



RED DEER TITANS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



BREAKING NEWS: Titans Newsletter Found to Operate on Rugby Time! Issue Arrives Late!

Whoa!! Where has this been? After a brief time away the Red Deer Titans newsletter is back. We've got a lot to update you on so be sure to check out the following pages for info on all sorts of things such as the Titans Annual Curling Bonspiel and Maggotfest – and of course the section about our new coach (look left).

Titans Welcome New Coach

The Red Deer Titans are proud to introduce Riaan Vorster as the Titans' Head Coach for the 2011 season. Riaan originally hails from Pretoria, South Africa and comes to Red Deer after spending the last 15 years in Ireland.

Riaan's rugby involvement prior to joining the Red Deer Titans was with Leinster. Yes, that Leinster. Heineken Cup Champion and Magners League (now RaboDirect Pro12 League) finalists Leinster. While at Leinster Riaan was involved in on both the club and junior development sides.

The husband and father of three boys is looking for a permanent relocation to Canada and felt the Titans offered a great opportunity and challenge for him. As the Titans are predominantly younger members Riaan sees the club as having huge development opportunity and is quick to point out the large amount of club talent particularly the large pool between the ages of 18-20.

Immediate goals for the coach include the development of this young talent into a sustainable and winning First Division side. A task that will rely on continued and effective development of the club's young membership. The coach is confident this can be achieved given what he sees as the players' appetites to learn. An appetite that he has identified throughout the club.

When asked about his first impressions of Canada, Riaan was more than happy to point out the open-mindedness and friendly nature of Canadians that he has observed thus far. He also admits to having to go through some adjustment with Canadian geography. As he says, nothing here is around the corner. What might be the travel to your next league game here would take you across the country in Europe.

Everyone is encouraged to make their way out to practice and Riaan will be happy to make your acquaintance. On behalf of the Red Deer Titans Rugby Football Club, welcome to Red Deer Riaan!

Have a story or suggestion that you would like to see in the Newsletter? Email it to: albertamike@hotmail.com for your chance to win an awesome prize!*

*there is no awesome prize, only my shameless attempt to solicit your writing talent.

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Upcoming Games

Men's First Division
August 6th 3:00pm
Red Deer
vs Druids

Sr. Women's
July 27th 8:00pm
Red Deer
vs Saints

Men's Third Division
August 5th 7:45pm
Red Deer
vs Rams

MGM U19 Boys
July 27th 7:00
Pirates
vs Pirates

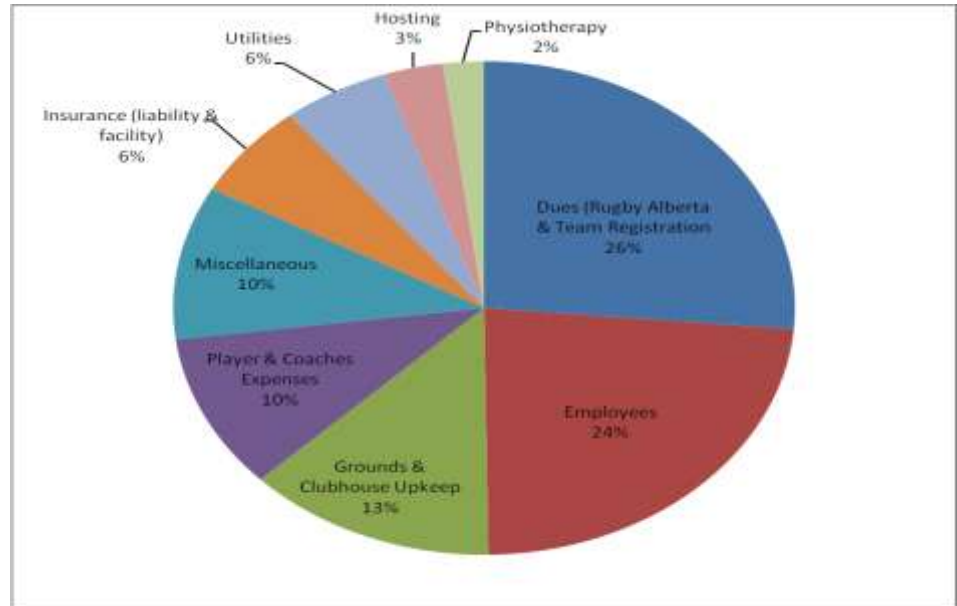
MGM U19 Girls
July 27th 7:00pm
TBD - Calgary
vs Saracens

MGM U19 Girls
July 27th 7:40pm
TBD – Calgary
vs Hornets



Financial Ramblings

To give an idea about what it takes to run the Club, I have put together a pie chart representing the costs of operating the Titans for a year based on 120 senior members. Obviously, if there are fewer senior members, the cost per player goes up. The Club works hard to secure grants, rental fees and sponsorship to keep player dues a great deal lower than what they would otherwise need to be.



