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Club Executive: **President** Craig Peters; **Vice President** Fred Redden; **Secretary/Rag Ed.** Todd Andrews; **Treasurer** Stu Cox; **Members at Large** Shawn Kenyon, Andy Young, Dave Faser, Kevin Barske; **Maple Grove Rep.** Pete Nolan; **Assoc. Rag Ed** Scott Harland.

In this, the September '99, Issue :

- Wasps contemplate Y2K problem with membership cards. "I'm no computer expert but I'm guessing that that anything beginning with 199_ is non compliant" muttered a despondent Treasurer Stu Cox.
- Club fends off allegations of trespass from Winnipeg School Division II after large black and gold vehicle gets stuck in the grounds of Oakenwald Elementary.
- International visitors, Troy Calder and Chris Sole, sweep through town like twin Turkish earthquakes, leaving behind a trail of destruction. Predictably, both spent much of their time at the DART house and this is where most havoc was wrought. DART house spokesman, Miles Jones: "Those guys left behind so much barf, our back yard looked like one giant pizza- complete with the tomato paste that came from Wheel's nose after his collision with Calder".

Thunder from Down Under

Remaining Games					
Day	Date	Wasps I vs	Time/Place	Wasps II vs	Time/Place
Saturday	September 18	Assassins	3pm, MGRP	Cancelled (Bayonets)	n/a

Saturday	September 25	Saracens	3pm, MGRP	n/a	n/a
Sunday	September 26	n/a	n/a	Brandon	3pm, Brandon
Saturday	October 2	Wanderers	3pm, MGRP	Wombats II	1pm, MGRP
Saturday	October 9	Assassins	3pm, MGRP	Semi Final	1pm, MGRP

We have had a great response to our appeal for dues this year. However, Coxy reports that his collection of smudged beer coasters and packets of matches showing names of people who paid him at the Cambridge/Roxy is still incomplete. Hence I present to you the WASPS DUES SHITLIST:

Miles Jones	David Fox	Rob Thompson	Stuart Macrae	Jim Foulkes ***
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* Shallow shit (have paid some dues); *** Denotes bottomless pit shit (no dues in recent memory)

For those wanting to rid themselves of this horrible social stigma, take note of the following: Regular membership- \$100 Students- \$50 Social Membership- \$25 Rookies- \$50 Members who responsible for bringing a Rookie to the club- \$50 There is a \$5 rebate for those players who have worked a bingo.

Have Trevor 'Grubber' and Casandra Grabowsky established a new party central with recent BBQs and social gatherings? DART house pokesman Miles Jones had this to say "He's offered the classier Wasps an up-market alternative to the DART house. I thought I was in heaven when he offered us all cigars but it was a major turnoff to find out that they were 'Colts'- he'll have to do a lot better than that in future".

Following the departure of Wheel and Scoop, the DART house is somewhat furniturally challenged. If anybody has an old sofa or chairs they want to get rid of please contact us immediately. Prefer sturdy frame (must be able to hold Jones for long periods).

I have been hurt by recent innuendos surrounding my capacity to drive the Wasps bus. While it is true that I was driving when the vehicle recently got stuck in some school grounds, the only fault of mine was that I was too trusting of the one person I had to guide me through the buildings and trees of the school to the back lane of the DART house- Capt. Darcy Wright. It appeared to be a straight-forward assignment, especially for a logistical expert in the field of reconnaissance for an army that has never lost a war. However on the basis of this little doozy, I would have to put the afore mentioned

record down to good luck. For the record, CAA refused to pull us out without an RV membership (good to know for the future?) and we relied on our neighbour's 4WD, a winch, 10,000km of tire tread and the blessing of god to get out.

Finally, the Wasps have more exciting announcements regarding their long term junior development program. Announcing their engagements/weddings (both in the case of the Tuna) are:

- Kevin Barske and Melanie Meilleur
- Darren and Renee Raeside
- Lawrence Eta and Lisa Boustcha
- Stu Macrae and Stacey Cawley will be wed on the 25th of September

SCOOP reluctantly cuts DART house strings and ties new knot

Just a quick note of thanks to all my brothers who attended my recent wedding and a note of apology to the rest of you who I wished could have been there. With thirty-some cousins it was hard to find space.

Briefly; the day was perfect, the bride was beautiful, the ceremony was short (I fought hard for this), and the speeches were funny. Todd Andrews took the M.C. duties and off the top makes the classic blunder - "Never announce the bar will be closed during supper when trying to get everyone to sit down for grace." With stomachs grumbling 85% of the guests rushed the bar.

The speeches went well with ex-Wasp Scotty Goodine standing up for me and delivering a really good dead-pan delivery. Later much fun, drink and dancing was had by all.

The night had to end eventually, but not before a besotted M.C. ordering 36 rye and cokes and getting them. It must be noted that the last thing I saw before entering the elevator to honeymoon suite was the self-same M.C. climbing on to a stolen ten-speed bike for the two minute drive to Scotty Harland's after-party. As they say, "you can take Aussie out of Oz..."

With the Scoopster demise as a bachelor, the writing was on wall for the rest of the club, that the care-free days of freedom are short at hand. Stu MacRae, Jim Foulkes, Lawrence Eta and Kevin Barske have all slated themselves for nuptials. Dave Bowen saw the writing on the wall so clearly he cleverly scheduled his wedding on the same day as my own. . On behalf of the club, congratulations and well done gentlemen.



