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# **The WASP RAG**

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**Club Executive:** **President** Peter Nolan; **Vice President** Dave Fraser; **Secretary/Rag Ed.** Todd Andrews; **Treasurer** Stu Cox; **Members at Large** Steve Clatworthy, Laurence Eta, Scott Macaulay, Mike Saj; **Maple Grove Rep.** Miles Jones;

**In this, the Xmas'99, Issue :**

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Got your finger on the pulse? Try our year end quiz to see if you've spent enough nights at the Bridge.

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Carols organisers promise to keep close watch on recalcitrant songsters at this years event. "Law and order is what separates us from the apes (ie Saracens) so we. Il be doing everything necessary to ensure the night runs smoothly" newly elected president "Pistol" Pete Nolan was quoted as saying.

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Snow Rugby reaches new heights of popularity. "We're really trying to reach out internationally with the addition of two strong-minded Romanians. We feel our program has a lot to offer and all you need is a loud voice so that you can argue my calls" quipped event referee Scott Harland.

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We unveil part one of a mini-series investigating unexplained mysteries of the Dice:- "The Fix" files

## **Thunder from Down Under**

The Wasps executive have closed ranks regarding possible tension at this years carols night. Trouble arose at last years event when sections of the crowd broke into unsanctioned renditions of sacred tunes such as . Waltzing Matilda. while others showed scant regard for the biblical roots of the evening by singing only Springsteen, Simon & Garfunkel etc. Security staff at the Cambridge Hotel have been warned to keep on the lookout for antagonists- zookeepers (including close relatives) and UGG workers have been fingered as likely offenders. "We have a

sound proof booth and we won. t be afraid to use it" was the final word from event sponsor Tony Gardner.

## MINUTES OF WASP EXECUTIVE MEETING TUESDAY DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> 1999

Present: Andrews, Eta, Fraser, Jones, Saj, Macaulay, Nicholson, Nolan.

### Motions Passed:

1. That the Wasps Rugby Club will reimburse its members for coaching clinic costs up to the level of full fee for level 1, half fee for level 2 and one third fee for level 3.

### Other Issues:

1. AGM for Rugby Manitoba coming up January 29<sup>th</sup> 2000 and the club must be aware of issues and ensure full representation (9 eligible votes). This is also the date for Lawrence's wedding social and the Condors snow 7's.
2. Rivertrail 7's tournament to be held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2000.

## All I want for Christmas by Scott Harland

It's Xmas time again. That means that some hard-working sap is going to get stuck doing a Xmas Wish List for the Rag just because he happens to know that megabytes aren't only 7-11 hot dogs, and that a mouse pad is not a tiny, little apartment.

I'm no Santa with his naughty/nice omniscience, but from my perspective up here on my self-righteous pedestal, the Wasps are going to be handling more coal than a Welshman this Xmas. But I was clearly told that finger-pointing is to be saved for liar's dice, so I'll commence with what some of the players would have liked Santa to bring them if they had behaved half-decently and at least called their mothers or showed up for bingo. Our information comes from Steve McAvoy, who dressed as an elf to infiltrate Santa's Gift Shop (which has recently sprouted a dollar store and a Starbucks).

### The Wants:

Scott Harland and Bill Bien have requested the innovative "dice-cam" for the liar's dice box, and Scott MacAulay wants a 'Bridge-Cam focused on our regular tables to catch wallet-pilferers. Todd Andrews is leading a petition to protest cameras anywhere near the Cambridge, and the petition includes a demand that only courtroom-like sketches

be allowed at the Dart House from now on.

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The wants cont'd

Todd "I did what?!" Andrews would very much like a new zap gun like the one from Men In Black. His current model works in reverse, where embarrassing, maybe even litigious situations are remembered by everyone but himself. Blake Morden would like a testosterone test conducted prior to snow rugby games. "Listen" said the terse nurse, "I've got nothing against chicks playing, so long as they have as much testosterone as any other guy-not counting Enberg, who we all know injects himself with estrogen." The club executive would like big walls to ensure their safety from irate World Cup tour victims. "We'd happily rat on Andy "The Book" Young if we were guaranteed a witness protection plan that didn't involve living in Saskatchewan," said one hoarse-voiced silhouette. Sid Roberts wants to have a movie made featuring his heroic tackle in the final where he single-handedly stopped a try against incredible odds (one-on-one). In the tear-jerking climax, as their stoic leader was being carried off the field, silently enduring the three ribs poking through his jersey, a dangling eyeball and severed leg, the team would gather for one final effort and someone would tearfully urge, "Let's win one for the tripper". Sid's requested Schwarzenegger as the star, but Disney is pursuing either Gilbert Gottfried or Macaulay Culkin. Miles Jones wants all kinds of highly immoral stuff, but he'll probably just get his annual subscription to "Snappy Comebacks & Witty Jibes Quarterly" (What, you thought he comes up with all those shots on his own?!) Craig Peters wants...geez, where do we start? Guy McKim and Garry Nicholson would like 27 combined years of back pay now that the club is considering paying coaches. "It would work out" says Nic, "to about 83 cents an hour, which barely covers phone bills."

