

# Town Crier

Town of Mount Royal Rugby Football Club

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## Message de l'exécutive

En tant que joueur ayant récemment pris ma première retraite, j'ai constaté qu'il est difficile de complètement décrocher du sport qui a grandi en nous et du club qui nous a fait grandir. Le problème est qu'avec le temps, on ne se sent plus connecté. Voici donc notre solution : Le Town Crier...

Dans son effort de rétablir le pont entre les Anciens du club et la nouvelle génération de joueurs, le comité exécutif 2008 a pris plusieurs mesures proactives afin de faciliter la participation de tous les membres, jeunes comme moins jeunes. La première : la nomination du premier « VP Alumni », Paul Dery-Golberg. La seconde... et bien la voici : Cette lettre est une initiative destinée à vous garder tous informés sur les dernières nouvelles entourant les activités de votre club.

De par cette lettre mensuelle, nous nous engageons formellement à vous tenir au courant au moyen de différentes capsules comme les « Townie profile », les « Traveling Townies » et bien sûr le calendrier des événements. Nous espérons que vous en apprécierez le contenu et qu'on continuera à nourrir cette passion pour Votre Club... et votre sport!

Oh et en passant... le Town Crier c'est que des histoires et des nouvelles de Townies

pour des Townies. Nous apprécierons donc votre apport et vos commentaires.

For all your contributions to the Town Crier, please contact Paul Dery-Golberg ([pdgoldberg@yahoo.com](mailto:pdgoldberg@yahoo.com)) and/or Marie-Josée Blais ([blais.mj@gmail.com](mailto:blais.mj@gmail.com)). 

Jean Phillippe Martineau  
Treasurer

## New Executive

Club President / Dan Letendre  
Treasurer / Jean Phillippe Martineau  
VP Communications / Marie-Josée Blais  
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VP Alumni / Paul Dery-Golberg  
VP Playing Men / Pierre-Paul Gros  
VP Playing Women / Leigh Garland  
Junior Development Men / Mike Wodsworth  
Junior Development Women / Cathy Nichols  
Clubhouse Manager / Nic Prudhomme


## Alumini Update

Dear TMRRFC Old Boys and Old Girls,

On the initiative of our immediate past President, Cathy Nichols, the TMRRFC executive was overhauled at the most recent AGM to eliminate redundant positions and to create a new one to concentrate on issues that had previously fallen under the President's responsibilities, specifically

alumni relations and long term financial planning. I was happy to accept the nomination and to be voted in as VP Alumni and Special Projects (aka, VP Alum).

This year, after careful consideration, we hope to inaugurate the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual TMRRFC OLD BOYS 7s Invitational Tournament at the TMR Rec Center, scheduled for Labour Day weekend 2008. Depending on participation, the format will follow NY 7s formula of round-robin play followed by elimination brackets. By definition, Old Boys are 35+ year olds and TMRRFC Trustee and Old Boy, Ron Chiasson, has agreed to captain the team. I am also pleased to announce that our living legend and current active player, Alun Phillips, has enthusiastically committed to playing in the tournament. If you are interested in participating in the tournament, either as a player, volunteer or sponsor (details to come) please contact me or Ron [ronchiasson@hotmail.com](mailto:ronchiasson@hotmail.com) as soon as possible. We will field at least one Town team and as many others as warranted by your interest.

All the best and hope to see you soon at Scobie, 

Paul Dery-Golberg  
VP Alumni

[www.tmrrfc.qc.ca](http://www.tmrrfc.qc.ca)

## Townie Profile

Date of Birth: June 15 1977  
Place of Birth: Milan, Italy  
Height & Weight: 5ft8" 140lbs  
Playing Position: Fly Half  
Elite Début:  
Canada versus USA 2004 in Ottawa (15s)  
Upcoming Camp:  
Amsterdam May 2008 (7s)  
Next Goal on the table: Not to miss my flight home from Amsterdam (as I did after a night on the piss at the last camp in San Diego).



Description of how one can juggle owning Design Business, Taking care of the lovely Juliette, elite Training, traveling while husband in MedSchool...

I had Juliette two years ago. I run my design business from home now to allow me to be with Juliette all day. Juliette goes to the daycare at the gym while I train daily. I work while she sleeps. I eat while I sleep. Our family and incredible friends help take care of her while I am away on business or rugby tours. How do I do it? I run myself into the ground. I'm sick all the time. I can't drink like I used to (reference San Diego above).

And Karl?... Karl who?

Pet Peeve: Long spandex under rugby shorts.

Favorite aspect of rugby: Great, great, great friends.

Work taken on to be able to pay for all those Rugby Canada camps: It's called a credit line and it's big and it's scary.

What have you given up to train for Rugby Canada:

That guy... What's his name?

What are your strengths and weaknesses:

Strength: My relentless drive (and of course my rucking)

Weakness: My dysfunctional immune system

When is Juliette going to start playing rugby:

She's not. Tennis or golf. Go for the money.

Great TMR memory:

Oh, there are so many.

My first tour to Saranac. My first Zulu.

No... It would have to be my 25th birthday. Streaking across the men's game versus Beaconsfield at half time. And being berated by JP who was trying desperately to rally the troops during a close game. Needless to say, they lacked focus.



Susy "the multitasker" Bienstock  
Townie

## Traveling Townie



Rugby is a world-wide sport. It may not be as popular as pocket pool, or Turkish steam bath wrestling, but it's quite big in some places. My journey has taken me to the fringes of the rugby world where the game is alive and growing.

Coming off their best world cup ever, where they won their first game, the tiny Republic of Georgia is rugby crazy. I was in Tbilisi for some of the excitement and met some massively mad Georgian rugby nuts.

"Lelo, Lelo, Sakartvelo!," is the ubiquitous cheer for the national side and one night it bellowed from a dusty bar. It was jammed and I just made it in for the start of the second half. Ireland was leading Georgia 7-3, but almost immediately the Lelos scored a try to go up 10-7 and the pub was frothing with pandemonium. I then realized, with one Georgian by my side, I could conquer the world. Unfortunately, Ireland scored a try and won 14-10, but the Georgians never gave up hope (or their beer steins).

On my sojourn through Iran, I was amazed to encounter ruggers. But they weren't a bunch of beer-starved men, wistfully waiting for their next European tour; they were women who love playing the game.

This was surprising because, in Iran, the laws regarding female dress are strict. I wondered how that translated onto the pitch and it was quite simple - same goes on and off the field. That means the gals must wear a headscarf, covering their head down to the shoulders, long pants and long-sleeve shirts, and they must wear a long coat covering their 'backside.' I

didn't see a game, but figured there wouldn't be many missed tackles.

Now, I'm in Australia. Obviously rugby is big down here (though it's third in popularity behind Aussie rules and rugby league) and I'm playing with a local club. We field six teams weekly. Our first and second divisions play with the ELVs - the experimental law variations and it's been a minor adjustment.

So, that's a flicker into rugby on the road. It's a zany thought, but imagine the 2035 World Cup final: Georgia vs. Iran. 🇬🇪

Malin Jordan  
Traveling Townie

## Upcoming Events

**Fundraiser:**

Thursday, May 8th @ 7pm: Clubhouse

Hockey Night in Amsterdam

Come Support the Canadiens

**Season Game Opening:**

Womens: May 10th vs St.Anne

Mens: May 10th vs Irish

Note: check website for more info...

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