

Reigatians Mid Season Round-up



FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Members, Supporters and Volunteers

The start of the season saw an increase in players at every level with increased playing membership even in the seniors which is a significant turnaround. The administration has continued to improve building the great work done by our volunteers from last season, with an efficient and effective process developing.

Injuries and, work commitments kept some senior players from training and/or playing, and as a result we lost the spark, team spirit and commitment that we built in the 1st team towards the end of last season. We also missed the drive and ambition noticeable in previous seasons. Players from the senior squads convened a meeting before Christmas, and the response has been fantastic. The sparkle is back, the commitment, style and desire is there to be witnessed, and all of this has come from the players (with a few imports strengthening the backs) and their new coaches David Wiggins and Chris Hammond. The organisation has improved dramatically with Chris Morgan, Si Reid, John Gale, Nick Barratt and Tyrone Long all making a fantastic contribution. The second half of the season is make or break to us remaining in this division, your support will be appreciated, as often visiting teams have 'out supported' our supporters vocally.

The Mini's and Juniors continue to prosper, it is a thrill to attend on a Sunday and witness children taking part in their age group activities. My gratitude to all the coaches and other volunteers who are there every week, often sacrificing their own 'time' for the benefit of all the children and providing a healthy and happy environment for them to play sport. It is important that parents appreciate membership of the club applies to them as well as their son or daughter and that they take advantage of all the club has to offer.

A positive change is being made within the club because of the excellent work done by a few people; help us keep the change by volunteering to action a small task now. It is often said if you want something done, ask a busy person, they are the doers. The club volunteer numbers have increased again this season, but it would make it more fun and easier if we had more volunteers to break the tasks down into smaller components. PLEASE VOLUNTEER – the rugby club runs because people volunteer to do things for their benefit and those of others – without this commitment there would be no rugby club. Do something for yourself and the club – volunteer.

This season has witnessed new sponsors, specifically a three year arrangement with Savills, whilst retaining the loyalty of past year's sponsors such as Simply Sport, SOS Systems, Edenbrook and others who now become part of our business forum, Business4Sport. The Business4Sport initiative has been devised to network our members and develop a business community. This applies to ANYONE with a business interest or service. This is NOT restricted to just corporates or those with recognised 'business propositions'. We want to encourage all members to contribute as there are many trades, services and products that are available through the membership. We need to think wider than solicitors, marketing, bankers, accountants etc and involve as many trades as possible: Builders, plumbers, dog walkers, babysitters, artists, cushion makers, cake decorators, physiotherapists.... etc.etc.

This season we have made improvements to the clubhouse that was built by the playing members and a few dedicated supporters in 1950's, this has made the clubhouse more presentable and created a warmer atmosphere. We hope the members will use and enjoy the facility whilst we work (it seems endlessly) on the new clubhouse development.

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With Jay McKeever taking over the running of the bar we have witnessed a new approach that is benefiting the club, yet our takings for this year are significantly down, partly due to a lack of activity last summer, many games 'weathered' off and mini tournaments cancelled. In a year where expenses have increased significantly this is an area of concern, but with increased social activities it is anticipated that in the new financial year we will witness a turnaround.

A small group of past players organised a dinner on November 16th attended by 90 past players and a handful of wives. Tragically the main organiser died 2 weeks before the dinner but with the blessing and active participation of his family the dinner went ahead and a memorable evening ensued.

The 80th Anniversary Ball was a great success (albeit the advice on heating raised a lot of questions!!), with 298 attendees, the biggest ball we have ever run. Despite the cold, the evening reflected the spirit growing within the club, driven in the most part by the mini's and juniors. With reflection on what we did well, where it can be improved, what we would change etc. - we are now creating a 'social events' team who will ask for feedback from all age groups so that we can run the functions that you want to attend.

All aspects of the club are growing and in most cases the processes and systems are improving. There is a real optimism as we meet the criteria to sustain the club, and grow - maintaining the true spirit of rugby - coaching, training and mentoring players where appropriate - and creating a club where the members want to spend time and enjoy the company of friends.

It is your club and it will only provide what you want if you continue to support it, both as members and volunteers

Enjoy the rest of the season

Simon Ford

Treasurers Report

The income of the club derives in the main from subscriptions and bar sales.

