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### Pat Aldous Retirement

Patrick Aldous has announced his retirement from the Board and as Vice President of the Foundation, effective January 5, 2023.

Pat was one of the earliest members of the Canadian Rugby Foundation and also President of the Foundation for two years in the early days. He brought a rigorous accounting approach to the administration of the Foundation and worked closely with Aaron Abrams and later Mathew Ronald Jones to develop appropriate controls and procedures for the fledgling organization. Pat was also instrumental in helping the Canadian Rugby Foundation fund the Canadian National Men's Under 20 team for several years. Later he served as a director for many years and as Vice President. His contributions were always on point, constructive and well-considered. Many thanks for years of service and donations" – *Mike Holmes*



Pat had a long-standing role with Rugby Canada, serving as its Chair and Vice-Chair, playing on the national senior team, helping found the Canada Sevens tournament, and more recently, being presented with the 2020 Chairperson's Award by Rugby Canada. Article [here](#): Video tribute [here](#).

### Executive Committee

- Jerry Marriott was appointed as a new member of the Executive Committee, replacing Sally Dennis.
- Hans de Goede was appointed as Vice President, replacing Pat Aldous
- Jason Thomson was appointed as Treasurer, replacing John Wrafter.

### Board of Directors

Three new members of the Board of Directors were elected at the October 3, 2022 Annual General Meeting:

- Liz Ferguson (Edmonton)
- Phil Otto, Rugby Canada representative (Halifax)
- Spencer Robinson (Toronto)



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### UPDATE ON INVESTMENTS

#### Looking Back

Last year will be remembered for the pivot in inflation that occurred. Money has shifted from being ultra-loose to tight. Inflation returned with a vengeance, influenced by COVID disruptions, pent-up demand, and the war in Ukraine. Interest rates shot up to levels we have not seen in well over a decade. This created challenging conditions for equity and bond markets alike, producing a rare simultaneous selloff for both asset classes, the likes of which we have not seen for over 40 years. In 2022, the S&P/TSX Index declined 5.8% and the S&P 500 and MSCI EAFE indices fell 12.3% and 8.3%, respectively while the FTSE Canada Universe Bond Index fell 11.7%. In the 4th quarter, all three equity markets rose mid-single digits, and bonds were roughly flat. For reference, the Canadian Rugby Foundation consolidated portfolio return was a modest drop of 2.68%.

2022 reflected a more typical economic slowdown, with all areas of the economy being impacted, and our approach of owning solid companies with strong balance sheets and sensible valuations has worked, as we outperformed the down market by a wide margin.

#### Looking Ahead

As we head into 2023, markets will remain firmly focused on inflation. US CPI has now shown two consecutive months of easing. Goods disinflation appears to be happening, led by declines in used car prices. Shelter inflation remains elevated but appears to be plateauing. With that said, there continues to be uncertainty around the time frame of getting inflation under control and labour market dynamics will be key. Hiring is still running at a pace of 260,000 jobs a month in the US and needs to be closer to 100,000 to reflect a more balanced labour market. It is likely we have turned the corner on inflation, but it will probably take some time to get back down to more normal levels. As a result, short-term interest rates will likely remain elevated for a period of time.

Given this backdrop, we feel good about how the portfolio is positioned. A more normal economic environment bodes well for stock pickers like our portfolio managers, as it weeds out the inevitable winners and losers. As distortions caused by the pronounced market intervention that we witnessed over the previous decade continue to work their way out of the system, fundamentals will return as the primary driver of portfolio results. These fundamentals are what our managers' investment process is all about – buying well-run, sensibly priced, profitable companies. – *Jim Kellett, Chair, Investment Committee*