<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Cost Per Player</u> <i>*based on 120 players</i>	<u>Percentage</u>
Dues (Rugby Alberta & Team Registration)	\$27,923.00	\$232.69	26.37%
Employees	\$24,777.00	\$206.48	23.40%
Grounds & Clubhouse Upkeep	\$13,762.00	\$114.68	13.00%
Player & Coaches Expenses	\$10,787.00	\$89.89	10.19%
Miscellaneous	\$10,643.00	\$88.69	10.05%
Insurance (liability & facility)	\$6,605.00	\$55.04	6.24%
Utilities	\$5,885.00	\$49.04	5.56%
Hosting	\$3,240.00	\$27.00	3.06%
Physiotherapy	\$2,250.00	\$18.75	2.13%
TOTAL	\$105,872.00	\$882.27	

Yours in Rugby
Ciaran



If you have any Club related articles that you wish to submit, or ideas for articles that you would like to see here, feel free to send them to Mike Haugen at albertamike@hotmail.com.

We're also interested in any photos that you have that can be used in the newsletter or on the website!

The Agora

Have anything that you want to buy or sell? Post it here by sending an email with description and contact to:
albertamike@hotmail.com

Did you know?

...that if you arrange for \$500.00 or more in senior sponsorship, that your dues for the year are reduced to \$250.00?

...that if you recruit a senior player to the Titans who has not previously played for the Titans, that your dues are reduced by \$25.00 for each person you recruited?

When arranging sponsorship, please advise the executive.



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Titans vs Jesters

It's been a long time between drinks but the Mighty Titans finally made it back down to the Maggotfest of 2011. Thirty young hardy men and two really old men made the treacherous 14 hour trek all the way down to Canada's big brother, America. Other than some projectile vomits and a bit of public nudity by the 20 rookies, I am pleased to say that the trip to Missoula, Montana went very well. Arriving in Missoula on Friday at noon, was the perfect preparation for the tough partying, I mean, rugby ahead.

Despite a couple of yellow bellies, there was a good early show at Bodega's Bar for the pre-fest gathering. Most of that night was a blur from about 5:00pm but I am well informed that everybody had a ripper of a time.

The games of rugby on Saturday went well, and the drinking went even better. With the large numbers and bright pink jerseys, we were hard to miss and even harder to ignore. Especially at the start of the second game when the opposition kicked off and everybody dropped to the ground and acted like baby seals (check out "Drop Like Baby Seals" on YouTube). The opposition didn't know whether to laugh or to start clubbing us. Turns out, we just gave them a 7 point advantage as they ran in a try untouched. We had the last laugh though as we picked up the crucial 50 point win, leaving the tour record with one win and two losses.

Right, enough about the rugby, onto the Saturday night party. Seal clubbers was the outfit, partying was the prey and pure enjoyment was the outcome. Whether it was trading off your three-quarter pants for a ladies shirt or getting into the back of a pickup truck for a cheap ride home, the Titans made a great impression. I'm not really sure if we won the big Maggot but we definitely won some hearts and gave it a bloody good crack. See the next page for photos!

With such a large number of players and tourists on board, a cheerio must go out to Scottie Blundon for his work with the jerseys. He had them personally delivered to us in Missoula on the Friday of the tournament, and the shorts and socks are still doing a world tour. Good job Scottie!

As for next year, the dates have been set for May 12, 2012. So, tie up your boots, rest your livers and get your thinking caps on as we will need a deadly theme to hopefully bring the Big Maggot home.

Great tour guys, looking forward to doing it again next year!

Hammish

If you're interested or have any suggestions, please email myself at aibearce85@hotmail.com

2011 Titans Fees

Sr. Player
\$450.00

Student/Traveling
\$350.00

First Year Player
\$350.00

Student Player
\$350.00

U19 / U17 Player
\$250.00

All dues must be paid prior to playing in any games.

Sr. Players please contact Dion regarding registration.

U17 / U19 Players please contact Ally Bowd



The Titans are proud to have one of the best single club facilities in Alberta and quite possibly Canada. Some features include:

- A beautiful banquet room with adequate room for sit down meals
- A fully equipped kitchen
- A fully equipped wet bar
- A two- tiered deck complete with patio seating
- An industrial sized natural gas BBQ
- Full projection system
- Full stereo system
- Satellite access
- Two beautiful full rugby fields
- Change rooms complete with full shower facilities
- Parking available for approximately 300 vehicles

The club also plays a big part in the running of the central Alberta high school rugby season (April – June). Games take place on Monday's and Wednesday's with snacks provide afterwards. Most of the coaches are Titans members which encourages the students to continue to play rugby after they complete high school.

In the winter month's (October – March) the clubhouse plays host to a variety of functions, which include but are not limited to:

- Birthday Parties
- Retirement Parties
- Christmas Parties
- Business Meetings
- Corporate team building exercises
- Titans annual snow bowl (January 1st)

For more info regarding facility or field rentals please visit www.titansrugby.com or contact Chelsey Clifford Ph: 403-352-8064 Email: chelseyclifford@hotmail.com



2nd Annual Titans' Bonspiel Photographs



HUGE FUNDRAISING EVENT

Courtesy of MGM Ford Lincoln

Proud Sponsor of the MGM U19 Titans

On Saturday August 6th at Titans Rugby Park

We need 300 Drivers

to test drive a Ford from MGM Ford Lincoln.

MGM is bringing 14 new Ford vehicles to Titans Fields for test driving between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

MGM Ford Lincoln will donate
\$20.00 for each driver to the Red
Deer Titans Rugby Club.

Bring your mom, dad, brothers, sisters, spouses, friends, random strangers, etc. on Saturday August 6th. All drivers must be 18 and have a valid driver's license.