



EBB TIDE RFC NEWSLETTER

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For your reading enjoyment here is the current club news and information, game reports and stories to follow as the season progresses, Any club member who wishes to make a submission, please email myself at davidmillard@shaw.ca.

THE FIRST HALF OF THE SEASON

I have been remiss in posting a newsletter for the last few months due to family commitments A lot to report for September from the Passing of Mel Davison, and Frank Gower, the many Injuries to our Younger Players, Game Reports, Vancouver Seven Drama, and yes some fun stuff such as Christmas Party and Curling Funspiel Fundraiser.

Here is the Recap of the September /October Games, Season Schedule, Club Information and Club Dues Structure

Club dues structure has been changed to reflect the desires of the membership and to address increase costs.

Full membership =\$250.00 plus Rugby Canada Registration

Practice membership = \$150.00 plus Rugby Canada Registration

Social membership = \$50.00 to support the club.

Vancouver Sevens Tournament Information and Tickets

Now that Rugby Canada and the Players have resolved the dispute we can return to the business of supporting the Team at the Vancouver Sevens . Jim will need names and ticket payment ASAP.

Please contact Jim Capron at JCapron@shaw.ca to inform him of your interest and for payment information.

Update #1 Final Push on tickets and Hotel Rooms

Tickets

I spoke to Jim Capron and there is still room for a few more stragglers get your tickets, we have great seats and the kids will benefit from our efforts.

Hotel Rooms

Glen has rooms reserved and will need to release them in early January.

Make a decision and commitment as hotel rooms are hard to come by in Vancouver close to the action. a block of 25 rooms at the Sandman Inn as been reserved again for the Vancouver 7's.

Please advise Glen if you are going to the 7's and how many rooms you would like.at the Sandman yet so no deposit required at this time. Last year the price for three nights was \$730 per room – I expect it may be a little more this year. Please e-mail your request to glenok@shaw.ca

Here is a breakdown of our Games and Events though the 2018-19 SEASON

DATE	TEAM	HOME	AWAY	STATUS
	START OF 2018-19 SEASON			
SEPT 15/16	ROAD TRIP TO KELOWNA		AWAY	LOSS
SEPT 23	COWICHAN / NANAIMO	HOME		LOSS
SEPT 30	SOB		AWAY	WIN
OCT 6TH	THANKSGIVING	NO GAME		
OCT 14TH	TBA / NO GAME	NO GAME		TBA
OCT 21ST	ABBY RFC		AWAY	WIN
OCT 28TH	TBA / NO GAME			TBA
NOV 4TH	TBA / NO GAME	NO GAME		TBA
NOV 11TH	REMEMBRANCE DAY	NO GAME		
NOV 18TH	TWITS	HOME		WIN
NOV 25TH	GREY CUP WEEKEND	NO GAME		
DEC 2ND	EVERGREENS	HOME		
DEC 9TH	EVERGREENS CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER		AWAY	
DEC 14TH	CHRISTMAS PARTY AT COLWOOD GOLF COURSE			PLANNING UNDERWAY
	END OF FIRST HALF OF SEASON			
FEB 3RD	SUPERBOWL WEEKEND			
FEB 10TH	TBA / NO GAME /CURLING			TBA
FEB 17TH	FAMILY DAY	NO GAME		
FEB 24TH	SNOWCAPS		AWAY	
MARCH 3RD	COWICHAN		AWAY	
MARCH 10TH	VANCOUVER SEVENS WEEKEND	NO GAME		
MARCH 17TH	ABBY RFC	HOME		
MARCH 24TH	SOBS	HOME		
MARCH 31TH	NO GAME			TBA
APRIL 7TH	NANAIMO		AWAY	
APRIL 14TH	TWITS		AWAY	
APRIL 21ST	EASTER WEEKEND	NO GAME		
APRIL 27 TH	NOBS SEATTLE (SAT)	HOME		
MAY 4TH	SNOWCAPS	HOME		

RIP TIDE RFC MEMBERSHIP

New members Mel Davison and Frank Gower

This Fall we have seen our original club members reduced again with the Loss of Mel and Frank both long standing members of the Rugby Community and our Club.

This the first known team photo of the Ebb Tide.



