the Patrons of Canadian Rugby we had, His Excellency Rowland Mitchener, RT. Hon. Pierre Elliott Trudeau, P.C., Hon. Doctor Grant McEwan, RT. Hon. Lester B. Pearson, Brigadier F.M. Harvey, V.C., M.C., among others.

We found that the other Clubs referred to us as “The New Club” until Sat. August 17th, on which date the Annual Druids Sevens were held at Kinsman Park, and after a very long afternoon in 80+ degree weather we found ourselves in the Final against The Druids! The Druids were the reigning Edmonton Champions, and had a great set of Backs, most of them Australians who were doing Phys Ed. Degrees at U of A. The first half went well when we went ahead with a drop goal from Allan Hadden at centre. The second half started when I, playing as hooker, snagged a Druid Line-out ball and broke through. Chipping the ball over their scrum-half’s head, I caught the ball on the bounce, and went in at the corner for the try. The convert, from the sideline, bounced on the crossbar and went over for the score. A voice from the stand boomed, “That’s right Davie, don’t hit them any harder than you have to”. In the dying seconds of the game, Vince got his hands on the ball and slotted another drop goal, so the upstarts had beaten the Champs 11-0! We went into the changing room and sat and grinned at each other for about half an hour...that was the week the other Clubs started calling us The Clansmen.

*McScrum, Clan Seannachie ...To be continued*

\*This allowed for cancellations, should there be a late Spring, without disrupting the regular fixture list. A system that should be considered again.



The Alberta Rugby Fixtures book for 1968, which was the first season the Clan played. The picture depicts the Alberta v England game in 1967. England toured Canada and played all the major rugby Provinces to celebrate Canada's Centennial. England won this game 23-3 which was the lowest score of the tour. The game was played at Mewata Stadium in Calgary. That is Bob Englis (Calgary Saints) stretching for the ball, and Mike Moroney (Edmonton Leprechauns) loitering at the back. Our own Vince Moroney played Stand-Off.

# Ahh...The Memories!



Clan v Porthcawl (Wales) at Ellerslie in the early days. In the photo we have, Rolly, The Weiner, The Mauler, Len, Phellini at the back, and Peter Blood at scrum-half.



Nick Palethorpe, an Australian student, four from the front, and Mike McLetchie, second from the front, along with Vince Moroney were the only Clansmen considered for Alberta Selection in those first couple of years. At the very front we have P.J.Clooney and the referee Joe Mulloy urging us to form "Two Straight Lines"



A Porridge Bowl in Calgary (L to R) Jimmy Hamilton, Dick Koch, Rolly McGinn, and in Hornets uniform Rick "Sluggo" Suggit.



Archie Lees dancing with unknown lady at one of our numerous functions in Grottie Towers... Fetching...I hope he still has those overalls for our France trip.



Vince Moroney meets Grant McEwan, Alberta Lt. General, before Alberta v BC game at Coronation Park

# English as She is Spoke

*“Wheesh lad, haud tha gob, an’ Ah’ll tell thee an awfy stoary,  
wheesh lad, haud tha gob, an’ Ah’ll tell thee about a waum”*

Those memorable lines are the start to an epic poem from the north east of England, which is Geordie territory, and the saga is “The Lampton Waum” (Worm). A prime example of the local dialect. One Clansman, Barry “Baz” Robson, hails from that benighted part of the world. When we attended the infamous Park City, Utah, Rugby Festivals, Baz was in attendance. On one of those occasions I was approached by one of the organizers who asked if we had anyone with us who could handle the public address system. Baz sprang to mind as he was already on a crutch, and I could see him leaning against the Coors Tank Truck “Soopin’ soom stoof”. Park City were very civilized, having a Coors Beer Tank truck parked alongside the fields, where players could just help themselves to beer from an array of taps, a great arrangement. The organizer explained to Baz what his duties would be and the lad settled in.

The end of the next game heralded Baz’s introduction to Public Announcing. First of all the score of the game that had just finished came across loud and clear...well loud anyway. Heads were already beginning to turn towards the speakers. People were mouthing “WTF?”. Baz continued in fine style “ Yer can ‘ ave a soop o’ beah over at troock, an’ try woon o’wor jam booties.” This delightful prattle continued until I saw a small delegation of the local group approach and delicately remove the mike from his hands. He limped back to our group with a huge smile on his face, job done.

