



Queen City Old Boys – April 2019

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AGM 2019

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Saturday, January 5th to discuss the future of the club. Team goals for the next few seasons were discussed by President Overbeck along with how to build a D4 side to get more playing time for new players. Club elections were held and the following individuals were elected for the board:

- President – **Rob Overbeck**
- Vice President – **Lee Burton**
- Secretary – **Trent Ledbetter**
- Treasurer – **John Lengyel**
- Field Chair – **Scott Eisenhower**
- Field Co-Chair – **Austin Stonecash**
- Social Media Chair – **Johnny “Seal” Haynes**
- Social Chair – **Chris Pennington**
- Team Captain – **Jason Tinch**
- Team Co-Captain – **Chris Pennington**



The club would like to thank **Kim Patton** and Elevar for letting us use their space to host the AGM. All club meeting minutes to the AGM, along with all other legal documents, can be found online at www.qcrugby.com under The Club > Meeting Minutes.

Spring 2019 Schedule

Since the Fall season, Queen City has won 8 of their last 9 fixtures (more information on that in the next few pages). We appreciate all the fan support in these last few months and plan on continuing this winning streak into the Spring. Here is the remaining Queen City Rugby Spring 2019 schedule with **home matches in green**:

- 4/6: at Ohio University Bobcats (Athens, OH)
- 4/13: at Castaways Tournament (Columbus, OH)
- 4/27: at White River RFC (Indianapolis, IN)
- 5/4: Fort Wayne RFC (IN)**
- 5/11: South Pittsburgh Hooligans (PA)**
- 5/18: Westside Outcasts (IN)**
- 6/7-9: 45th Anniversary Old Boys Weekend**

Thank You Keg Sponsors!

We wanted to thank the Old Boys for once again stepping up to the plate with their generosity in sponsoring Kegs this Spring Season:

- 3/30: Columbus Rhinos: **Mike Czirr**
- 5/4: Fort Wayne RFC: **Wayne Waligorski**
- 5/11: South Pittsburgh Hooligans: **Randy Reedy**
- 5/18: Westside Outcasts: **Jim DeLapp**
- 6/8: Old Boys Match: **Matt Rush & Dan Bartley**

The club is truly grateful for all of the support we receive from the Old Boys every year to sponsor kegs for our home matches. This is a tradition we hope to continue. If you are interested in sponsoring beer at a social, please reach out to Lee Burton.

Ever thought of selling your home? The market is hot and a seller's market! Ever thought of purchasing a home? It can be difficult in this crazy market and I would love to help you on this adventure and assist you on the biggest investment purchase of your lifetime! Give me a call and we can get started on this journey (513) 502-2653 or email me at skurzahls@comey.com and I would love to set up a meeting and discuss how I can help you with any and all of your real estate needs!

Steve Kurzahls
Comey & Shepherd Realtors



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Winter Banquet

The Winter Banquet was held on February 2nd to celebrate the accolades of the Fall 2018 season. Old boys, current players, and the better halves were all in attendance at the **Butcher & Barrel** in downtown Cincinnati. The major awards were given for:

Try of the Season: **PJ Meyer** for one of his 12 tries in just 3 matches.



Hit of the Year: **Kevin Mason** for tackling and running over the competition like a Mack truck.



Rookie of the Year: **Trent “Tasta” Ledbetter** for his grit in breaking his finger during a match and continuing to play.



We would like to thank **Butcher & Barrel** for hosting us, all of our players, supporters, and sponsors!

CALLING ALL OLD BOYS!!

As we are revamping Queen City's website we are looking to add a testimonial section showcasing why this club is the best in the tri-state and quite possibly the world. We're looking for Old Boys to share their Queen City stories, how you came to know the club, and any other highlights as to what this club means to you. Please keep the stories somewhat appropriate so as not to incriminate anyone else. Also, feel free to send a photo or cave drawing from your playing days. We would also like to gather stories to add to a book for the 50th Anniversary in 5 years. Please email your stories to rfcqueencity@gmail.com.

Cheers!
Trent “Tasta” Ledbetter



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NEW PLAYER PROFILES



Mike Menke

Mike played Winger for only two scrimmages in college but was turned onto Queen City when he saw the team competing in Danger Wheel over this past Summer. He is a freelance photographer for Cincinnati Refined and was covering the Danger Wheel event when he found out about the club. After seeing **Justin Meineke** launch down the course, he thought, "I'm just as crazy and stupid as these guys, I should go play for them." He came out for Queen City in the Fall of 2018 and has been playing for us ever since. After multiple bumps and bruises this season, he's glad he did and we are too.

When Mike isn't freelancing you can find him hanging out with the team in OTR or at the Blind Pig.



Miguel Ortiz Rejon

Miguel is studying in a foreign exchange program at NKU with his home university, Universidad de León. He's in his senior year studying aerospace engineering. He started playing rugby 3 and a half years ago while in Madrid because he met a student from his home town of Valladolid that had been playing rugby. When he moved to Leon he was looking for a club and started playing for his university. His second year on the team they were fourth in Spain which is the best record in the history of the university.

When he came to USA, he tried looking for a rugby team to continue playing so he started to play soccer for NKU. The second goalkeeper of the team wanted to play rugby so he started coming out to Queen City and we're glad he did! If you know anyone willing to offer a co-op or internship to keep him playing for the club, let us know before he ships back home in May!