Standing: Ray Calton, Jan Cournow, Terry Taylor, Campbell Forbes, Tillman Briggs, Bill Gordon, A "Oak Bay Wanderer", Ken Travis, John Skillings, **Mel Davison**

Middle: Ray Ramsay, Ross Irving, Harry Millard, Jack Patrick, Gary Hawe, Harry Turner, Gerry Main, Hugh Stroyan, Bob Abbott

Front: Unknown Player, Stewart Wright, Bob Hutchison, George Jones, Alec MacDonald, Bruce McLean, Ed Bryans, Peter Barry, **Frank Gower**

The first game against the Wak Wak in Victoria was played on **October 5, 1972** followed by a game in Vancouver on October 7. It is this game in Victoria that is acknowledged as the official forming of the Ebb Tide Rugby Football Club.

It's worth printing the list of players in that first game in Victoria. They were:

*Tillman Briggs, Ed Bryans, Jim Buchanan, Don Burgess, Ray Calton, **Mel Davison**, Peter Dixon, Howard Gerwing, **Frank Gower**, Ray Greenhouse, Doug Grey, Richard Hales, Gord Hemingway, Derek Hyde-Lay, Ross Irving, George Jones, John Large, Gerry Main, Harry Millard, Doug Mounds, Dave McKenzie, Pat McLachlan, Pat Nicholson, Jack Patrick, Mike Penn, Ray Ramsay, Jack Rowe, Doug Stewart, Ken Travis, Harry Turner, Gary Webster, George Wilson.*

One of the first Ebb Tide events, and one of the most notable, was the B.C. Over 40 tour to Japan in 1974.

Frank Gower: *“We trained pretty hard, because the Japanese were always fit. I was in pretty good shape, because I was coaching the Oak Bay High School team, and used to run with them. Some of the other fellows found it harder to get in shape, but almost everyone was pretty fit by the time the game was played.”*

Frank Gower played in the first game, and was on the first executive. He served as secretary and treasurer, and was quartermaster for many years. Frank was a fine player: quick, wonderful skills, and a leader on the field. During the 1980's it was common for the home team to supply the ref, and usually one player would play one half and ref the second, and someone else would ref the first half and play the second. Frank was always the best ref in the league: there were no arguments when he had the whistle. Frank last played for the Ebb Tide in the early 90's.

Mel Davison:

That was a very full tour. Every minute was planned, and there were a lot of events. We played a lot of games, and won most of them. Maybe all of them. The Japanese really went all out to make it a good tour. I remember Dave Barrett took the ball after we scored a try and kicked the conversion, and just missed. I won't tell you what he said.”

Mel doesn't remember when he quit playing, but next to the burning of the stands seems appropriate. Mel probably holds the record for active participation in Victoria rugby: he started playing in 1947, played with James Bay and the Crimson Tide, played with Ebb Tide from the first game well into the 90's, and still (2010) tends bar at JBAA and manages the JBAA clubhouse. That makes 63 years.

Team Photo Ebb Tide 1992 at Windsor Park against the Fuwaku “All Reds”



Game Reports and News Items

Kelowna Game Report

What started out as Epic Road trip with a strong turn out players and Golfers ended with sending Chad and Austin to the hospital with to serious injuries , Chad suffered a compound fracture of his leg and Austin a dislocated shoulder. Luckily them patched him up and we was able to return with us to Victoria on the Long Bus ride home. (let's fly WESTJET next time)

The Vicars supported Chad as he waited for surgery and help get him on a plane to send him home to us. I am sure that was not how Corba had plan to send the week in Kelowna, He is on the mend but is done for the season. Thanks to the Vicars for looking out for Cobra for us.

Cowichan / Nanaimo Report

We lost the “**First Round**” but we will even the score in the second half this Spring Sorry no game report.

SOB Game Report

Another Road Warrior Win against SOBs “**TWO TIES to ZERO**”, These guys really take “**ROAD CODE**” to heart , as there was no game report or photos, but I am assuming they had a great time on another Cruise to the Mainland.

Thanks to all the warriors for making the effort to travel to Vancouver.

Abby Game Report

Fifteen players made the trip Sunday to Abbotsford, along with Bob Love to patch us up. The Originals have struggled with numbers this season though, and only had 12 of their own.