Memories are very good when it comes to items like this, and the Clan Annual Dinner that year allowed the event to be relived. Traditionally at Clan Dinners, the guest speaker would do his piece, the Club President would respond, the three awards were made, The Club’s Most Valuable Player, The Club’s Rookie of the Year, and the President’s award for the most deserving Club member. A break in the proceeding would then take place, and the second half of the event would be dedicated to the presentation of all other, unofficial awards, spurious and otherwise. This was the time when all transgressions were remembered and suitable presentations were made. Baz was duly called up to the head table and presented with a wooden replica of an old time radio microphone\* “For services to broadcasting”. The artifact had been fashioned by Rolly McGinn. Baz then thanked us for the award...

well we think that is what he did, nobody could understand him!

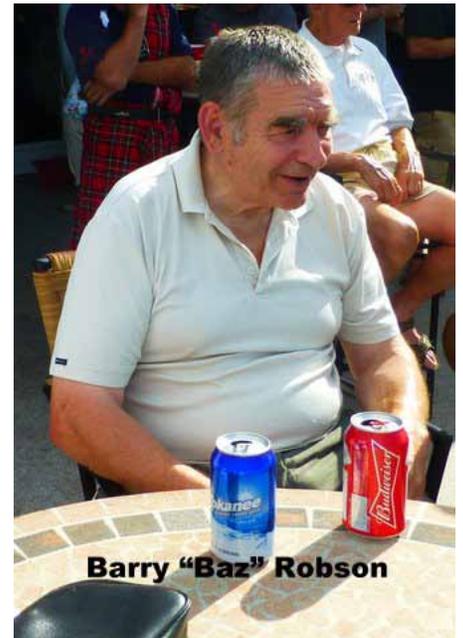
\*The mike can still be viewed in The Clan Old Boy’s Lounge

*A Wee Note - McScrum, the Bear, DQ, Dave Walker, Dana, Buff, Archie and Don Kelly, will be in France starting May 3rd until May 15th on a rugby trip. They will be joined, from Scotland, by Rolly McGinn, his son Stuart, and Ian Biggar. So behave yersel’s, no Coupe D’Etats si’l vous plait. We asked if we could land on Juno Beach and were told to bugger off!.. See you all in a bit.*

## Sleep?! Who Needs Sleep?!

For the purpose of recovery between activities, **The Ramada at 11814 Kingsway** has been selected as the official host hotel.

To book rooms at the negotiated rate, call **1.888.747.4114** and reference **BOOKING CODE: CGECRF**.



# Guess Who's Getting an Invite to the Party!

*Are you on it yet?*

\*New additions since the last newsletter are in red.

Garry Achtemichuk  
David Adamson  
Ward Affleck (Clgy)  
Drew Allan (BC)  
Ron Allen  
Gray Amphlett  
Ian Andexser (BC)  
Bob Arnett  
Deb Ashmore  
Blair Assaly  
Russ Avery  
Ross Avery  
Bill Aylesworth (BC)  
Ralph Backer  
Mike Baker  
Clint Bannert  
Jack Barrigan  
Ian Yarpie Barron (Clgy)  
Danny Baugh (UK)  
Willie Beaton  
Danny Belair  
Zenon Belak (SK)

Paul Belanger  
Tricia Benne (ON)  
Craig Bentham (UK)  
Jarrett Berezan (UK)  
Vince Bergin  
Andy Bibbs  
Ian Biggar (UK)  
Travis Bilou  
Steve Blink  
Peter Blood  
Billy Bowd (Red Deer)  
Ray Brewer (NZ)  
Bennett Brown (BC)  
Russ Brown (ON)  
Shaun Brzezicki  
Harold Burden  
David Burke (ON)  
Rob Bussiere  
Suzanne Byron (BC)  
Shawn Caithness  
John Calder  
John Calderwood (BC)

Wes Campbell  
Dale Carton  
Paul Cassidy  
Simon Cheng  
Gunnar Christensen (Red Deer)  
D'Arcy Claypool  
PJ Clooney  
Mark Connolly  
Greg Conroy  
Curtis Coon  
Dale Cooper  
Daryl Cooper  
Mike Cooper  
Carey Craig  
Ally Cunningham  
Lisa Cunningham  
Randy Dahlman (Clgy)  
David Dashwood  
Harry Davis (Clgy)  
Peter Dawson  
Glen DeLancey