The subscriptions for all sections of the club has remained the same as last year and to the end of December the senior section (including students) contributed over £5,500. The Mini/Junior section goes from strength to strength and our numbers have increased to in excess of 400 contributing over £20,000 to our income. Phil Smith and Nick Barratt for senior subscriptions and Louise Dungate for mini/junior subscriptions deserve our thanks for their work.

The net bar sales to the end of December were £23,300 generating a profit of just over 53% on costs. After many years David Payton resigned as Bar Manager are we are grateful for John and Joyce Lister for 'holding the fort' for a couple of months before we appointed Jay McKeever in the middle of November. Thanks to John Lister, Phil Bloodworth and many club members for helping out behind the bar, especially during the World Cup.

Sponsorship funds have been received from Savills of £7,500 for their first year in a 3 year on-going sponsorship arrangement for kit; Simply Sports continue to sponsor player's kit and The Cage Wine Bar sponsor the senior player's shirts for £500. We are very appreciative of the generosity of our sponsors.

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Other income for the club was generated by the Mini Festival in September which was well supported by the parents and generated income of over £3,876.

The Ball at the end of December was extremely well attended by over 280 members and their guests and despite the cold was a great success and which generated a net profit of over £1,850. In addition the sum of £332 was raised at the ball for the charity Help for Heroes.

Sunday morning catering staffed by the Mini/Junior parents is also proving to be very successful and profitable. All parents who have worked are thanked most profusely and Ian Marks who procures all the produce is to be especially thanked for all his efforts.

The parents of the Mini/Junior section raised over £1,640 towards the re-decoration of the clubhouse which was in the main carried out by the senior section who also procured furniture and paint at little or no cost.

Club members raised a significant sum to support one of the senior players who received a serious injury in the Nondescripts Evergreen fixture against Dorking.

The Peter Harrison Old Reigatian Development Fund has donated over £93,000 to meet legal and professional costs for the new clubhouse.

Sue Colquhoun
Hon Treasurer

Club Development

What is happening about the new club-house?

The short answer is that considerable progress has been made over the course of the last year.

- The Local Authority has agreed to the amendment of the contentious clause in the planning permission which restricted the number of functions which could take place at the club.
- The National Sports Foundation has agreed to extend the period during which we will need to draw down on their funds until March 2009.
- Frankham Consultancy have been appointed as project managers for the building contract.
- A range of preliminary surveys have been undertaken.
- The club-house drawings have been revised (and are now compliant with the spatial requirements of the RFU).
- Tenders from prospective builders are expected within the next fortnight.

If we add to this list that the application for registration of the club as a charitable trust has been achieved and it can be seen that many obstacles to the development have been overcome and it is realistic to envisage the building commencing this year.

Club-house

The Clubhouse has had one of the best "starts of the season" that it has had for many years. The amount of work that has been done within the clubhouse is noticeable to all. The changing rooms have been cleaned and prepared for painting. The men's ablutions have been deep cleaned and are being kept in a better condition – it is very difficult to maintain the gent's toilets when they are way

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past their 'sell-by' date, but they are being kept cleaner and credit should be given to Clive Taylor who has, when needed, climbed down into the sewers to make sure that the blockages are removed and that the detritus is moved. The sauna has now been made into a storage area, and, although it is sad that it has 'moved' away from its original use, it is good to see that the area of the facility is being used again.

The main clubhouse area has changed beyond belief, and a large amount of credit for this should be given to Nick Barratt. It was decided by the committee that the Holt Room should be opened up by removing the doors so that the bar area could be expanded. Professional builders were used to make sure that the ceiling/roof was properly supported and that the electrical supplies were maintained. Furniture was obtained, the Holt Room and the Bar Area were painted and the whole area has a pleasing view to the eye. Peter Green has kept an over-view on the re-decorations and the Club is also grateful to him for the discounts on the paint he managed to arrange for us.

John Lister took over the cleansing and re-furbishment of the bar, and, in his usual irascible way, he has done a very good job. The whole bar area has been altered so that it is more pleasing to the eye, more professional in its approach and easier to clean. The bar locks have been changed, because there were too many keys given to members of the club. Unfortunately the new ruling of how the integrity of the bar should be maintained by the security of the keys is not always being maintained. The ladies toilets have been cleaned and re-painted and it is hoped that the ladies find them more acceptable.

