New Orleans Official Tour Report

Official Tour Report: Paul Eby Tour Manager

23 Ebb Tide players and 8 supporters recently enjoyed 5 nights in America’s playground, New Orleans. I’m pleased to say that despite our hotel being one block off the infamous Bourbon Street, we were all back in our rooms by 8pm every night.

Chief fun-killer Mike Joss took roll call each evening to make sure that we all got a good night sleep, and our teetotaler coach, Eric White, made sure we didn’t drink too much and had lots of water to stay hydrated.

Andy Quaye, in charge of social events, arranged a series of lectures during the day by the local abstinence council from the Southern Baptist Church of Profligation.

Despite our best efforts, we did actually play some rugby, taking home the tournament trophy in both the 45+ and 35+ divisions. In the championship game we defeated the host squad 8-2, with tries coming from Sean Renshaw(2), Dave Knox, Paul Eby, Tim Walshaw, Kevan Letawske, Todd Cunningham, and Tevita Alatini. The local team was gracious though, hosting us after the match at a local water hole known for its afternoon tea and poetry readings.

Somewhere along the way, Darren Kovacs suffered a moderate injury. It wasn’t on the rugby field though, nor caused by a slip in the tub as suggested by one unnamed member (okay, it was me), but instead a result of a championship run at a limbo contest at the local seniors center.

The sliver on his backside didn’t seem that serious to the rest of us, but Darren insisted on checking himself into the hospital for a few days of observation just in case there was an infection.

All in all, New Orleans provided a relaxing opportunity to catch up on our sleep that left us all refreshed on our return home!
Tour Photos
From the “Second Longest Away Game” for Ebb Tide RFC,

Thanks to all the Roving Reporters for posting all photos on Facebook for the rest of the Club to enjoy.