

# CLYDESDALE BULLETIN

An information bulletin to keep Clydesdale supporters up-to-date with what's going on at Titwood. November 2009

We are continuing to try to improve our communication with members through this regular newsletter, which we hope shortly to just send out electronically to save costs... but we are snail-mailing this newsletter to ensure every member receives details of the hugely important up-and-coming meetings regarding the upgrading of the hockey pitch surface.

## **HOCKEY PITCH MEETINGS: Nov 27/28**

Please take the time to read through the enclosed information. It is vital we get as many people as possible to attend these meetings, so everyone understands what we are trying to achieve and how we propose to get there. The Pitch Replacement Committee is keen to update all our membership with the latest information on the project, and to inject some energy into the fund-raising effort that is needed to ensure we remain at the forefront of amateur sport in Scotland.

## **PRESIDENT'S CUP-WINNERS**

Congratulations to coach **Gordon Shepherd**, captain **Ross McPherson** and the Clydesdale men's hockey 1st XI on winning the President's Cup match against Grange. There are now just a handful of members who recall the ecstasy of winning the Scottish Cup itself at Grangemouth back in 1965, and there was a good crowd that travelled through to Stirling last Saturday to see the boys take a three-goal lead and hang on for a well-deserved 3-2 win. The goal-scorers were the skipper (standing in while **Graham Dunlop** and his wife were waiting for the arrival of their first child), **Ciaran Crawford** and **Raymond Wrightson**. And well done, too, to the Western 2nd XI, the Orange Sox, on defeating Kelburne in the Scottish Cup - their second victory over a first-division club in a matter of weeks! Western also had no fewer than six of their players in the Scotland U21 squad that defeated mighty Germany and drew the three-match series with them last week.

## **ANNUAL CRICKET DINNER**

Our Annual Cricket Dinner, sponsored by Kelvinside Electronics, takes place on the Saturday 5th December, the main speaker being former Scotland Rugby star and current presenter of BBC Radio Scotland's *Sports Weekly* **John Beattie**. Tickets are available from the four cricket captains **Harmanjit**

**Singh, Tim Hart, Gordon Barbour and Steve Taylor**, as well as at the bar, priced £30, with juniors at £20. Please get your tickets well in advance to allow us to plan the catering and, remember, we always welcome any raffle prizes you may wish to donate!

## **KEEP TITWOOD TIDY**

Following the success of our annual Bonfire Night extravaganza (and thanks to **Peter Justice** and his squad of almost-professional firework operators), it is time for us to give the two-year-old carpet in the main lounge and in the entrance its annual professional clean. Now let's ALL make a big effort to keep it and the main lounge clean and tidy, as our standards have been slipping in recent weeks. So, players should go to their changing rooms through the side doors, and kit-bags should not be brought into the lounge but stored (even temporarily) IN the bag-rack downstairs, but NOT on the floor.

## **E-MAIL DATA CAPTURE**

As I have mentioned earlier, we are extremely keen to keep in more regular contact with our members and hope to e-mail out regular newsletters like this to keep everybody up-to-date with current and forthcoming events taking place at the club. To ensure that happens, we must ensure we have EVERYBODY'S up-to-date e-mail addresses. You may think we already have your e-mail address but, to make sure we have all bases covered, please re-submit your current address to our membership secretary at [john\\_henderson@talktalk.net](mailto:john_henderson@talktalk.net). To incentivise you, all entries will be entered into a prize draw to win a year's membership free of charge, worth up to £240! Please note: closing date for entries is Saturday 28th November, so you can even let us know your e-mail address on the nights of the meetings!! The prize-winner will be notified the following week, so why not enter? Do it now!

## **SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Saturday 14 November **Hockey Fund-Raising Race Night** - everyone welcome to a fun-packed evening

Monday 1 December **Cricket Umpires' Wine-and-Cheese Party** (back bar)

Monday 8 December **Cricket Society** meeting with **Mark Wagh** of Nottinghamshire

**Rennie Keith**, *President*