The 'dining area' has also been re-painted. Both of these re-painting jobs have been carried out by paid labour within the club and the results have proven the financial investment to be worthwhile.

The Kitchen is now almost entirely being run by the Mini and Junior Sections of the Club. The kitchen is being kept considerably cleaner and it was a pleasure to have a clean bill of health given to the Club by Reigate and Banstead HSE. Further fridges and deep freezers have been obtained and the kitchen is being run far more efficiently. Ian Marks has been of great benefit to the club in this aspect and I am grateful to him for his help.

The Grounds are being kept to their usual high standard by Clive Taylor, our Groundsman, who deserves the highest of praise. People are unaware of all the work that Clive does in the background. An example of this was when we suddenly needed an extra rugby pitch and we were short of a set of posts. Clive managed to arrange for the club to be given a set of posts on the Friday, and, with Peter Green's firm delivering them, we had the extra pitch. The Reigate Priory Athletics Club are now an integral part of the grounds area, and Clive is managing to match their needs.

John Buchanan has been responsible for the club-house over the past 3 years during which there has been a visible and marked improvement in appearance. He has recently resigned from the committee. John has worked tirelessly on behalf of the club over many years – many older players will remember the sight of John "sponge-man" Buchanan running onto the pitch to tend to the injury of a player – was there ever a faster cure-all – recovery was instant. The club owes a very considerable debt to John. We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to take over this most important role which will be of enormous importance when building commences.

Volunteers

We are actively looking to recruit volunteers to help to run the club at all levels. The value of any volunteer cannot be underestimated. If you have time and/or expertise to offer please do not wait to be asked. Contact Michael Kiy or any committee member – remember – your club needs you

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Fund-raising and marketing

Events

With a number of successes under our belts we are encouraged to organise a number of additional high octane 'social experiences' over the coming months.

Club events deliver a number of benefits beyond the obvious 'good time was had by all'. They bring the club closer together as a community and encourage more people to join and enjoy the camaraderie. They generate much needed revenue for the ongoing upkeep of the existing clubhouse and to swell the coffers of the new club-house fund as we move from concept to reality.

To this end the plan is to host as many as 4 more events before the end of the summer including a Race night, a Themed Casino night, a "Stars in Your Eyes" extravaganza and another to be decided.

With all things such as this we need volunteers so be prepared to get involved to ensure the success of these memorable events.

Dates and details will be posted up on the website and around the club-house.

Website

Outside of the clubhouse, the 'virtual' focal point for the club is the rapidly evolving website. www.reigatiansrufc.com

Many teams (seniors, juniors and minis) now use the rich functionality of the site to post up match reports and photos from home and away fixtures. Great for those that contributed to the win (or loss) and a fantastic repository of information for parents and grandparents to view and follow the progress of their offspring towards that inevitable international debut.

In addition, the website hosts details of all fixtures (including links to away venues), club news, club officials (coaches, managers etc) contact details, player stats, photo galleries (social as well as fixtures), club policies, training documents and the blossoming ORRFC business network (see below for details).

Club Sponsors (to whom we remain very grateful) are prominent across the site with links to the services they can offer.

The visitor statistics are impressive rising currently to in excess of 14,000 visits a month and only serve to support the aim of the club to be recognised as a major community contributor.

Make sure you bookmark the website and encourage your age group or team to post up regular match reports and photos – lets tell the world what we are doing.

ORRFC Business Network

With in excess of 400 registered players from Senior level through to the ever-expanding minis, there is a wealth of business opportunity right here within our community.

We have started on the road to harnessing this potential for the benefit of the members and the club through the creation of an online 'Business 4 Sports' network.

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Directly linked from the home page of the main website the business network lists businesses within the club or those recommended by club members. The basis of its success is trust – people prefer to do business with people they know and trust.

Don't think it doesn't apply to you - ANY business or service can join the network - from solicitor to gardener, architect to cake decorator, estate agent to dog-walker – in fact any service that would benefit the community.

Every time a trade takes place, a percentage of the value goes to the club – swelling the club-house fund and ensuring the purchase of essential equipment for all teams.

You can view the network from the home page (www.reigatiansrufc.com). Scroll down to the middle of the page and use the following logins:

User name: guest

Password: pass

The potential is unlimited and the more businesses that join, the more effective it will be as a source of trusted services. With the ability to leave comments concerning the services provided you can be confident that you will get a good service.