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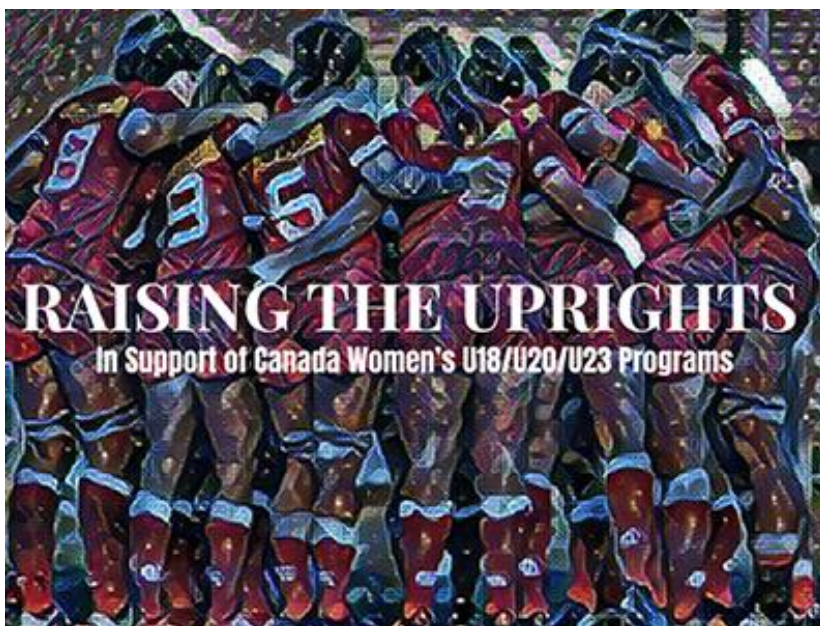
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#### UPCOMING

##### 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Watch for the 2022 Annual Report to be published in March 2023. Prior annual reports are posted [here](#).

##### RAISING THE UPRIGHTS on March 2, 2023



On March 2, 2023, a fundraising event will be held in Vancouver to support the Women's Age-grade programs (U18, U20 and U23).

This will be a MUST-ATTEND evening with National team coaches, players and supporters to raise funds for Canada's Women's U18, U20 and U23 programs.

The goal of this night is to connect the community and continue the momentum created by the achievements of the Women's National Program by offering stories of opportunity, resiliency, drive and desire.

For details and to purchase tickets or to donate towards this cause, go [here](#):

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### NEW FUNDS

Since June 2022 Newsletter, several new Funds have been created.

1. [Liam Geddes Memorial Award Fund \(article here\)](#)
2. [David Robinson Memorial Award Fund \(article here\)](#)
3. [Meraloma RFC Endowment Fund \(article here\)](#)
4. Aurora Barbarians RFC Development Fund (article pending)
5. [Women's Rugby Accelerated Pathway \(WRAP\) Fund \(article pending\)](#)

In addition, new Donation pages for each Fund have been written, which Fund supporters/donors can be directed to, to ease making donations. The list of all 69 Foundation Funds is [here](#):

### BYLAW CHANGES

- Definition of Member revised to include a representative from each Fund with assets over \$100,000
- Number of Board members reduced from 18 to 15
- Directors can now serve for a maximum of three 3-year terms, other than Rugby Canada directors whose term ends concurrently with the end of their term on the Rugby Canada board.
- Nominations for election to the board will be made to achieve diversity, including gender, age, race, ethnicity, geographical location and socio-economic status.
- Status – approved by the Board and Members and now pending filing with the CRA and Corporations Canada.

### UPDATES OF MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT (MOAs) FOR ALL FUNDS

Updating of all of the Foundation's Funds' MOAs is still underway. Fund representatives can expect a request in the new year to review, revise and approve their Fund's MOA in the Foundation's now standard format and language if they hadn't already updated their MOA in 2022.





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### MONTY HEALD SENIOR WOMEN'S FUND

What a year it has been. Our Senior Women's National program had an amazing 2022 and the team's cohesiveness and desire were on full display during the Rugby World Cup in New Zealand. While disappointed in a fourth-place finish, they were the talk of the tournament for their grit and tenacity throughout.

As the sole amateur team among the world's top four teams, Canada's Women had great success in part due to the funding provided by the Monty Heald Fund which enabled added training days and supported team soft centralization. (Approximately \$100,000.)

