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BRAMALEA GLASGOW RANGERS SUPPORTERS CLUB



Merry Christmas

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Next general meeting December 27th at 2.30 SHARP.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



PRESIDENTS REPORT:

I didn't realize I was going to get another newsletter in before Christmas but here we go again. Another children's party, another New year's Eve party and another New year's day party and hopefully another win over Celtic on Jan 3rd. A very busy time for everyone but the thing we shouldn't neglect is to take time for ourselves. The beer store will still be open; the liquor store will still be open etc. Take the time to drop into the club and relax. Come watch the game in the club amongst your friends, not at home by yourself, picking it up on the internet. You need to vent your frustrations with your friends, not on your lonely own some. That is why our club survives because we all want the same things, a bit of comradely, a laugh, and most of all friendship, and let's not forgetto see the "Rangers" win.

I received a lovely Christmas card from Laura and Eric Caldwell yesterday. Both are keeping healthy and they said how good it was to read how well the club was doing. It's so ironic, as a boy watching Eric play that someday my schoolboy hero and his wife would become our friends. A privilege indeed. It's great to hear they are doing well.

A New Year and a new committee. I would like to welcome Jim Duncan, Dave McKinney, and Gordon Brown as new committee members and Dave McDowall as our new Treasurer. I hope your looking forward to the New Year as much as I am.

And last but not least, the St Andrews night, a brilliant occasion from start to finish. The club looked fantastic, thanks to Karen, Isobel, Kathy, Davie and Shuggy.

The meal was outstanding thanks to Tony and Jane and the helpers. The entertainment was great thanks to the British Connection (who by the way are playing on hogmany) Dave Smith for the address of the haggis, Ally for the Selkirk Grace and thanks to my wife, Anne, who kept Susan Fennell, the Mayor, happy.

Come on everyone, "let's party on New Year's Eve". My wife, Anne and I have been attending the Rangers Club for such a long time and we have always enjoyed ourselves, streamers, party hats, dancing queen for Anne, lots of drink for me and, of course, auld lang syne at the end of the night. It is such a tradition. So ask your neighbors, friends, relatives, (my sister Elma is coming) to attend. I promise you will enjoy yourselves. Pick up your tickets from behind the bar.

Bobby, the barman is on Saturday and he will have a bunch of tickets on hand. He will be away on Saturday, Dec.26. At \$40.00 per person, it is a real bargain. This club is your club, support it all you can and that way we stay in operation.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Alex Morrison,
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Now and again I forget to write something in the newsletter and usually it is important. Well it happened last month and my PHONE has never stopped ringing (guess who was calling) if you said wee Jeanie (Jane) Scade then you are right. When thanking the committee for Ladies Night I missed the name of Jeanie, please accept my apologies and we will try not to let this happen again. By the way is that a Blue Tooth phone I see Tommy with.

When handing out my apologies I feel we owe one to Nan Ashe, when we loose a member we do not send flowers instead we place a brick in the memorial wall at Ibrox and a certificate is sent to the bereaving family with all the information where the brick is located, in Bobby's case we have all the documentation and no brick. We are on the case now and hope to have this situation resolved soon.

We would like to remind the members that it is that time of year to renew your membership of \$60.00.

Audrey Cole has announced her retirement from organizing the Ladies night. The ladies night has been a regular event at the club. Thank to you Audrey for all your hard work and leadership over the years.

This being the last newsletter for 2009 one reflects back over this year and it has highs and lows. On the high must be the Billy Graham Memorial Trophy presentation, well ok then domino banquet, Homecoming and St. Andrews Night hopefully New years Eve dinner and dance. On the low is the loss of a loved one and on behalf of all members please accept our condolences once more, our thoughts are with you.

Finishing up I must thank the ticket sellers and buyers who were involved in our Yule Tide Log fundraiser, the monies from this fundraiser went to the Christmas Party. Also thanks to Katherine, Jayne, Karen, Chelsey for their involvement with the gifts, purchasing and wrapping.

A wee mention for Chelsey who will be in Ireland next March for a rugby tournament, any gift to be taken home for a small fee Chelsey will accommodate. (LOL)

On behalf of all of us we wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

See you in 2010.
Alistair McFarlane:
Secretary.

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CONDOLENCE: It is with deep regret that we have to announce the passing of

Matt Bogan, Jack Weston and Hugh Gilmour's Sister.

