

THE PITCH

Leather Balls or Iron Ovaries?

Ohio State Univ. now has a women's side, formed in late October. Cooperation with the men's team has been excellent... We are ready and eager to compete in games and tournaments. Any women's teams wishing to meet our challenge contact Linda Bishop 404 W. 17th Ave., S.E. Tower of the Stadium, Columbus Ohio 3210. At work: (614) 422-7671 At home: (614) 846-8589.

Some Recruiting Ideas from Atlanta

Susan Lynch of the Atlanta Valkyries suggested these recruiting ideas, especially good for city clubs: 1) put an advertisement in the college and junior college newspapers in your area

2) send a letter to the P.E. depts. of these colleges and jr. colleges inviting women to come out and play. Ask that the letter be posted.

Note to Sam of Wise (Univ. of): No frostbite here. We play all winter, but we quit early (comparatively). By May it is too hot and humid, so our schedule ends at the end of April.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

February 14-15 Huntington Beach Women's Tournament
contact Pabel Crowell

Eleanor Rugby Club
1330 S.E. Bristol #67
Santa Ana, Calif. 92701

February 26-27 Mardi Gras Tournament
8 women's sides
\$30 entry fee
contact David Speward
Southeastern Louisiana U. Rugby Club

P.O. Box 4205
SLU
Hammond, La 70401

April 3-4 St. Louis Spring Tourney
\$25 entry fee
contact Peggy Parrish
St. Louis Women's RFC
1020 Oakview apt. 18
St. Louis, Mo. 63110
(314) 615-3958

April 17-18 Women's Easter Tournament
\$45 entry fee
account \$5/perman-4 to a room
contact Bob Fuchs
Norfolk Breakers
110 7th St.
Virginia Beach, Va. 23451
work: (804) 527-4591
home: (804) 422-6079

April 24-25 Rocky Mountain Spring Classic (on the beautiful green turf of Colo. State U.)
contact Gretchen Skally-Col. State U. Women's RFC
1117 City Park H-14
Fort Collins, Colo. 80521

FELLOW WOMEN RUGGERS:

Well here it is. Finally got this newsletter together. The letters from all of you have been a collectively fantastic high for us, hearing from people that get as excited about rugby as we do.

We really appreciate the efforts some of you have gone to in contacting other team for us, especially Eleanor Rugby, resending all those letters for us. THANKS YOU GUYS.

At present count there are 50 women's rugby teams in the U.S. Next month we'll enclose a current address list for all of them.

I meant to tell yall that those original deadlines are not strict, especially as far as getting money in, since alot of teams are only now hearing about the newsletter. In general, we feel pretty loose about deadlines and format, so if there is something you want to hear about or see done in this newsletter, write and let us know.

Also if you have any ideas about how to make money for your team, we would like to print that up. Us 3 Florida teams daydream about ~~ix~~ sponsored trips to Colorado and Calif., but the only ways we can raise the money aren't legal.

The USF (Tampa) team is going to the Mardi Gras tourney so we expect to meet up with some of you ruckers there.

Please send in any news, so the rest of the world hears of your brilliant maneuvers, ideas and crudities.

Lots of mauls, brawls and asses against the walls,
Rolan + Debbie

Tournaments Gone By

to Unionize or not to Unionize

There has been some talk in the Midwest of forming a women's rugby union. Patty Marsh, captain and general rabble-rouser of the Univ of Illinois club, recently attended a meeting of the Midwest Rugby Union. I don't know what came of it, but Sam Helmrick from U of Wis. has mentioned it to me also.

The US&F club is not a member of any union as yet, though we do attend the Florida men's union scheduling meetings, and set up our schedule at the same ~~time~~ ~~as~~ ~~the~~ ~~men's~~ ~~schedules~~ ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~men's~~ ~~schedules~~ time (at this point it is convenient for us to try and coincide our schedules with the men's schedules). We have also had contact with the Eastern Rugby Union in helping us start a team and locate other women's teams.

We need rugby unions, but at least in Florida there aren't enough women's teams to create a union for ourselves. In the Midwest there are enough teams, and some clubs, like St. Louis, were refused recognition by the local rugby union. It sounds like a great idea, I am wondering how large of a union you folks are thinking about, Midwest, Entire East, or National?

News from the Blues

...The Blues are brewing the plans for another tournament next fall--we'll send out flyers well in advance so save your pennies.

Another highlight of the Autumn season for the Blues was a short clip on a Denver television station showing segments of a Sunday afternoon round with the Scarlet Harlots, a few scenes from one of our practices, and a short interview....All the local teams met in the Oly-Cup Tournament the second week-end in November at the Air Force Academy. It was a double round-robin for the women with the U of Col A side winning their section against the Scarlet Harlots., a motley team of a few Park City Utah, stragglers, and a few from Colo. College. The Denver Blues won their portion of the round-robin, defeating U of Col. B side and Colo. State U. Play was snowed out. The teams were willing, but the Air Force was protecting their well groomed fields. The teams met the following week-end with U. Of Colo. adding another trophy to their collection.

Clubs Forming: Jacksonville, Fla.

Brevard Community Coll.-Melbourne, Fla.

Oct. 1975 sponsored by the Denver Blues
winner: U. of Col A side (you mean they have a B side too?)

Teams attending: Scarlet Harlots, Denver Blues, Col. State U., U of Col. A&B sides and an assortment of ruggers from Lincoln, Neb., Colo. College, and one from Raleigh, N.C. (Reedy Creek)

San Diego Tourney Jan.3-4

winner: C.A.T.S. (Colo. Area Touring Side)
over 2nd place Elenore Rugby, 19-0

Teams attending: Belmont Shores, UCLA, San Diego State, Ombush (San Diego), Tempe Ariz, Elenore Rugby, and C.A.T.S.

Stuff I plagiarized from Letters

Wichita Women "very few teams other than us (in Kansas), so we don't have many games... Last season we were never honored a home game (We know that experience too, we have played 7 games and only 2 was at home) so our families and friends are beginning to think we just say we play rugby...I guess we'll just have to play whoever and when ever we can."

Madison Wise. Women "We are helping start other women's teams in the area by travelling with our home movies and trying to fire up women elsewhere about this great game.

Elenore Rugby "didn't even know there was a team out there. GREAT!"

Kansas State U." Both games were meant to promote not only good rugby, but women's sides. We were amazed to have the sidelines filled with supporters; not just family and friends, but also tournament rugby players. After the teams walked off the field we were complimented on our knowledge of the game--I think this shows a positive future for women's rugby."

Club Records

Club Records: Florida State U (Tallahassee)
Founded 1975-Summer
Fall Season Record 2-2-2-

Norfolk Breakers (Va. Beach)
Founded 1975-October
Fall Season Record I-I

Univ. of Illinois (Champaign)
Founded Fall 1973
Fall Season Record 7-I

Univ. of Florida (Gainesville)
Founded Fall 1975
Fall Season Record 0-1-1