Rugby Canada did also supply more funding this year than ever before, but with only so much capacity to draw from, this fund must continue to raise money to ensure a robust program for our women. - *Stephanie White*

### **DONATE TO THE MONTY HEALD FUND [HERE](#).**



### **Results 2022**

#### **Pac 4 tournament**

- June 5 Canada 36 USA 5
- June 11 Canada 0 New Zealand 28
- June 17 Canada 22 Australia 10
- July 24 Canada 34 Italy 24
- Aug 27 Canada 31 Wales 3
- Sept 24 Canada 24 Fiji 7

#### **World Cup**

- Oct 9 Canada 41 Japan 5
- Oct 16 Canada 22 Italy 12
- Oct 23 Canada 29 USA 14
- Oct 30 Canada 32 USA 11
- Nov 5 Canada 19 England 26
- Nov 11 Canada 0 France 36

### **World Rugby web page for Canada**



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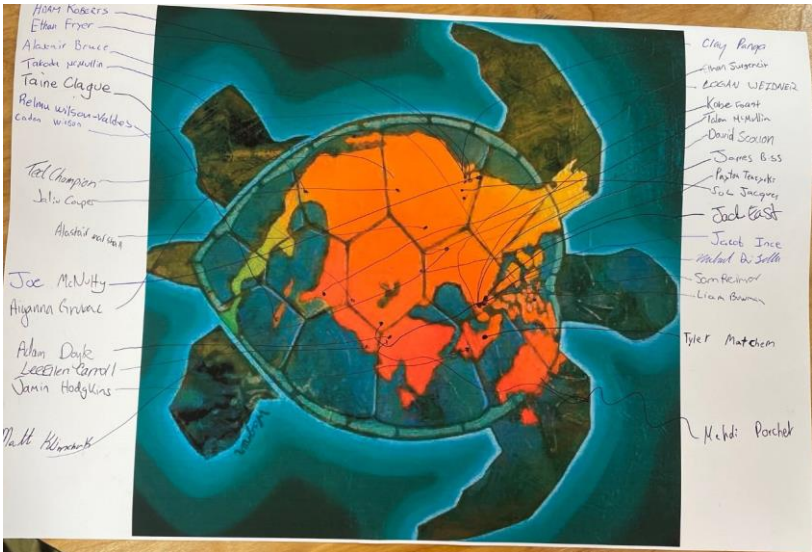
#### U20 FUND

##### **2022 Overview:**

Absolutely amazing to reconnect with the players in person. Fresh off of our resounding victory in Portugal (February 2020), the Canadian U20 Program was poised to take aim at the 2020 World Trophy Title. We had built a culture, in the years leading up to that point, of a team-first pursuit of excellence. We had professionalised the program with the generosity and commitment of the Canadian Rugby Foundation and the goodwill of the staff. We had a tour planned for early January 2022 but with the outbreak of Omicron we had to cancel the trip and yet again lose momentum.

We decided to put on a camp at Shawnigan Lake at the end of June to build into the summer series and try and get two local games for the team. As plans were being made the price of air travel throughout Canada skyrocketed. We again diverted plans in the name of money to an East and West Camp. It was not ideal but we made it work. The Camps themselves were a positive experience, We played the BC U19 team for the West and the Arrows Academy for the East. The Camps positive energy was nothing short of exceptional. From the moment we hit the ground running the boys were buzzing. The camps allowed us to select 28 Players for the Test Series in August.

The Test Series was held in Guelph, Ontario, and played host to Zimbabwe, Chile, and Uruguay. World Rugby was the host for all countries and paid for the flights, food, transportation and accommodation. With that being said we had to come in on August 9th and prepare for the first game on the 13th vs Zimbabwe. We really focused on the connection piece and brought in elders from the First Nations communities to welcome us to the traditional lands. It was extremely powerful and really helped shape our identity. We were able to reflect and continue to build our team culture around connecting to the land and each other through their wisdom. (See Turtle Island Picture below)





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### U20 FUND



The Canada U20 Men's program is very grateful for the continued support from the Canadian Rugby Foundation. Without their unwavering support of the program, we would not be able to be in the position that we are in. Further to that I believe strongly and want to ensure that the people involved in the program are recognized for their efforts, this program is strong because of the staff within it. The staff is the foundational piece of the program, and we are all here out of a pure passion for the game and the development of the next generation of rugby players within our country. I feel extremely lucky to be a part of such a group that can put the program first ahead of its own needs. As we continue to grow and evolve as an Under 20 Men's program, I hope we never lose sight of why we are doing this.

