



Scottish Golden Oldies Rugby

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Scottish Festival

The 5th Scottish Golden Oldies Rugby Festival, held at Highland RFC in June, was a great success, with over 20 Scottish Clubs represented, and Players from England and Canada participating. The Festival, also attracted three 'new' Oldies Teams. The future of Golden Oldies Rugby in Scotland looks good. Colin Baillie MBE (Chairman of the Local Organising Committee) stated that he would not be organising a Scottish Festival next year, but he would look at the possibility of a Highlands and Islands Golden Oldies Rugby Festival. Dave requested all Clubs present to submit information on any Festivals they are planning to the SGO Website, or Facebook Page. At the AGM, it was agreed that every effort should be made to get as many Scottish Clubs / Golden Oldies Teams as possible, to join Scottish Golden Oldies Rugby, whether or not they participate in the Festivals. At present, SGO have a large Data Base, but actual Membership needs to be increased....it's only £ 25.00 per Club, per annum. Contact – scottishgoldenoldiesrugby@hotmail.com for an Application Form....or Download one from the Website. The Members were advised that Jim Stevenson was still an Honorary Vice- President and when Alan Lawson has demitted his post as the SRU President – he shall also become an Honorary Vice-President. Donald McLeod, who had attended the Festival in the morning had to return South at Lunchtime and is to be the new President of the SRU. He was wished well, for his Term in Office. Hon Vice President – Jim Stevenson Esq – took over as Meeting Chairman to conduct the SGO AGM Committee Election. The Executive Committee was elected, as follows –

President	<i>Dave McDonald</i>
Vice President	<i>David Carnegie</i>
Secretary	<i>Katie Barnett</i>
Treasurer	<i>Donald Burns</i>
Committee	Status Quo – but new Members Welcome

Festival Awards

We were delighted that Provost Alex Graham agreed to present the Festival Awards, assisted by SGO Secretary, Katie Barnett. The Awards were as follows –

Oldest Player Award	Alistair Urquhart Esq a sprightly 85 !
Best Supported Team Award	Mackie MAMMOTHS
Festival Sportiest Spirit Award	Skye & Lochalsh
Referee of the Festival Award	Jonathon MacKinnon Esq
Personality of the Festival Award	Colin Baillie MBE
Special Award – Festival Ambassador	Ernie Michie Esq

A Scottish Golden Oldies Rugby Plaque was presented to Colin Baillie MBE (Chairman of the Local Festival Committee) along with a Bottle of *The Famous Black Grouse* for the Festival De – brief Committee Meeting. Highland RFC Ladies, responsible for the Catering received a small floral token. Moray Maulers had stated in their Brochure Team Bio that they enjoyed “ Draughts ” after the Matches, so they were presented with a lovely set. However, the “ Draughts ” they actually meant.....came out of a Pump at the Bar ! Jim Stevenson then presented Katie Barnett with a small floral gift.



Festival Kick Off



Different Headgear Fashions...



Provost Graham and Award Winners

Prague 2013

European Golden Oldies celebrated its 12th Festival in Prague in June, with a most enjoyable Event, appreciated by all the Participants. It was heartening to see that a number of Clubs, including Gibraltar, participated for the first time....with Festival regulars travelling from as far afield as Russia to Israel to participate. Sadly, no Scottish Team took part, although there were Scotsmen participating.....we hope that some Teams.....or composite Touring XV's shall wish to be involved in the 2015 Festival in San Sebastian !! Let us know, if you are interested. SGO President – Dave McDonald was re – elected as European President and the new Website was launched – www.europeangoldenoldiesrugby.com. You can also Like EGOR on Facebook.



Future Festivals

The Host for the 6th Scottish Festival was formally announced and it shall be held at Hillfoots RFC, Tillycoultry on 16th August, 2014. As places are limited, early Registration is recommended. Two approaches from Clubs wishing to Host the Scottish Festival in 2015 have already been received by SGOR.

Ladies Teams are becoming popular and representatives were planning to come to the Highland Festival..... but numbers prevented this – instead of “Golden Oldies for the Ladies” the nicer name of - “Golden Angels” could be used. It is possible there will be Ladies Teams at Hillfoots, next year.

Next Year the World Golden Oldies will be in Argentina. It is hoped that if Clubs do not enter, a Scottish XV can be formed.....anyone interested, is asked to contact SGO. As you may know, Golden Oldies was supported by Air New Zealand but they have handed the running of the World Festivals, to *Vintage Rugby* who have been in operation for some years.

The European Festival in 2015 event will be in San Sebastian – Northern Spain – a fabulous venue with 5 pitches in the centre of the local Race Track. Again, it is hoped that if Clubs do not enter, a Scottish XV can be formed.....anyone interested, is asked to contact SGO.

 www.goldenoldiessports.com	For the latest Festival Information..... and to register your interest in attending either.....or both of these Festivals – <<<<<< >>>>>>	 EGOR2015 EUROPEAN GOLDEN OLDIES RUGBY FESTIVAL DONOSTIA • SAN SEBASTIAN http://egor2015.com
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Scottish Golden Oldies Team for Argentina ??

Golden Oldies Rugby stalwart – Sean Cameron (Forrester Rubies) is looking to raise a Scottish Team to participate in the 2014 World Festival. All shall be welcome....Individuals and Groups of Players.....if interested, contact Sean on - scammie@hotmail.co.uk

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Hillfoots Rugby
Football Club



The *Cast Ups* Golden Oldies Team are delighted to have been chosen to Host the 6th Scottish Golden Oldies Rugby Festival – Saturday 16th August, 2014
Places are limited...so if interested, please Register your interest on - GO2014@hillfootsrhc.com

**It would be greatly appreciated, if nobody organised a Golden Oldies Festival on the two prior weekends.
SGO Executive Committee**

And Finally.....

A crazy Game took place in France in July, as *Rugby Club Toulonnais* hosted Soccer Club *Olympique Marseille* for a half Soccer / half Rugby Match, in aid of the Charity.....” A smile, a hope for life ”.....which helps families whose children have Cancer. Eric Cantona was on hand to referee and play, as things got a bit strange in the second half. Stade Mayol played host to this charity game with a difference, as the first half was played as Soccer, with goal posts in place, and then for the second half things switched as rugby posts were erected. The Game was in aid of a local cancer charity, and had 12, 000 fans in attendance. Marseille edged the hosts 5-4 in the first half, taking a 36-35 overall victory on a memorable day.

Could your Golden Oldies try something like this, for a local Charity.....????? Let us know.....