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Letters to the Editor



From: James Stott [stot0008@algonquinc.on.ca]

To: Andrews, Todd (AGR)

I was being harassed by AM last week when it occurred to me that I haven't had any sort of contact with you guys in some time (its been nice!) I actually got on to the web site a few weeks back a caught the latest installment of the rag. As always entertaining stuff, although I might add that it seems as if the content has slipped slightly into the journalistic muck (inform the editor that I may cancel my subscription).

Things in Ottawa are pretty dandy at the moment. Rugby was a complete and utter right off this season. My chronic arse pull reared its ugly once again! Actual I had some cartilage problem in my lower abdomen, which apparently takes about a year to mend. That being said I had plenty of time to hone my fishing tactics and my sideline heckling skills when I ventured out to games. I did manage to get into a few matches and I must take a moment to praise and thank jones for showing me how the game of rugby can still be effectively played at no more than a brisk walking pace. Who'd have thought. Its all about anticipated where you think the ball might be in 2 or three minutes, slowly moving your sorry ass to that spot, and then executing crucial element of waiting for something to happen. Brilliant stuff!

From what I hear there have been several reports of rare wasps courting in the Winnipeg area. HMMM, Andrews, do you feel the pressure yet? Thats all the ramblings I have for now. Talk to you later

Cheers

James

*Ed- You rarely paid
dues/fees when you
lived here so we
didn't expect that*

*you would from Ottawa.
Use the money for the
"Save Yashin Fund".
On the arse pull,
maybe you should be
playing MORE RUGBY and
less of whatever you
do that makes your
arse hurt!! Having
played a few games
with Jonesy this year,
I must take exception
to your appraisal of
his game. In
particular, I would
never have described
his pace as brisk*

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**The Winnipeg Wasps thank Bert and John at HILMAR VENTURE TROPHIES,
3233 Portage Avenue for donating trophies for the Rivertrail 7's this year.
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Roddy Macleod sent this photo from his recent travels in New Zealand. Apparently, it is some sort of warning for motorists to be on the lookout for shepherds "tending" their flocks.

Be sure to catch our next issue when we talk with Menistic Air hero, Fred Redden, and how he wrestled the big bad passenger, avoiding a potential air tragedy. More importantly, we demand to know why the Wasps Rugby Club was never mentioned in the article.

Wasp Banquet

Date: November 6, 1999

Tickets: \$25.00 each

Place: Holiday Inn South 1330 Pembina

Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:30 p.m

Music and Dancing: 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 am

See Scoop or Helmut for Tix

Tuna's Wedding Social It will be one of the biggest social events of the year and will be held on Saturday, 20th November, 1999 at the Norwood Community Centre (87 Walmer St). Tix are \$10, see Coxy or Miles.



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Can you pick this Edition's Mystery Guest Writer?

I started playing rugby at Charleswood Collegiate for Jim Feasby (Don Innes award winner in 1986). There are few memories left of that time other than skipping Jim's practices and playing in the Wasp's Super VIIs at Blumberg Golf Course. The VIIs tournament is where Jim, my science teacher, caught me drinking a beer and all he could say was "I didn't know you drank?" They closed down our High School and we were moved to Shaftesbury for Grade 12 where Pacman and Pellerin took over the coaching duties. Somewhere in there we formed the Coroners RFC to play in the Colt League that was starting up (I think we went 0 for the 1980s). Some notable names coming out of Charleswood include The King Bros. and Shane Hiebert (Shane, I am proud to say, I went to school with right from Kindergarten).

I joined The Wasps right after High School in 1983. During the early part of the season I played with the Provincial Junior team as a fullback. Once that was done I moved up and played on the wing for the 1st team. We lost one game to the Saracens which is the only game I ever played where we had to play a second game because we were tied after the first one. I also played on the Social Side team that won the Keystone Cup! The Cup was a tournament held outside of the regular season just for fun(as far as I remember). Over the years I played with a lot of great centres including John Swindlehurst, Cam Randall, Blake Morden, Dan Hotel and Darren Raeside. I am always

surprised at how much you can learn just by being on the same field with guys like that. During my first few years with The Wasps, The Coroners continued to get together to play in the VII's tournaments. Sometimes we wore surgical garments and sometimes we wore rubber gloves but our motto never changed - "Champagne after every game and tequila after 10 am". Initiation into the Club was as simple as chugging tequila and heading out for your first game of VII's.

A few years ago I snapped the Achilles' tendon in my left ankle (I don't remember the year anymore) in Regina playing an interlock game. I played a few more years of 1st Division after that but I don't think I was ever really the same.

Nick was the guy who recruited me to play. The incessant calls where he told me the same thing over and over and over again. He seemed to have a lot of help in those days from the High School coaches in identifying players but, Nic being Nic, he was the guy who made all the phone calls. I never thanked him for getting me out to play for the Wasps - it was one of the best life decisions I have ever made.

I have also benefited from some of the best coaching this province has to offer. After Nick we had Dan Hotel coach for a while and then Mac came back for a year or two followed by Sid and then the 3rd or 4th return of the Mac. Paul Harland and Rob Gereghty helped out for a while and now we have Scott Harland. The group of them have had oodles of experience coaching and playing Provincially with a dash of National experience thrown in there.

Over the years I have had a few stints as an Executive Member-at-Large. I helped out coaching with The Colt Team and at Arthur A. Leach Junior High School. There were a few stints with the Provincial Men's Team as well but I never really had the extra time. Four years ago I was bumped up from Member-at-Large to Vice President when Pacman took the job with the Manitoba Rugby.

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