In 2022 the Canada men's U20 team participated in a World Rugby-sponsored tournament at U of Guelph in Ontario, involving Uruguay, Zimbabwe and Chile. This tournament was initiated and managed by Canada.

Canada won one game and lost 2, despite having good players. However, they were inexperienced in international rugby and only had East and West camps as preparation.

This year (2023) there will 9 players returning from last year, the World Trophy will restart post -Covid in Kenya, and preparations are advanced with the Canadian players. A long list has been created, 46 players have been invited to a 4-day selection camp in February on Vancouver Island, a 2-game tour to Scotland or Uruguay is being planned in early May, with a preparation camp for a week in late May prior to the Trophy qualifiers. The games v the USA will be in the USA on June 3 and 7. If Canada qualifies for the World Trophy it will be in Kenya for the last 3 weeks of July.

The costs for this campaign will amount to about \$220,000 which will be borne by Rugby Canada, CRF, and the players in roughly equal proportions. This preparation would have been impossible to undertake without the donations made to the CRF legacy fund by multiple donors to support the 20th program. – Pat Parfrey





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#### U20 FUND

##### Background to U20 Fund

**A. Objective :** to raise \$4 million by the end of 2020 to enhance competition for both men and women under-age teams as preparation for and identification of players for future RWCs and Olympics.

The teams of interest will be Canada Men's U18, U20, the Pacific Pride, and Canada Women's U20.

**B. Method:** to raise capital from individuals /companies as donations to Canadian Rugby Foundation, so that the interest from this capital can sustain Canada's under-age programs.

ALL the money will be targeted at the program of interest to the donor. Each \$1 million raised should provide \$40,000 per year to supplement other monies that will spent by Rugby Canada through its operating budget.



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#### U20 FUND

##### Key Donors

##### MEN'S U20 /U18



##### **Platinum (\$250,000 payable in instalments of \$25,000+ / year)**

1. Andrew Purdey
2. Mike Holmes
3. Pat Parfrey
4. Rick Bourne
5. Randy Heward
6. Shawnigan Lake School

##### **Gold (\$100,000 payable instalments of \$10,000+ per year)**

1. Grenville Thomas
2. Pemberton Holmes
3. ONNI Group
4. Les Voyageurs (50 % to men)
5. Tim Powers
6. Canadian Rugby Foundation Captain's Fund

##### **Silver (\$25,000 payable instalments of \$5,000/ year or greater )**

1. Brendan Parfrey
2. Sally Dennis
3. Jay Johnson
4. Mark McCarthy
5. Mark Wyatt
6. Toronto Arrows and Bill Webb,
7. Ian McMillan
8. Michael O'Connor
9. Bobby Ross
10. Pat Aldous

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### U20 FUND

#### Key Donors



#### MEN'S U18/U20

##### Other donors

1. Luke Kratz
2. Michael Bull

#### WOMEN'S U20

##### Platinum:

1. Shawnigan Lake School.

##### Gold

1. Duncan McNaughton
2. Les Voyageurs, 50% to women

##### Silver

1. Hans De Goede /Stephanie White
2. Rick Bourne.

Note: U20 Women's allocation and the Women's Rugby Accelerated Pathway (WRAP) Fund to be integrated in future.



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### PACIFIC PRIDE LEGACY FUND



Rugby Canada's Pacific Pride Academy program is gearing up for the 2022-23 season after its squad and schedule for the new campaign were confirmed.