Jayne Dewar (UK)  
Stan Dilworth  
Keith Dinwoodie (BC)  
John Dippie (NZ)  
Rory Dixon  
Lori Dodds  
Kevin Dowling  
Dave Doyle  
Peter Doyle (AUS)  
Ted Dyck  
Rick Eaton  
Peter Eligh (BC)  
David Evans (US)  
Ieuan Evans  
Wayne Evans (US)  
Merle Famineau (Uruguay)  
Darlene Filis  
Peter Filis (down east)  
Ted Fitch (Clgy)  
Mike Fleming (BC)  
Grant Frame  
Doug Francis (BC)  
Wayne Gallop  
Keith Garrard  
Bart Gellhaus  
Pat Gibons (BC)  
John Gillie  
Taffy Gittings (UK)  
Brian Glen (ON)  
Davie Graham  
Chris Grapel  
Katie Grudzi (BC)  
Jimmy Hamilton (US)  
Kevin Hancock  
Chico Harris (NS)  
Lee Heighway  
Don Hewson (BC)  
Jim Hilsenteger (Clgy)  
Ken Hilsenteger  
Ray Hilsenteger  
Brian Hodgson  
Kevin Holt  
Ron Horton  
Nancy Hulbert  
Egor Hunka (US)  
Gerry Hunt



*Has anyone noticed the Clan logo on the deck window? You can't see it from the inside of the clubhouse where it is transparent. We have Keith Huseby to thank for this. Well done that man.*

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Drake Hussain  
Michael Ingoldsby (US)  
Peter Jamieson  
Scott Jellis  
Andy Johnston (BC)  
Keith Jolly (BC)  
Steve Jones  
Malin Jordan  
Mike Kaine  
Rob Kallir  
Don Kelly  
Ross Kenny  
Peter Kerswell  
Rob Kessler  
Ben Kilburn  
Mike King  
Tim Kirby  
Des Kissane (AUS)  
Jay Kmech  
Dick Koch (BC)  
Rod Kurylo  
Pat Kyle  
Peter Laird  
Paddy Lamb  
Colin Lang  
Jeff Langer-McIntosh  
(Banff)  
Kevin Lavelle (BC)  
Archie Lees  
Sandy Lenz (QC)  
Ken Livingstone (Red  
Deer)  
Barry Loewen  
Dave Logan  
Chris Longmore  
Dale Lowrie  
Dana Lowrie  
Kim Lucas  
Mike Lynagh  
Mike Lynch

Rob Lynch  
Sean Mager  
Leon Marciak  
Ken Mark  
**Phil Markovich (Clgy)**  
Jim Martin (Clgy)  
Rob Marshall  
Gregor Mathieson  
Allan McAuley  
John McClelland  
Heather McDonald  
Kym McDonald  
Jenn McDonald  
Rob McDonald  
Bruce McDowell  
Bruce McFarlane  
Rolly McGinn (UK)  
Tim McGrath (Ireland)  
Trent McHardy  
Gordon McHattie (UK)  
Jon McKenzie (Clgy)  
Robbie McKenzie (UK)  
Mike McLetchie (Clgy)  
Bob McMillan (ON)  
Jim McPartlan  
Rob McTavish  
Brent Melnychuk  
Blaine Mitchell  
John Morgan  
Phil Morgan (Calgary)  
Vince Moroney  
Tom Morton (UK)  
Walter Neilson  
John Nelson (NZ)  
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Craig Radford  
Ryan Rayburn  
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Jo Reinbold  
Joe Rekab  
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Steve Rivers (ON)  
Barry Robson  
John Robson (Philippines)  
Nate Ross  
Paul Ross  
Richard Ross  
John Rowe  
Peter Rowe (Clgy)  
Matt Rowlands  
Matthew Saban  
Will Saban  
**Frank T Salverda (Clgy)**  
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Rick Suggitt (Lethbridge)  
Dave Sutherland (ON)  
Shawn Talbot (Clgy)  
Ciaran Terry  
Stan Tripp  
Colin Twanow  
David Unsworth  
Todd Van Vliet  
Tim Van Vliet (Calgary)  
Gary Wald  
Larry Wall  
Herb Waller  
David Walker  
Sam Walsh (AUS)  
Mick Walton  
Jimmie Ward  
Nanette Warman (BC)  
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