(e.g. If anyone offers a dog-walking service – please get in touch as there is already need!)

Within the business network is also a 'for sale' feature to enable you to sell or swap unwanted kit (or any item you like) with other members and a feature to 'request' (business) services from other members.

At £20/year for a listing it really is a resource all of us should be using to promote our businesses and to support the club. To join – simply click on the 'register' button from the home page and fill in your details.

Business Network Forum – 19th March 2008

Finally – to kick-start the business network and really get the community working together we are holding a business network forum on 19th March, starting at 7.30pm at the clubhouse.

There will be a key-note speaker and the opportunity to present your business to all. A chance to network, a laid on buffet and the bar should combine to make it an ideal opportunity to meet fellow members and start doing business. Details will follow on the website and around the clubhouse.

Nick Boothroyd

Playing

Seniors

I think you can summarise the season so far in one word – “unlucky”. The 1st XV came into the season with high hopes; however narrowly lost the first game to London Irish, then drew with Guernsey and then lost to Purley John Fisher (try in last seconds of the game). It's also fair to say that things haven't really gone our way, especially with injuries (losing Nick Barratt, Simon Ball and Jon Gale for long periods) and the VISA problems we had with our overseas recruits.

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We have done well with player recruitment and attracted new players to the side, and we have finally received our influx of South Africans who have bolstered our back line and added speed, finesse and finishing. This has led to a turn around in attitude and desire in the squad.

The 2nd XV have had a great season having only lost one league game. They currently lie second, with the leaders, Old Glynionians, still to play. Chris Morgan must be commended on his efforts with the 2nd XV this season. He has tirelessly ensured we have enough players available every week, sometimes leading to having too many players (not something we have had in the last few seasons). This past weekend, Chris had 14 backs available for example.

The Nondescripts continue to be run by Hamish Turnbull, and again, he has done a fantastic job. I believe if Hamish and Chris could work closer together, we could have turned out 3rd XV's on a number of week-ends this season. Hopefully with their hard work, this will continue into next season.

The under 21s resume their campaign to retain the Surrey Under 21 Cup in March when they take on Sutton & Epsom in the semi-final.

Nick Barrett Club Captain.

Juniors

Under 18s – Philip Smith

The Under 18 season finally got off the ground in early January and through much hard effort from skipper, Ed Forsyth, he is able to call on some 25 players, including 7 Under 17s.

All their matches are in League 2 and so far their record is played 3 – won 2 and drawn 1.

Under 16s - Paul Dungate

By January 7th 2008, the U16's had 24 RFU registered players (a net increase of three) of whom only one had not yet had the subscription and registration arrangements finalised. The guest South African had returned home and arrangements were being made to get him an ORRFC shirt as a memento.

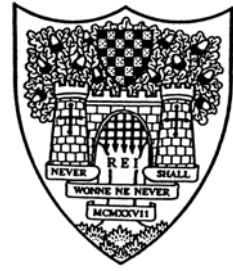
Matches

Since the previous report, only two more matches had been played thanks to withdrawal from a League match by Cobham B's and Mitcham B's (both of which have now been re-arranged) and the withdrawal from the League altogether by Battersea Ironsides. The U16's beat Cranleigh on 5th November in the League by 15-7 at Cranleigh and on 25th November beat Hove in an away friendly, a very pleasing result. As a consequence, even with so few matches played, the League record is played two, won two (thus top of League 3), and over the four matches 126 points have been scored with 38 against.

Tour

A joint tour with the U15's to Gloucester over the Easter weekend is in the final stages of arrangements. To help raise funds for this, the boys themselves led the arrangements for a highly successful, well-behaved and very popular (with female school friends) Social Evening at the Clubhouse, with a little help from some parents.

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Under 15s – Caitriana Morgan

At the start of the season, the U15's lacked enthusiasm with coaches Baz and Reidy putting in a lot of effort with little off-field support. After a much needed re-grouping, the U15's now have committed managers as well as parental support at both coaching and matches. What a difference this has made – from being unable to guarantee a complete team – we now are able to make up a full team and even have match replacements. We have a core squad of 22 players turning up for training and matches every week. They are keen; they play well together and are turning out to be a capable team.