Led by former international scrum half, Phil Mack, the Pacific Pride Academy is a national high-performance men's program aimed at preparing young, emerging Canadian players for professional rugby at the highest level. The program trains in a centralized environment, with players surrounded by like-minded, driven and dedicated rugby players who hope to develop their future careers in the sport.

"All of the players are really looking forward to the new season," commented Mack. "We have assembled a very strong roster which we believe can have a very successful campaign, starting against UBC this weekend. We have recruited heavily from the U19s Canadian Rugby Championships this year and have players representing almost every province. All of the players should be very proud of the selection for the Academy, but they will also be aware that the hard work starts now as the real action gets underway."

Given the Pacific Pride Academy falls within the Rugby Canada High-Performance umbrella, all players have the opportunity to be recognized by the national team program and coaching staff and, in turn, the chance at being selected for the Senior Men's 15s and 7s teams.

Recent examples of Pacific Pride players who have featured for Rugby Canada's Senior national programs in 2022 alone include D'Shawn Bowen, Thomas Isherwood, Quinn Ngawati, Brennig Prevost, David Richard, Tyler Rowland, Alex Russell, Anton Ngongo, Josh Thiel, Brock Webster, Matthew Oworu, Ciaran Breen and Jarvis Dashkewytch.



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#### **2023 Schedule**

Saturday, February 4, 2023 - League Round 5  
Pacific Pride vs. UBC – at Starlight Stadium

Saturday, February 11, 2023 - League Round 6  
Pacific Pride @ Castaway Wanderers

Saturday, February 25, 2023 - League Round 7  
Pacific Pride vs. James Bay Athletic Association – at Cowichan RFC

Saturday, March 11, 2023 - League Round 8  
Pacific Pride @ Westshore RFC

Saturday, March 18, 2023 - League Round 9  
Pacific Pride @ UBCOB Ravens

Saturday, March 25, 2023 - League Round 10  
Pacific Pride vs. Vancouver Rowing Club – at Abbotsford RFC

Saturday, April 1, 2023 - League Round 11  
Pacific Pride vs. University of Victoria – at Nanaimo RFC

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#### THUNDER INDIGENOUS RUGBY FUND

The planned 2022 trip to New Zealand was cancelled due to that country's COVID-19 restrictions, so Thunder Rugby pivoted and took 4 teams to the L.A. 7s Tournament by way of Washington, Oregon and California.



#### Hych'ka Siem for all your support!

*We took 40 kids, 11 coaches and managers, one brother Rick, two buses, 6 cars parent caravan, 4 teams, 36 + games, to two invitational rugby tourneys, one international tourney, 5000 km, three states and one province in 14 days in an adventurous trip of a lifetime!*



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### BAYSIDE SHARKS RFC FUND

The Bayside Sharks Rugby Football Club has been working towards building a new Clubhouse for over 30 years, and with the help of The Rugby Canada Foundation and many gracious donors, we are closer than ever to opening the doors to our new Home. In partnership with the City of Surrey, the Bayside Sharks RFC and their supporters have completed the Base Build of the project. Field side changerooms and bathrooms, finished with bench seating, showers, and toilets, have been completed and are open for use. Running out of the changerooms and on to the field on game day has been an amazing feeling for all players, from Juniors through Old Boys.



The deck, which overlooks the field, has been fitted with glass railing to allow for unimpeded, elevated views of the fields. Some of the panels have been embossed with a Bayside Sharks Decal embossed for good measure



The process of building this facility has reminded us of the most important thing about rugby. The most important aspect of the sport is the community that comes with it. People from across the world have supported us financially in the building of this project, which will act as a home for our Rugby Family for years to come. We look forward to opening our doors to the great community of South Surrey and White Rock and displaying the culture of inclusivity that Rugby promotes. The Bayside Sharks RFC are incredibly thankful to the many friends and families that donated to our cause, and we thank the Rugby Canada Foundation for making that possible. More funds are needed, so please donate if you can!