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SAVE THE DATE!!

45th Anniversary Celebration – June 8th

The committee of Old Boys have spoken and plans are in place for the 45th Anniversary Celebration the weekend of June 8th. The plans are as follows:

Friday, June 7th: 2:30pm Golf at Reeves (4757 Playfield Ln) at a cost of \$25/person. Cookout at Willy Landrigan's house that night after golf. Free to all QCRFC members and guests.

Saturday, June 8th: Old Boys match at Woodlawn (31 Riddle Rd) at 1:30pm with refreshments on the pitch. Banquet will be at Wiedemann's Brewery (4811 Vine St) starting at 6:00pm. Dinner will be served at 7:30pm with a short program starting at 8:30pm. Cost is \$45/person and includes dinner (prime rib, chicken, side and salad) and 4 drink tickets.

We are also organizing t-shirts at \$20/shirt along with a few other souvenirs for this memorable weekend. Payments need to be made by May 24th so please respond via email at joinqueencity@gmail.com or jlengyel12@gmail.com. Payments can be made via Venmo, Paypal, check, or cash.

All are welcome to come to all of these events, or pick and choose which event to join. Regardless, we hope to see as many Old Boys as possible this weekend!

Cupid Undie Run

A small group of Queen City's own partook in the annual Cupid Undie Run to benefit Neurofibromatosis on the fairly chilly day of February 9th. Luckily all of the boys had adequate natural layers keeping them warm, minus a nearly-froze-to-death **Kyle Connolly**. Although old boys **Fred Lawrence** and **Rob Overbeck** cut the half mile course in half by what some would term "cheating", none of the Queen City faithful finished in the top 10. Luckily the second place team left their trophy at the bar, and Queen City can now brag having captured physical proof of being in the top 2!



Rob Overbeck stealing the 2nd place trophy.

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Kyle Connolly post-run.



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Savannah St. Patrick's Day Tournament

The frogs traveled 10 hours south to Savannah, GA the weekend of March 9th to play in the St. Patrick's Day Rugby tournament hosted by the Savannah Shamrocks.

The first match was a hard-hitting feat against the D3 Springfield Rifles out of Springfield, Massachusetts. Notable tries by **Austin Fields**, **Trent Macke**, and **Nick Schroeder** (2). **Kevin Mason** scored his first ever try for Queen City in the second half of the match by running over 3 forwards on the opposing team. Queen City secured a 38-12 victory over the team from New England to start the weekend.

The second match of the tournament was against a very talented D2 team from South Buffalo, New York. South Buffalo was quick to get to the rucks and maintain possession of the ball the whole match. Queen City kept from getting shut out as **Trent Macke** scored the only try for the club in a blistering 32-7 loss in the Savannah heat.

Due to point differentials in the Men's social division pools, the 1-1 record on Saturday left Queen City in the consolation bracket on Sunday morning.

In a miraculous turn of events on Sunday morning, all 20+ players showed up to the pitch on time for a prompt 10am kickoff in Savannah. Queen City kicked off to a motley crew of Georgia rugby players under the banner of "The Other Guys" in the consolation round. Queen City was able to maintain a try ahead of The Other Guys until the end of the match when both teams were exhausted and Queen City was barely leading 30-29. In a nail-biting finish, Queen City stole possession from The Other Guys and **Trent Macke** put the nail in the coffin to secure a 37-29 victory. Queen City finished the weekend in 4th place of the tournament.



The team channeling their inner yoga skills from **Jim DeLapp** and **Scott "Pokey" Morgan** before their second match.

Group Photo in Savannah, GA:



Top Row: James Canfield, Robert Grogan, Jason Tinch, Nick "Shredder" Schroeder, Justin "Girth" Meineke, Spencer Denison, Kevin Mason, Robert Overbeck, Austin Fields, Trent "Tasta" Ledbetter, John Lengyel, Scott "Ike" Eisenhower, Austin Stonecash, Josh DeHart, John Klosinski

Bottom Row: Trent Owens, Josh Crowthers, Ryan Krallman, Chris Pennington, Miguel Ortiz Rejon, Ty Morris, Kyle Connolly, and Trent Macke.





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Findlay, Ohio

Queen City traveled 160 miles north to the corn fields of Findlay, Ohio on Saturday, March 23rd to play the Scars. The frogs were at home in this muddy swamp as **Justin Meineke** scored both team tries and **Steve Kurzahls** converted both tries from the corner as well as a penalty kick. Queen City walked away victorious in a muddy and slow 17-7 match.



Steve Kurzahls evades two defenders.



Jason Tinch breaks a tackle to open field.



Lenny French shows love to the camera.

Columbus Rhinos (Indiana)

The Columbus, Indiana Rhinos showed up in Cincinnati with 6 players on a very rainy Saturday on March 30th. Queen City had a great turnout as more than 30 players showed up to play in what became an inter-squad scrimmage. Players from Queen City suited up for Columbus and everyone played hard in the mud. We are thankful for the unbelievable number of Old Boys and fans that stuck it out in the rain for Queen City's Spring home opener.



Chris Pennington switches to **John Lengyel** as a part of Columbus Indiana's back line.



Rain poured down all afternoon on the pitch.

Have a story or update you'd like to share? Please let us know! Email us at joinqueencity@gmail.com or jlengyel12@gmail.com! Cheers!