From a narrow loss of 0 - 12 to highly rated Effingham Bs in their first league match of the season, they went to a resounding away win of 60 - 0 against Cranleigh which boosted the confidence of the whole squad. Their heads are now high and there is real team spirit. More recently they have beaten Chobham Bs in a friendly with the score being 12 – 7 although the quality of the handling (not) betrayed the lengthy Christmas lay-off.

This is a good start to the season for the U15s. With healthy competition for places in the team, it is hoped that we can build on a strong pack and develop an equally good passing game in the backs. We also have three boys training with the Surrey Development Squad – Will Hughes, Tristian Pease and Max Hutchinson – so well done to them.

Under 14s – Philip Smith

A strong squad of players has been built by Ted Kennedy, Gerry O'Sullivan and Dan Haine that is competing well in the Surrey League 2.

They have played 8 matches winning 6, 1 drawn and 1 lost (top side in the league).

Recently the chain of office for Team Manager has been passed on to Gary Stehrenburger. The Club would like to pass on its as well as the squads' thanks for all the work and encouragement Gerry O'Sullivan has put into keeping this squad together and growing.

Under 13s - Kevin Sheldrick

We returned in September to discover that of the 8 boys nominated for the Surrey development trails held over in August two had been selected to join the Harlequins Academy and 4 others had been asked to join the Surrey development squad.

We finished the 2005/2006 season with a squad of 23, despite some boys deciding to concentrate on other activities we have picked up a number of new enthusiastic players and now have 31.

So far we have played 2 league matches in Surrey league 2 and have won both beating Sutton and Epsom 20-0 and Chipstead 5-0, currently we are third in the league level on points with second placed Kings but 3 points below on goal difference.

We have also played a number of friendly matches including East Grinstead (won 44-5) and Effingham and Leatherhead (won 15-14). The only set back in a so far successful season was a visit to Maidenhead tournament where we met two strong teams from Maidenhead and Amersham and lost closely to both.

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A good start to the season considering the additional challenges of league competitions, 15 a-side rugby and balancing the parents and players expectations that they should all be selected for every game.

Minis

Start of Season

2nd September 2007 already seems like a long time ago! The mini section reconvened for the 80th anniversary season complete with a new sponsorship deal with new kit and Savills logo emblazoned on the back of our shirts (deliberately, as that's all the opposition see as we whistle past them). The weather was kind to us, and we managed to extend the summer with barbecues for the first three weeks of the season.

New roles

Registrations	Louise Dungate
Fixtures	Rupe Dhillon
Coaching co-ordinator	Bella Dunstan
Volunteer Co-ordinator	Mike Kiy
Kit & procurement	Nick Meese
Child Welfare	Emma Picking / Carol Mccrindle
Catering	Ian Marks

Registration

Prior to the start of the season Phil, Louise and myself reviewed and redesigned aspects of the registration process so, even if we are not yet online, we still have a much more streamlined process. Since then, Louise has taken the role to new heights. We owe her a debt of gratitude - almost 450 registrations so far this season and counting!

Clubhouse renovations

Included in the registration form was the option to make a £10 donation towards clubhouse renovations. I am pleased to report that minis parents donated £1,640 via this method, meaning that new furniture and renovations to the Holt Room could proceed in time for the World Cup.

Mini Festival of Fun

The 30 September mini festival of fun enjoyed another successful year, with all comers enjoying themselves.

Feedback was actively sought from the managers and coaches following the events. This indicated that the size of the festival was about right, but that the format could be more adventurous (More stalls, music, local community involvement etc). Watch this space!

Events

The 80th anniversary ball, organised by Debbie Lee, was well supported by the mini section, both in terms of attendance at the event itself and in the organisation and implementation. Vicky Simms, Tracy Overtom and Liz Colvin also deserve particular mention here.

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A quiz night was held in early January, organised again by Angela Salmon. The profits of this event are split with the Canterbury Oast Trust, a local charity, so we made money for a good cause as well as enjoying a night of trivia and fish 'n' chips.

Further events are planned. In addition, during Summer '08 we hope to combine with the summer tag tournament, bringing a "one club" feel to the summer.

Fixtures

This season has been busy with fixtures – many clubs having advocated "double header" fixtures at the 2007/8 fixture exchange. This, combined with an increasingly active junior section, has increased pressure on the facilities and highlighted the need to co-ordinated closely between the sections (see below).