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### BAYSIDE SHARKS RFC FUND

Inside the Clubhouse, there is yet work to be done. Once the building is officially handed over from the City of Surrey, we can complete our tenant improvements. To be completed are the bathrooms, bar, kitchen, and office.

Volunteers have also been combing through 35 years of memorabilia, including plaques from touring sides, autographed jerseys of Sharks who went on to play for Canada, and countless photos of current and past players and club members.



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### ANCIENT NOR'WESTERS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (ANAA) FUND



#### **Good Riddance to yet another COVID Year!**

2022 brought \$4,022 in new donations to our Endowment Fund, which now holds ~\$119,500 (net of fees). The disbursement to the NWAA in 2022 was \$5,186 (including a special one-time payment of \$1,000 to our junior's program). Cumulative distributions to the club for facility development, youth scholarships and operations now is just shy of \$50,000.

**Dave (Dutch) Holland Scholarships:** The Club was pleased to award \$500 scholarships to Tai Poon and Cassie Mann. Both are student-athletes with the NWAA and are attending the University of Alberta. Cassie also is the rookie of the year in our women's program and Tai played his first senior-level games this year.

This year, **Endowment Fund donations** were received from Michael Bull, Rob Kotyshyn, Tony Kovacic, Bruce McGillivray, Rick Melia, Don Paradis and Michael Tay (parent of one of our junior players). Our Company of 100 remains at 89 members. It would be great to hit 100 members by our 50th anniversary in 2024. So, if you know someone who should be participating, encourage them to join in this important project. For existing members, consider adding to your previous, generous support to take us beyond our \$120,000 goal.



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#### LOYALISTS LEGENDS LEGACY FUND



Founded in 1961 the Loyalists (now Fredericton Loyalists RFC) were a founding member of the New Brunswick Rugby Union. The club currently has teams playing in the NBRU Men's (A,B,C), Women's A, and U 14/16/18 Programs. The club also runs an annual Mini-Rugby program in the fall, Youth Flag Rugby in the spring and are involved in the coaching of all middle schools and high schools in the Fredericton/Oromocto region.

A new Foundation Fund – the Loyalists Legends Legacy Fund – was established in 2022.

## Happy 60th-ish

The Club's **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** was to have been celebrated in 2021 but was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was subsequently rescheduled to July 28 – August 1, 2022.



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#### AURORA BARBARIANS FUND

# Happy 70th



The Aurora Barbarians RFC (Barbs) celebrated their 70th anniversary this past summer. The Club began as two separate rugby clubs: The Toronto Barbarians and the Aurora Rugby Club. The club officially became the Aurora Barbarians in 2002 when the two clubs successful merged.

The Aurora Rugby Club was constituted in 1998, developing from the original Aurora Yorks which were formed in 1961 by John .T. P. Brown, a member of the Ontario Rugby Hall of Fame and a past president of the Ontario Rugby Union.

In 1949 rugby was resurrected in post-war Ontario by a group of British expatriates who banded together to form the Wanderers RFC. The following year, the group launched an intensive recruiting drive for players and drawing together a total of 80 would-be participants, set up three additional teams based in Toronto including the Barbarians

The club lead the development of junior rugby in the 70s and purchased a share of Fletcher's Fields during this time. The club were at the forefront of the re-development of Fletcher's Fields in the early 90's, which lead to the construction of a stadium which brought International rugby matches to the GTA.

On the pitch, the club fielded a number of strong championship Senior Men's and Youth teams in the 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's. After the merger in 2002, the Aurora Barbarians enjoyed a string of success at the Senior Men's level. The club captured five straight league championships, three McCormick Club Championships and made at total of seven McCormick Cup appearances from 2006-2013.

The Senior Women were a similar dominant group with three OWL championships from 2012 to 2016. The club has also seen success from their U-18 Boys and Girls program having won numerous Provincial Championships

The Barbs have a strong Old Boy's network of "Black Sheep" supporters. There were notable tours in the 60's and 70's to USA and Caribbean destinations; in the 80's to Vancouver, California and Chicago; in the 90's and 2000's to Las Vegas and NY. These Black Sheep have been instrumental in setting up a new Aurora Barbarians Development Fund (article pending) in late 2022.