A game of 10-aside made sense, allowing both squads to have some spares. The first half saw the hosts take a 3-0 lead. Ebb Tide pressed a few times but we were unable to take advantage. The second half was a different story: once we stopped trying to play a 15's game we made better use of the running room available to us.

Tries came from Don Swainson (x2), Jim Skales (x2), Mike Penner (x2), Paul Eby (x2), and Kevan Letawske (x1). The home side's shorter bench started to show by the end of the game and the flood gates started to open as they tired. The Originals managed one more try in the second half to leave us with a 9-4 final score.

The red jacket went to Don Swainson, and Jim Turner was chosen by Abby as man of the match.

Twilghter Game Report

Ebb Tide trounces Twilghters in epic 4-2 match on Sunday

After two weeks of playing nothing but buggers and drinking beer, the Ebb Tide squad put their cunning skills to work dispatching the Twilghters 4-2 in a hard-fought test of grit and determination on Sunday at MacDonald Park in James Bay.

The plan was simple – secure the ball with the forwards and then once near the 22 spin it out to the backs. It was a plan that most of us had thought of using in games past, but Sunday it was decided by team captain Paul Eby to put it into play. Especially since many of the Ebb Tiders, glued to TV the Saturday before watching Ireland run it against New Zealand, figured if it worked for Ireland it could work for us.

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Twilighter Game Report (Cont)

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And it did. The first try of the game was scored by David Jack, who scampered into the Twilighters' end unscathed from a pass from scrum-half Matt Gordon. Then Jamie Charko, on waivers from Westshore RFC, took to the track with Ebb Tide's second try and a hush of bewilderment came over the crowd. One spectator was overheard muttering, "Holy s@#&, they just might win."

Then in the second quarter, the Twilighters' struck back with a 10 metre 8-man pick from Trevor Johnson. Wee Timmy Walshaw found himself alone (and probably feeling abandoned), standing between Trevor and the try line. The try was scored in short order, and thankfully Timmy (other than a bruised ego) was unharmed. The Twilighters were elated with Trevor's try but it was to no avail. David Jack struck again to boost the Ebb Tide lead.

In the forth quarter, the Twilighters hit back with a rumbling, bumbling, stumbling try from John the scrum-half in what exceeded any acrobatics of Cirque du Soleil. John found himself in a chaotic spasm of leaping, rolling, and stretching into the try zone much to the delight of spectators and players alike. But the tide soon changed again with a try from Kevan Letawske in the final play of game.

The men of the match as selected by the team captains:

For the Twilighters – Falkey the loose-head and John the scrum half.

For Ebb Tide – Jimmy Skailles (accepted on behalf Jay Jimmo) and Harold Butler.

The "**Red Jacket**" went to Shawn Ross for his unwavering crashes and catering credits go to Mike Joss and his crew from the Gorge Pub for an outstanding post-game feed of Shepard's pie and Greek style macaroni salad. No one left the James Bay club house hungry.

With another successful mission completed, the Ebb Tidiers look forward to another few weeks of "buggers and beers" and playing a little 3rds with associated clubs as they prepare for their match against the Evergreens on December 2.

Outgoing Tours by Other Clubs

Priest Valley Vicars Fiji Tour Nov 2019

The Vicars from Kelowna are planning trip to Fiji in November 10th to 17th 2019 and are inviting anyone from BC and Alberta clubs to join them.

Based on their attachment the approximate tour costs looks like it is \$3500.00, contact DJ at don@jballelectronics.com for more information at Priest Valley Vicars.

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Tour Director at Large

Priest Valley Vicars RFC

Castaway/Wanders Tour to Japan RWC 2019

Refer to Ebb Tide Facebook site for more information.

Don Swainson writes:

A Japanese friend and I have been working on a "CW and Friends" tour to Japan for RWC 2019. Ebb Tide players definitely fit that category.

I have a Facebook group for those interested let me know and I will bring you into the loop.

High level details:are as follows:

Two (2) teams - **Old Boys** and competitive team, 14 days Oct 1-14 2019.

Watch 3 RWC games (England Argentina, Boks v Canada (Rep winner), Scotland v Japan) and play 3 games (per team).

Visit the following cities

Tokyo, Osaka, Yokohama.

Cost

Approx player cost \$4500 including air, RWC, hotel and transfers. Fundraising and sponsors will lower that number. First payment needed by October 2018. Message me if interested.