From the executive and the membership we pass on our sympathies to the families and friends.

We feel your loss.

2010 CLUB EXECUTIVE The following have been elected for 2010.

President: Alex Morrison.
Past President: Stuart McFarlane.
Vise President: Archie Hollinsworth.
Secretary: Alistair McFarlane.
Treasurer: David McDowall.
Committee: John Mitchell, Gordon Brown, Jim Duncan,
: David Murray, David McKinney, Tony Matthews.

Congratulations to the clubs executive and committee on being elected to their positions.

We encourage all members to work with the duly elected members for the 2010 year to keep our club at the # 1 position for supporters clubs.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS: The following members and spouses have not been well lately.

Linda Wilder. Trish Paterson. Daniel Craigie Jack McAllistair.

We hope your illness is a short one.

To the members who are undergoing treatment "WE" are thinking of you during your period of treatment and recuperation.

We would like to extend our best wishes to all the members and their families for the New Year.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: The big man made it from the far north and I don't mean Georgetown or Bolton.

We had 63 children turn out with family for the party at the legion, the entertainment kept the children well entertained until the big man arrived, when Santa arrived he was greeted with a chorus of jingle bells and the expressions on the children's faces when Santa entered the room was something to see.

Mrs. Claus was in fine spirits at the party not sure what the spirit was but I am sure Santa could have done with some, Mrs. Claus was assisting Santa in handing out the presents and did a grand job.

Santa Elves were busy making hot dogs and handing out Christmas stockings, photos of the children with Santa are on the clubs web site PHOTOS ALBUM flickr. Photos can be printed off the flickr site. Santa would like to thank all who helped in making it a fun day for the children, it really gives them something to look back on.

I have fond memories of going to the Scots Guards Club in Haymarket Edinburgh for their Christmas Parties.

One year, I remember the entertainment was a singer named Jackie Dennis from Edinburgh doing his Al Jolson impersonation, Jackie went onto stardom and ended up having singles on the music charts, I saw him on television one year on the Max Bygraves Christmas special singing a song wearing a kilt, if you have a kilt there's hope for you yet.

If you remember/or not you can go to YouTube and enter one of the following.

#6 - "SIX-FIVE Special" (1958)

OR

JACKIE DENNIS - 'La Dee Dah' - 78rpm 1958

FOR MORE INFO ON JACKIE LOG ONTO

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jackie_Dennis

So who knows we might have a future star who started her/his career at the Bramalea Glasgow Rangers Supporters Club's Christmas Party.

DOMINOES: The domino league Christmas non contact friendship tournament was another success, the two top players were Rab Cole 25Pt, Alistair McFarlane 24Pt the runner up players were David Shanks and Jim Duncan 22pt each.

Thanks to R,Cole, R.Courton and S.Gilmour for filling in for the regular league players who were unable to attend the tournament.

The players were in the Christmas spirit for the tournament all were decked out in their Santa hats and singing Christmas tunes.

Thanks to John Wilkinson who tabulated the scores .. Will somebody buy him a calculator any thing past the count of ten and John has to take his shoes off.

A group photo of the players can be seen on the clubs web site PHOTO ALBUM.....Flickr site

The domino league has played 8 games so far this year and there have been a lot of close games except the one noted in the last news letter every body has a really, really, really off day.

Sammy Robinson and David McDowall are in first place with Rab Mallen and wee Geordie Millar in a close second place.

The domino league will start again on JAN 2nd at 3.00pm.

From the Domino league we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.....and

KEEP ON CHAPPING.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY: Tickets are now on sale for the New

Years Eve party at the club .. \$40.00 per person ..

Tickets are available from Shug Gilmour.

The doors will be open at 6.30pm and dinner will be served at 7.30pm.

Tony Matthews always puts on a good spread so don't miss out on bringing in the new year in at the club.

Tony has put together the following menu for the party.

DINNER: Steak and Sea Food, drawn butter,

DESSERT: Caramel apple pie and vanilla ice cream.

And to keep you entertained for the evening we have the.

The British Connection.

60 YEARS AND COUNTING: Archie and Marie Hollinsworth and the family would like to announce that

Mr. & Mrs. J. Hollinsworth have just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

To mum and dad Hollinswoth from the club members and friends we wish you the best of health.

Dad is taking mum out for a pie and a pint to celebrate their anniversary.