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### SAINT JOHN TROJANS RFC FUND

Through their Foundation Endowment Fund, the Saint John Trojans have been able to fund the construction of a new clubhouse and community centre, which is now completing its final fundraising.



Supplementing the over \$100,000 in the Fund, the Federal government announced a \$275K investment through the Canada Community Revitalization that will allow the Trojans to construct the new community centre next to the rugby field and Hazen White-St. Francis School. The Trojans also received \$175K through the Regional Development Corporation of New Brunswick and \$50K through the City of Saint John.



“It’s going to have changing facilities, but also we will have a community hall that can sit around 100 people, also we’ll have a kitchen, and a lounge/recreational area” said Dave MacGowan, treasurer of the Saint John Trojans. Ground-breaking was in December 2022, and the building is expected to be completed in Summer 2023 in time for the club’s 100<sup>th</sup>-anniversary reunion on November 3rd, 4th and 5th 2023 in Saint John, New Brunswick.





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#### UNIVERSITY RUGBY SUPPORTERS FUND

##### **Canadian University Men's Rugby Championship (CUMRC)**

A recap of the 2022 Tournament brought to you by Raymond James and Lougheed Wealth Management and hosted by UBC with financial support from the Foundation's University Rugby Supporters Fund is posted [here](#),

The 2023 CUMRC will be hosted by Trinity Western University in Langley, BC on November 15-19.

#### 2023 CANADIAN UNIVERSITY MEN'S RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP

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##### **University Coaches Initiative**

We have a firm belief in the importance of university rugby in the development pathway for our national teams. This is already borne out with the success of the Women's 15s team, and our goal is to improve the calibre and depth of the men's university rugby talent pool. A key element of that is the ongoing development of our University Men's Rugby Coaches.

A virtual coaches clinic was held in Spring 2022 for Canadian university coaches, and was followed by a Summer tour of BC by Crusaders coach Shane Fletcher.

In May 2023, 10 university coaches from Canada (2 from BC organized by the BCRU and funded by the Foundation's Gerald McGavin Coaching Award Fund, and 8 from Canadian universities east of BC will attend a one-week camp at the Crusader facilities in Christchurch, NZ. The costs of the camp fees, room and board and travel are being subsidized by the Foundation's University Rugby Supporters Fund and Dave Lougheed's "For the Love of the Game" charity.



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### FOUNDATION'S UNRESTRICTED FUND

#### **Newfoundland U18/U19 Tour of Wales**

As part of the Foundation's 2021-2022 Grassroots Rugby Assistance program, Rugby Newfoundland and the Swilers RFC received a grant that allowed a select U18/U19 team to tour Wales.

The tour was a big success in gaining Newfoundland players valuable competition and many were exposed to the rugby culture in the UK for the first time and it has made a positive impact on them.

The team travelled with 36 players and 5 coaches and had games in the Dragons region of Wales. The game results were:

- Croesyceiliog RFC lost 32-17
- Bargoed RFC drew 19-19
- Whiteheads RFC lost 34-19
- Lantwit Major RFC won 19-10
- Blackwood RFC lost 32-29.

As well as games, we practiced daily, did full video sessions of games, and watched the Dragons vs. Cardiff URC game.

#### **Additional Grants**

Additional Grants were made to The BC Grassroots Rugby Foundation, and Thunder Rugby as part of ten-year commitments made by the Foundation in 2021.





