



Queen City Old Boys – August 2017

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Fall 2017 Schedule

The Fall 2017 League schedule has arrived!!

- 9/2: at Ohio University Bobcats
- 9/9: at Dayton Area Rugby Club
- 9/16: Cincinnati Wolfhounds
- 9/23: Bye (**Chris Schmoyer** is getting hitched!)
- 9/30: at Louisville RFC
- 10/7: Lexington Blackstones
- 10/14: Columbus Castaways
- 10/21: at Cincinnati Kelts

Summer Banquet

The Summer Banquet was held at the Overbeck residence this summer with long-time QCRFC friend, **Tim West**, making a special guest appearance in Cincinnati the same weekend. Since the Spring season saw most of the team Veterans take a leave of absence, this allowed for many of the younger players to show their talents. **Ryan Krallman** unanimously took the Most Valuable Player and Try of the Season for the Spring. **Jason Tinch** was awarded the Hit of the Season along with a few other humorous awards.

Letter from President Overbeck

I am extremely excited about the upcoming season. Last season obviously didn't go as planned, but I am proud of our team for remaining optimistic and keeping the camaraderie and team spirit that QCRFC is known for. We had a successful recruiting event in June that makes this fall look promising. Also, several experienced players are coming back this season to play again. This should provide for a really good veteran and rookie mix. We are going to focus on new player development this season and make more of an effort to mentor new players. I encourage current seasoned vets to volunteer their time to help build our team.

Alan Webb is stepping back from some of the many duties he has created and taken on. This newsletter has been an extremely informative and entertaining project. I hope the younger players can keep up the high standard Alan has set for this newsletter. Thank you, Alan!

Cheers!
President Overbeck



Back Row: Kevin Kehl, Mark Harlow, Jason Tinch, Scott Eisenhower, Rob Overbeck, Justin Mieneke, Robbie Overbeck, Ryan Krallman, Ronnie DeMaris, Tim West, Robert Grogan

Front Row: Joey Roetting, Liz Bley, Sarah Kaufman, John Lengyel, Amy Nicolai, Chris Schmoyer, Mike Nicolai, Sean Kehl, Kelley Davis, Nick Brandt, Sherry Ohlenkamp, Lenny French, Scott Wesson, Jody Bonar, Jason Brandt, Chris Pennington, Chris Montgomery, Jordan Montgomery, Scott Sherlock, RJ Groh, John Klosinski, Brian Brandt



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Ft. Wayne

Queen City made the annual trip up to Ft. Wayne the weekend of July 15th with the Kelts to form the Cincinnati United National Touring Side (C.U.N.T.S.). The team lost their first early morning match to **Nick Schroeder's** Sock Goblins, 55-10. The team came fighting back against Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) to beat them 34-17. Immediately after the IUPUI match, the team took revenge against the Sock Goblins by beating them 29-10. This put the team into the consolation finals against the Assassins (Toledo Celtics Rugby Club). They lost a close, hard fought match for 3rd place against the Assassins, 7-17. Overall the team had 2 wins and 2 losses for the day and took home the 4th place trophy this year! Queen City tries scored by **Robert Grogan, Chris Pennington, Joe Macke, Scott Sherlock** and **John Lengyel**.



Chris Pennington on a breakaway against the Sock Goblins



Scotty Sherlock makes a tackle against the Assassins



Joe Macke tackling the Sock Goblin's Winger



Trenton Macke playing Scrum Half



Joe Macke makes a breakaway against the Assassins



Scotty Sherlock makes a breakaway against IUPUI



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Coach's Corner

While the won/loss column in the spring would indicate otherwise, there were some positives from the season. The most obvious was the furious 35 point comeback in Cleveland which was indicative of the fact that the team never quit in any game no matter what the score. A lesser team could easily have quit amidst such a losing streak, but this team never did. This was the result of hard work in practice which is another hallmark of the current roster.

As noted elsewhere, the league season has changed to be solely in the fall which is a much better arrangement. **Jason Tinch** has noted elsewhere that we get our two toughest opponents in Woodlawn which is a positive right off the bat. The key for the fall will be D-E- F-E- N-S- E! Without that, you just can't outscore everybody 52-51 because when you don't play good defense; you never have the ball!