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## SCOOPY. S YEAR IN REVIEW QUIZ

1. Which of the following Wasps became engaged to be married in 1999.

- A. Sid Roberts B) Bill Chambers C) Garther Cheung D) Stu Cox

2. The most bone-crushing injury of the rugby year was:

- A. Mike Jarvis. broke 2 lumbar vertebrae while tackling big-Clint from the Wanderers  
B. Chris Poulin. broke elbow after colliding (attempting to elbow?) with McAvoy  
C. Dave Fraser- broke hand allegedly while playing rugby  
D. Sid Roberts. broke forearm while "not" tripping opponent  
E. Saint- broke back, bruised face, ruptured pancreas, punctured lung after leaving Wasp AGM.

3. The best nickname of 1999 was:

- A) Kevin . Meatball. Seev B) Steve . Tits" Clatworthy C) Robin . Rudy. Smith D) Dave "JJ Jr.. Campbell E) Jim . The Phenom. Majewski F) Andre & Gill: The Rumanian Connection G) Lawrence . Posh Wasp. Eta

4. Interactive "Year in Review" Quiz! Insert your own Stu Cox joke, no Rag issue is complete without one:

Stu Cox drank 15 \_\_\_\_\_ and then \_\_\_\_\_ while \_\_\_\_\_ before falling asleep. He was \_\_\_\_\_?

5. The best Wasp RFC rugby party of the year was:

- A. Rookie night (DART House); stage lights, club beer, music/skits and only 3 rookies with the balls to show up.  
B. Drive home from Brandon after 2<sup>nd</sup> team quarter-final loss. Ugly but effective.  
C. Friday night of Rugbyfest. So rank, it risked the rest of the weekend with 7 confirmed pukings, 5 stitches/1 broken window, Bufty left in the ditch for the cops.  
D. Any Wasp wedding reception in . 99. Expect the Wasps to scare in-laws away early every time.  
E. Tobes chucking drinks/ice over shoulder into dance crowd at the Roxy. Various dates.  
F. Waspy. s 1<sup>st</sup> Division Final Championship bash!  
G. Whichever night ended with DART house members photographed in the nude (Jones

showing package).

**6. The most infamous Wasp RFC stunt of 1999 was:**

- A. **Nic' and Jack awarding Curious george the Buffalo' s Most Improved Player for his ability to listen...**
- B. **Brian Bishop slugging unnamed referee during tournament match.**
- C. **MRU banning Wasp trainer for unpaid Provincial team dues.**
- D. **Scotty ' He-should-be-thanking-us-for-finding-it' Harland, Todd 'I was drunk' Andrews and Jack 'It was Harland' Brogan buying paralyzers with \$20 lifted from wallet of trusting/unsuspecting/naïve/stupid Wasp.**
- E. **Brian Bishop and Stu Cox breaking into second floor window of DART house after 'inadvertently' being locked out of DART house in the late hours of a Saturday night in Summer of 99' .**
- F. **Politely agreeing with Miles Jones assertion that he shot par on the last hole.**

**7. The most selfless/heroic act of 1999 was:**

- A. **Brian Bishop making sure Mike Jarvis' neck was protected after breaking his back.**
- B. **Robin 'Rudy' Smith being one of the best tacklers on the Wasp 1<sup>st</sup> Div. Team.**
- C. **The boys taking one for the club (see question 2).**
- D. **Pacman and Wheel taking time to organize the Tour.**

**8. A casual inspection of the "Labatts World Cup Tour Raffle" fridge by Manitoba Lotteries and Gaming Commission staff would have revealed that it was:**

- A. **clearly emblazened with the Labatts logo as described in the raffle advertisement**
- B. **amply stocked with Labatts products as described in the raffle advertisement**
- C. **Not a fridge at all.**

**9.The strangest noise heard by the Wasps this year was&**

- A. **Tuna saying "I DO!"**
- B. **Sid's scream (as if shot by a Bosnian sniper from 30 ft) in this year's final.**
- C. **Todd "11 and a half steps" Andrews and Steve " Awaken the Buddha Within" MacAvoy. s conversation following Andrews. bingeing, insulting and apologizing to various local women.**
- D. **Scoop's yelp after "Cambridge Wallet Incident"**
- E. **Dave Fraser saying "You're right Miles; I'm wrong that is the correct way to (fill in the blank). "**

**10. Finish this famous Roddy "Dark Cloud" Macleod Quote: "Janita!!, I promise I am coming home for**

- A. **Raeside's Wedding."**
- B. **Your Birthday."**

- C. August Long Weekend."
- D. The Snow Lake Idiot. Savant Festival. You know I have to defend my title!"
- E. Whenever I feel like it!"