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### **George Jones Awards** (article pending)

- Matthew Amyotte
- Amy Bolenback
- Isabelle Grise
- Delaina Anderson
- Autumn Lagacy
- Justin Kentel
- Victoria Robart
- Sarah Palmer

### **Thomas Family Awards** (article pending)

- Brady Howlett
- Sullivan Curran
- Regan Casey
- Taylor McKnight

### **Courtney Taaffe Award** [\(article here\)](#)

- Samantha Rebitt

### **John Cannon Awards** [\(article here\)](#)

- Jackie Kuang
- Kaitlyn Meier

### **Lt. Colonel W.D.C. Holmes Awards** [\(article here\)](#)

#### **Women's**

- Annabelle Parent, University of Laval
- Ngozi Mosindi, U of Ottawa
- Rory Wood, University of British Columbia
- Soleil Brooks, University of Victoria
- Amelia Stapley, Queen's University
- Brianna Martey, University of Guelph
- Brinten Comeau, University of Prince Edward Island
- Kenzie Cecchetto, Acadia University

#### **Men's**

- Peter Wright, University of Calgary
- Collin Smibert, University of Guelph
- Owen Cumming, McGill University
- Jonas Robinson, University of Victoria
- Dylan Di Girolamo, Wilfrid Laurier University
- Lucas Shortall, Memorial University
- Erik Nieburh, Trinity Western University
- James Bliss, University of British Columbia

### **Liam Geddes Memorial Award** [\(article here\)](#)

- Velmu Wilson-Valdes, UBC





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### JUDY SEDDON MEMORIAL AWARD FUND

The Judy Seddon Memorial Award is a scholarship in honour of Judy Seddon's vast contributions to rugby in Alberta for over 35 years. The winner of the first award was announced via social media on September 29, 2022 on what would have been Judy's 66th birthday. This scholarship is awarded annually to a young woman who is involved in rugby in Alberta as an athlete, referee, coach or volunteer, selected on the basis of community service and academics, who is or will be enrolled in a post-secondary institution.

Hannah Martin is a student at the University of Alberta entering her fourth and final year of a Bachelor of Science in Human Ecology with a Family Science major. Over the past six years she has dedicated her time to developing women's rugby in Alberta by volunteer coaching several girls' rugby teams. She is a mentor and role model who represents what Judy stood for in rugby.

We would like to thank all the applicants and their references for taking the time to apply, and encourage anyone who wishes to apply (or re-apply) in 2023 to mark May 1st in their calendar when applications for the 2023 award open.

### Judy Seddon Memorial Award



### Announces Hannah Martin as the 2022 Winner



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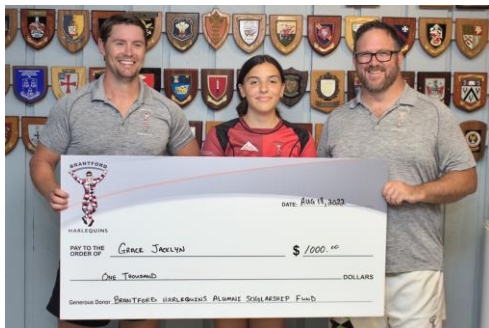
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#### BRANTFORD HARLEQUINS RFC FUND

#### Harlequins Hand Out Inaugural Scholarships

(Brantford Expositor, August 22, 2022)

The Brantford Harlequins have awarded Grace Jacklyn and Zachary Roswell with inaugural alumni scholarships.



Grace Jacklyn



Zach Roswell

The scholarship is intended to financially assist two Brantford Harlequins players (one female, one male) in their post-secondary studies. Each winner receives \$1,000, which is funded by Harlequins alumni and supporters.

Applicants submitted letters highlighting their involvement with rugby, community volunteering and academics. Winners must be enrolled full-time in a post-secondary institution and must be in their first year of studies.

**Jacklyn**, a Brantford Collegiate Institute graduate, has been a member at the club since the age of 11. She has also volunteered at the club, coaching within the mini rugby program, and in the community. A member of Team Ontario's bronze-medal winning sevens team at the 2022 Canada Summer Games in Niagara, Jacklyn will attend the University of Guelph, where she'll major in biomedical science.

**Roswell** is a member of the under-18 Harlequins team and has played for the men's second team several times this summer. The BCI honour roll student plays both sevens and 15s and helps at the club whenever he's needed. Roswell will attend Wilfrid Laurier University, studying political science and law.

Scholarship details [here](#).

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