As a full-service coach, I have combed many sources for new defensive drills which I hope will improve alignment. Beyond that, the 'will' to tackle resides between the ears of each individual player; so, that mindset has to be in place before the season even starts. If we tackle, we win. It's no more complicated than that.

I'm very much looking forward to getting underway on this Fall and am confident that everyone will show up in shape and ready to work!

~Coach Lee

Keg Sponsors

Thank you again to the generosity from our Old Boys below who stepped up and sponsored the kegs for our home games this Fall. Also, thank you to all the other old boys who volunteers but couldn't be accommodated this season.

9/2: at Ohio University – **Thomas Shaw**

9/16: Cincinnati Wolfhounds – **Tad Steen**

10/7: Lexington Blackstones – **Wayne Waligorski**

10/14: Columbus Castaways – **Jeff Marshall**

This Fall the team will continue to hold true to the tradition of great social rugby by providing sideline refreshments for all. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

Danger Wheel

Every year, Cincinnati gathers together in the small area of Pendleton just east of Over the Rhine for Adult Downhill Bigwheel Racing. Have 4 words ever sounded better together? Queen City thought so and they put together a team of **RJ Groh**, **John Lengyel**, and **Chris Pennington** to race Cincinnati's finest.

Starting at noon, the boys started on a strong 1-0 run but fell short in their second race. To stay in the tournament after losing their second race, they had to race downhill blindfolded! Yes, you read that right, blindfolded! They won the blindfolded race and even went on to win another race to beat out the Cincinnati Kelts. The Queen City Rugby team finished in the top 16 teams out of 64 after going 3-2. Check out the video of our races [here!](#)



RJ Groh, John Lengyel, and Chris Pennington getting ready for the first race



Team lining up at the starting line



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Streetcar Pub Crawl

The Streetcar Pub Crawl happened to be a huge surprise success last winter continued to be a success on Saturday, August 12th. We didn't get as much publicity as the winter event from the radio and TV but we definitely had a large turnout. The club sold event wristbands for \$5 and got 8 bars along the route to provide drink specials for wristband holders. In all, over 150 wristbands were sold, with many others joining the event without a wristband and making donations. **Robert Grogan** organized a Split the Pot raffle during the event which raised an additional \$200. Overall, the event raised over \$1,000 to benefit Autism Speaks!

A special thank you for Old Boy **Juan Imeroni** for allowing us to use **The Bling Pig** as our staging post and to the following bars for supporting the event.

- Howl at the Moon & Splitsville
- Arnold's Bar & Grill
- Drinkery OTR
- Madonna's Bar & Grill
- Igby's
- Righteous Room
- Christian Moerlein Brewing

Keep your eyes and ears open for our Winter Streetcar Pub Crawl. We're hoping to beat last year's record of \$1,800!



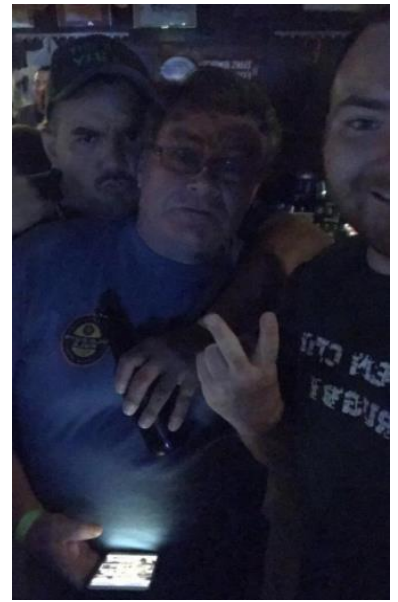
The Split the Pot winners took a photo outside the Streetcar before they ventured to Jack Casino



Shannon Coyle, Brandy Kurzahls and Pete Brimelow at Igby's



Steve Kurzahls and Ron Creager at Igby's



Chris Pennington, Mark Harlow, and RJ Groh