Bad weather forced some difficult decisions around cancellations during January however we are (hopefully!) past the worst of this now. Continued judicious fixture management will ensure the remainder of the season runs as smoothly as possible.

The 2008/9 Fixtures Exchange was recently attended by Rupe Dhillon and a provisional list will be published shortly.

U8 Tour – Michael Kiy

15th December and a valiant group of 24 players and a supporting cast of 37 siblings and parents rode the great yellow coach of the Kings Ferry on our inaugural tour to the Welsh Hills. We took in a great Heineken Cup game at Cardiff Arms Park with Cardiff Blues overcoming Stade Francais and then on to a quick dip in the hotel pool, dinner at a local but eventually shocked Pizza Hut and then retired to the bar to catch up on the day and plan the strategy for the next day.

Sunday morning and our very warm hosts at Pentyrch RFC had organised for all the freezers to be left on overnight giving very cold conditions to our plucky band. We took part in a fantastic round robin tournament with 6 other teams giving all the players and supporters a great opportunity to play against some very different opposition and get a great taste for touring! We won some, lost some against some very keen and enthusiastic, jinking Welsh boys – they obviously teach them the dancing toes very early.

Celebrations in the clubhouse were augmented by two full Welsh internationals giving out the medals, rounding off a great trip for players and supporter alike. Next year it's probably Scotland – watch this space.

Catering

As John and Sue have remarked in their reports the contribution of Ian Marks to the success of the Sunday catering run by the Mini and Junior sections cannot be overestimated. Ian ensures that the kitchen is stocked with good quality produce bought at the best available prices, week in, week out. He also ensures that the kitchen is being run effectively and safely on a weekly basis.

Currently the kitchen is staffed entirely by volunteers from each age group. Their contribution is also recognised and very much appreciated.

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The committee has recognised that the kitchen is now a major source of income for the running of the club. The scale of the operation has increased significantly over the past two years. It is time to consider employing hired help in the kitchen. It is also time to consider an interim spend on renovating the kitchen to bring it into line with the demands that are now being placed on it, and which will continue until we move to our new clubhouse.

Facilities

John Buchanan and Clive Taylor have continued to do a fine job of maintaining and improving our grounds. Nick Barratt deserves a knighthood for conceiving and executing the interim clubhouse renovations. John Lister and Jay McKeever also deserve plaudits for their work on the bar – which is now seeing the welcome return of the traditional post minis pint.

However, we must acknowledge the reality that our ground and buildings are no longer capable of supporting a mini & junior section of over 400 members plus their families. Fixtures, pitch space and car parking require careful management to avoid overcrowding and long term damage to the surfaces. The clubhouse itself was not built to cater for such a large volume of visitors on a weekly basis.

The clarity provided at the start of this report in terms of plans for the new clubhouse will be welcomed by the parents of the mini section, many of whom have expressed a keen interest.

Alternatives need to be considered in the meantime (for example, alternating training days, splitting fixtures, exploring other venues such as Hartswood).

Chair for next season

Most of the committee are aware that I shall be retiring at the end of this season.

As a committee, we are under no illusions that the next 2 – 4 years heralds a period of change unprecedented in the history of the club. Therefore, we need to plan very much for the future, whilst at the same time ensuring the section fulfils its primary purpose of helping kids enjoy learning to play rugby.

My experience of the role suggests that it could be split into two in order to achieve these goals:

Playing Chair

This role would entail looking after the management of fixtures, pitch layouts, coaches training, kit etc.

Qualities required: Knowledge of rugby, well known to the other coaches / managers, ability to make and communicate decisions that are not always popular! It would be well suited to an existing / former manager or coach.

Non Playing Chair

This role would entail organising the catering, events calendar, the Festival of Fun, events external to the club (eg the Priory park fun run) etc.

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Qualities required: Focused, experienced in logistics, ability to work with committees and get results. It would be well suited to someone who is experienced in business / logistics and is perhaps not currently employed full time, or has the flexibility to be around the club during the working week.

Whatever we decide, one thing is for sure: Like the game itself, ORRFC mini and junior section is moving very quickly from amateur roots towards professional status. We need to make sure we resource up appropriately to maintain and build on our success. The second half of this season will be focused on doing just that.

James Picking, Chair Mini section, January 2008