11. The most infamous visitor the Wasps had this year was

- A. **Damian "Muddy" Waters - Buddicks mate who always answered the call of the BELL.**
- B. **Troy Calder - fresh from a year in Japan, Troy graced us with both his presence and his vomit.**
- C. **Chris "The Sole One" Sole- this Gretzy look-a-like wrought havoc on the barmaids at the Bridge, not to mention the street urchins whose sleep he disturbed in early hours of the morning.**

12. Captain Darcy Wright will be doing what on the eve of December 31. 1999:

- A. **Regaling the DART house with fictitious tales of female Croatian well-wishers trying to get a piece of our "Peace Keeper".**
- B. **In Victoria, B.C. hanging out with Janet.**
- C. **In Winnipeg drinking himself silly.**
- D. **With a loaded machine gun anxiously awaiting Y2K rioting.**

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## YEAR IN REVIEW QUIZ . ANSWERS

1. Trick question . all of the above! Sid asked and received the hand of our own Sim Ramdwar (finally). Bill Chambers was wed in Calgary on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Garther Cheung has asked his long-term girlfriend to marry him and perhaps even introduce her to his rugby mates and finally, Stu Cox has wisely asked for and (somewhat surprisingly) received the hand of the lovely Lorry Harm. Congratulations!

2. **E** . Rob St. Germain was near fatally wounded after leaving the Wasp AGM. Police described the assault as a gang-land style hit, possibly related to Saint nominating Stu Cox for his third term as Treasurer.

3. **I** . Any man who can fragrance himself with body scent in a single room occupied with 12 rugby players at a cheap Regina hotel in the dead of winter is lucky to get away with the name of . Posh Wasp. .

4. All answers probably correct. We will miss the easy target for the RAG- we love you Brother and congratulations on your engagement.
5. The obvious answer is F, but you would be incorrect. Although I missed it by seven regretful hours, ugly is ugly and the correct answer is **C**. To all the young Wasps out there: . Start saving for the May long weekend, you won. t regret it when you finally recover from it..
6. Any answer is suitable except (D)- that was just plain stupid of me to lose my wallet and I deserved to lose more than \$20.
7. B or C only
8. C- The term fridge implies that the appliance could keep things cool. With no seals, a door that could not be closed and a useless motor, this was impossible. In fact the only parts in working order were the magnets.
9. Absolutely A, the King is Dead, Long live the Tuna.
10. Ask Janita
11. C . Chris Sole who won our Hearts and dented our wallets. THE SOLE ONE will be making a return visit for Snow Sevens.
12. **C** . Stay inside people, stay inside.

## **"The Fix" files- BULLSHIT jiggeryPOKERY**

Still reeling from the ramifications of the Labatts fridge raffle scandal, the Wasps gambling community is facing another dilemma with recent Liar. s dice games disintegrating into accusations of match fixing and counter accusations of . picking on the fat guy. . In searching for possible solutions to the problem RAG staff quizzed long time Cambridge Hotel staff member and Liar. s dice observer, Franco, for his thoughts. "Over the years I've seen all sorts of tactics from hiding dice anywhere from dreadlocks (Bob Reid) to chest hair (Blake) and navels (Jones). As usual though, the simplest scheme is often the best and that is the re-roll. Of course, many have tried this move over the years and there were some great exponents. Few were so brazen as Raeside (who was soon caught and sent to the States) but none more enduring than the great Irishman himself, Jack Brogan." It appeared from our conversations that there has previously been no way of policing the situation other than a good ol' fashioned shouting match with the biggest hurler of insults the winner. However, we have canvassed some possible innovations to restore the serenity of our Saturday afternoon jumbos.

**1. Box Cam:** A mini-camera would be set up inside the box and the footage reviewed by an impartial observer such as Bonnie. In the event of a "Challenge" by would-be receivers, Bonnie would review the play. If the roll was considered fair the challenger would forfeit a timeout (and would therefore be unable to answer a fake phone call or go to the bathroom when faced with a daunting decision at some other point in the game). Alternatively, a successful challenge against the roller would result in a major foul with possible suspension assessed by a judiciary committee (people familiar with the workings of such bodies would be suitable- Big Daddy, Blake and Ward come to mind).

*Pro's*

- Would provide climactic buildup for the crowd whilst awaiting Bonnie's decision, including replays
- It may qualify Liar's dice as a sport and allow us to stop with the snow rugby before hand

*Con's*

- Camera would add to the already prohibitive weight of some boxes such as the Spanish war chest replica.
- Possible . hook-ups. of dice on the camera, thus requiring a re-roll and adding controversy to the game.

**2. Going over in-house Cambridge Hotel security video: Judiciary committee (see above) would review security video at the end of the evening.**

*Pro's*

- Would also uncover a lot more of the bullshit going on at the Cambridge after snow rugby

*Con's*

- See pro's
- Shouting match has already been in progress for the duration of the evening (ie equivalent to present scenario).

**3. Getting Club treasurer to record each call as well as cash flow to and from the kitty**

*Pro's*

- Would avoid the previous 6 rollers having to remember/fabricate calls at each turn of a large game.

*Con's*

-See 1998-99 treasurer's reports



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