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 davidrmillard@shaw.ca. I will be issuing a biweekly newsletter on the 1st and 15th of each month.

**Current Club Information (Important action required by all members)**

**HSBC Vancouver Sevens 2018 Tickets**

Jump on the Band wagan and join us in March

Once again Steve Barron has booked and organized a section of 985 seats for the next Vancouver 7’s this coming March 10/11, 2018. Tickets are $160 for the 2 day event.

As of Thursday Sept. 28th, 95 spots have been spoken for and Steve Barron has reallocated another 30 tickets to us so we can accommodate 125 people, **So first come, first serve**

Payment is required by November 15th 2017

Let Jim Capron know by email (jcapron@shaw.ca) if you are interested and how many tickets you need. Jim will relay this info back to Steve requesting a block of tickets for Ebb Tide as well as requesting a lower seating arrangement than last year.

**2017-18 Rugby Canada Registration**

Rugby Canada Registration is up and running. We have had a few successful registrations now. The link to start registration is: [https://reg.sportlomo.com/rugbycanada](https://reg.sportlomo.com/rugbycanada)

**Club Dues 2017-18 (Important action required by all members)**

Ebbtide club dues are unchanged at $200 for the upcoming season this amount covers the operational expenses of the club, members earliest payment is required.

Please pay your dues to Jim Capron. Make cheques payable to Ebb Tide RFC. Interac transfers are also accepted.

**Thrifty’s Smile Card**

If you shop at Thrifty Foods and would like a card, please send an email to Knoxie at daveknox@shaw.ca

**Message from the Quartermaster**

David Valentine has provide the current costs of Club Kit please review Ebb Tide RFC website for further information.

New Golf Shirts $35.00 ea
New T Shirts Red or Black trim $18.00 ea
Socks $15.00 Pr
Jersey’s $80.00 includes number
Shorts $35.00 pr
Crests for Blazers $35.00, Ties $25.00, Toques $15.00
It is with great sadness that I advise the Club of the passing of Jim Turner's Mom, Juanita, who was well known and loved by all the Ebbtide Rugby Family. Juanita has attended many of our club functions and supported us over the years.

Juanita went to bed on the evening of September 6th and, sadly, she passed away in the night after what was a brief and hard fought battle with cancer.

Our condolences to Jim and his entire family at this time.

There will be a Celebration of Life gathering as follows:

Date: Friday, October 6th, 2017
Place: Victoria HorseShoe Club,
       620 Kenneth Street, off Glanford Avenue
Time: 1pm - 4pm

A part of the celebration will include an opportunity for family and friends to share sentiments, stories, poems and words of wisdom. This heads up will give you time to prepare anything you may wish to contribute.

Several people have already asked how they can help or what we may bring, and one of the family's friends, Shirley, has offered to answer any questions you might have in this regard and keep to keep us organized.

Please send your RSVP and any questions to Shirley at shirleydyson@shaw.ca.
Get Well Soon:

Mel Davison Member of the “First Fifteen”

Mel probably holds the record for active participation in Victoria rugby: he started playing in 1947, played with James Bay and the Crimson Tide, then the Ebb Tide from the first game well into the 90’s, and still tends bar at JBAA at our home games. That makes 70 years of active service to our sport.

Chad Inouye (Cobra) advised the club that Mel had taken a tumble this summer and is in the Victoria General Hospital but is experiencing some other health issues as well. Chad stopped by yesterday to see how he was doing but unfortunately he was not wanting visitors at the time.

Best wishes Mel on a speedy recovery and we expect to see you holding Court behind the bar at JBAA soon.

Calendar of Social Events

Annual Club Christmas Party Dec. 2nd
To be held at the Royal Colwood Golf Course Saturday December 2nd, more information to follow in the coming weeks. Mark this date on your calendar soon.

Curling Bonspiel at Esquimalt Curling Club Feb 24th
Ebb tide Funspiel has returned this year, everyone is welcome so we can fill the rink.
We are planning on each Rink get play 3 two enders games with a break between matches.
Start putting together your rinks and invite your friends, Glen is taking the Lead on this event and will need assistance in planning and coordinating.
It will be our major fundraiser this year to support our club activities.
More detail information to follow in the weeks to come, spread the word to all your friends and family.

Incomming Tours

Osaka Gentlemen RFC April 28th -29th 2018
The Gentlemen from Osaka will be arriving in Victoria on Saturday April 28th 2018 and playing the Ebb Tide on Sunday April 29th 2018.

Wheatley Hill Veterans May 2018
The Veterans are, a Yorkshire club, this will be a competitive game but fun casual event,
**Game and Tour Reports**

**Ebbtide RFC  “THE GAMES BEGIN”**  
September 24th Ebbtide RFC vs Nanaimo Yoos To Bees  
Ebb Tide 3- Nanaimo 7  
Ebb Tide Scorers:- Todd Cunningham; Kevin Letowski, Ken Yee  
Man of the Match chosen by Nanaimo: Rob Phillips  
Red Jacket Chad Innouye  

**Old School Rugby**

A strong group of Ebb Tiders showed up with a visit from JP Lussier who wore the red jacket during the game. However, missed tackles and passes made the game score less closer than the actual game. Beautiful day for rugby and I'm confident that Ebb Tide will get better once the new and old players get to know each other better on the field. Nanaimo fielded a strong team and many big hits and tackles were delivered by both teams. Thanks to the referee for controlling the game and keeping everyone in line.

Nanaimo was the better team and retains the Dunbar Challenge Cup until next time and gets the “Bragging Rights” for now.

**New Orleans Tour Oct 2016**

**Team Training and Club Send Off at The Gorge Point Pub**  
To ensure our players are “Game Fit” Paul using our run next Thursday Oct 5th to prep the travelers for New Orleans. Team touch as usual, everyone involved, but we will have a team run at the end specifically for those going on the trip. The Non travellers will provide a stiff opposition at training  
We will be having a “Send off” that night at Gorge Pointe, already booked through Mike Joss. Where Tour Kit will be issued and maybe do a raffle draw.

As Rick Kotzen always advises “it's not Sprint! It's a Marathon! Club Reporters hopefully will be posting up on Facebook for the rest of us to enjoy or we will just make stuff up for you.