

HAMPSHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To:

Members of the Management Committee

The Honorary Secretary
of each Member Club

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at

PETERSFIELD RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

on TUESDAY 17 JULY 2007 at 1930

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

All Member Clubs are requested to send a representative. Each Member Club has one vote at General Meetings, as do the Members of the Management Committee. Associate Clubs and all Associates of the Union are invited to attend in a non-voting capacity

Yours sincerely

N.J. STONE OBE
President,
Executive Director and Honorary Secretary
29 June, 2007

Copy to each Individual Associate and the Hon Sec of each Associate Club

**Please send Apologies for Absence to
The County Office, Above the Forge Garage,
Fareham Road, Wickham PO17 5DE
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***The Draws for the 2007-2008
Hampshire GALES Knockout Competitions and the John Sneezum Veterans' Cup
will take place after the Meeting.***

AGENDA

- 1 To receive apologies for absence
- 2 To agree the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 18 July, 2006 (Appendix I)
- 3 To agree the Minutes of the Annual Financial General Meeting held on 20 November, 2006 (Appendix II)
- 4 To adopt the Annual Report for 2006 - 2007
- 5 Presentation of Awards
- 6 To receive a Financial Report
- 7 To elect the Officers for 2007 - 2008

The Management Committee nominations are

<i>President</i>	<i>M.P. GLOGG</i>
<i>Chairman</i>	<i>P.J. TOPHAM</i>
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	<i>N.J. STONE</i>
<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>	<i>G.H. COOK</i>

There are no other nominations.

Note The Immediate Past President will be N.J. STONE

- 8 To elect the Vice-Presidents

The Management Committee recommends that all previously elected Vice-Presidents continue to hold office; their names shall be shown in the Handbook for season 2007 - 2008. In addition the following are recommended for election

John Collins; Neil Hagerty; Ken Johnstone; David Marsden

- 9 To elect the Members of the Management Committee for 2007 - 2008

The Management Committee nominations are

<i>Club Hampshire Chairman</i>	<i>M.P. GLOGG</i>
<i>Community Rugby Chairman</i>	<i>D. MARSDEN</i>
<i>Finance Chairman</i>	<i>N.J. STONE</i>
<i>Governance Chairman</i>	<i>P.J. TOPHAM</i>
<i>Marketing Chairman</i>	<i>F.D. TILLING</i>

There are no other nominations.

Note N.R. HAGERTY as the elected RFU Representative is also a member of the Management Committee.

- 10 To consider a resolution to disapply the provisions of the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965-1978, and any subsequent Acts governing or otherwise affecting industrial and provident societies, relating to the obligation to appoint Auditors.

(As provided for in Rule 8.1.7.2)

The Management Committee proposes that the Accounts for the year from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 be subjected to an Accountant's Report and that the requirement for a full professional audit be dispensed with.

- 11 To appoint the Reporting Accountants for 2007 - 2008

The Management Committee recommends Messrs Rothman Pantall & Co Eastleigh be appointed.

- 12 To hear any other matter for the consideration of the Management Committee during the ensuing year but on which no voting shall be allowed.

HAMPSHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT

Season 2006 - 2007

It is my sad duty to record the death of Past President Gerald Penn-Barrow, who died in October 2006. Gerald was our President from 1981 to 1984 having served before that as County Selector ('53 to '74) and Chairman of Committee ('74 to '81). A Trojan, he played for the County seventeen times from 1946 to 1951 and represented us on the Rugby Football Union from 1969, when Dudley Kemp became RFU President, until he was succeeded by LeRoy Angel in 1985. After Dudley, Gerald was perhaps the most widely known Hampshire person, until Lee took that mantle in 2005. He was a man whose passion and enthusiasm for the Game and for Hampshire was legendary.

Finance

The financial year will end as this is being posted and it certainly looks like our intended overspend will not materialise. A clearer picture will be available at the AGM and the accounts will be presented to the Voting Membership at the Annual Financial General meeting on 19th November. Indications are a surplus of around £8000 after tax of which 25% will be added to the Club Facilities Development Fund. I must thank Mr. Brown whose budget this year increased the Corporation Tax we pay him by 1% to 20% of our surplus.

The increase in subscriptions last year caused a number of Associates to drop off the plot including fourteen who have formally resigned, nine who chose to say and pay nothing, and another sixty who have paid only the old rate of £20. All of these have had at least two reminders. They are not however being sent this Report nor the ticket application information. I suspect that might bring about some reaction from a few of them. We did manage to increase our income however from this source as planned. With luck the removal of these 83 from our list might enable us to meet the demand for international tickets more easily. Which is good for those who remain but not so good for our overall income. Also, and worryingly, there was only the one new Life Associate this year (well done John Pope) and only five Associates have joined. We now stand at 180 Life and 237 who pay £25 annually. This is as low a number as I can remember

On the Club front, examination of accounts shows a reduction in the number of clubs with an overspend which is reassuring and a balance sheet worth of some £3m. Even grass roots rugby is no longer chicken-feed.

The RFU clamp down on illegal ticket sales identified two cases of Hampshire tickets being identified in the hands of touts. One case was resolved without penalty; the other however has resulted in the Union being penalised by a 10% reduction in our allocation next season. Luckily this penalty has been suspended for one year from 1 January, 2008. The Associate responsible for failing to safeguard his ticket has been barred from any allocation at all next season. ALL of us must therefore take every precaution to avoid any further embarrassment. You are asked to physically retain in your possession each match ticket until the end of the series of matches involved (e.g. until the end of the Autumn Internationals or to the end of the Six Nations.) If you pass a ticket to a family member or a personal friend you must ensure that they do the same. That way we will be able to produce evidence to any inquiry.

Also beware if you are offered tickets from a source unknown to you; it is very possible that this is part of a scam in which a duplicate may have been issued. In the event that two people each find themselves with a ticket for the same seat then the duplicate ticket holder will always win – the person with the original will be evicted.

Associates are reminded that the notice (on yellow paper) for applying for international tickets is also enclosed

Marketing

The sponsorship leaflet has finally seen the light of day and we now have the task of ensuring a wide distribution to the public at large.

Communications

Amanda Fallbrown has regularly produced press releases on a variety of County rugby matters and Richard Isaacs has, luckily for us, been able to continue as our Webmaster. Both try very hard to get the message across – and both would

benefit from more support within our own organisation to make sure they have the right information at the right time. My sincere thanks go to both of them.

Discipline

An average season with a total of 40 adult cases including one match abandoned by the referee (both Clubs received a severe reprimand), one team leaving the field without the referee's permission (Club severely reprimanded), one case not guilty, one alleged offender still to present himself before the Panel. Thirty-six individuals were found guilty of offences as shown below. Included in that number are six Colts – which is unacceptable considering how few players there are in Colts rugby compared to the adult game.

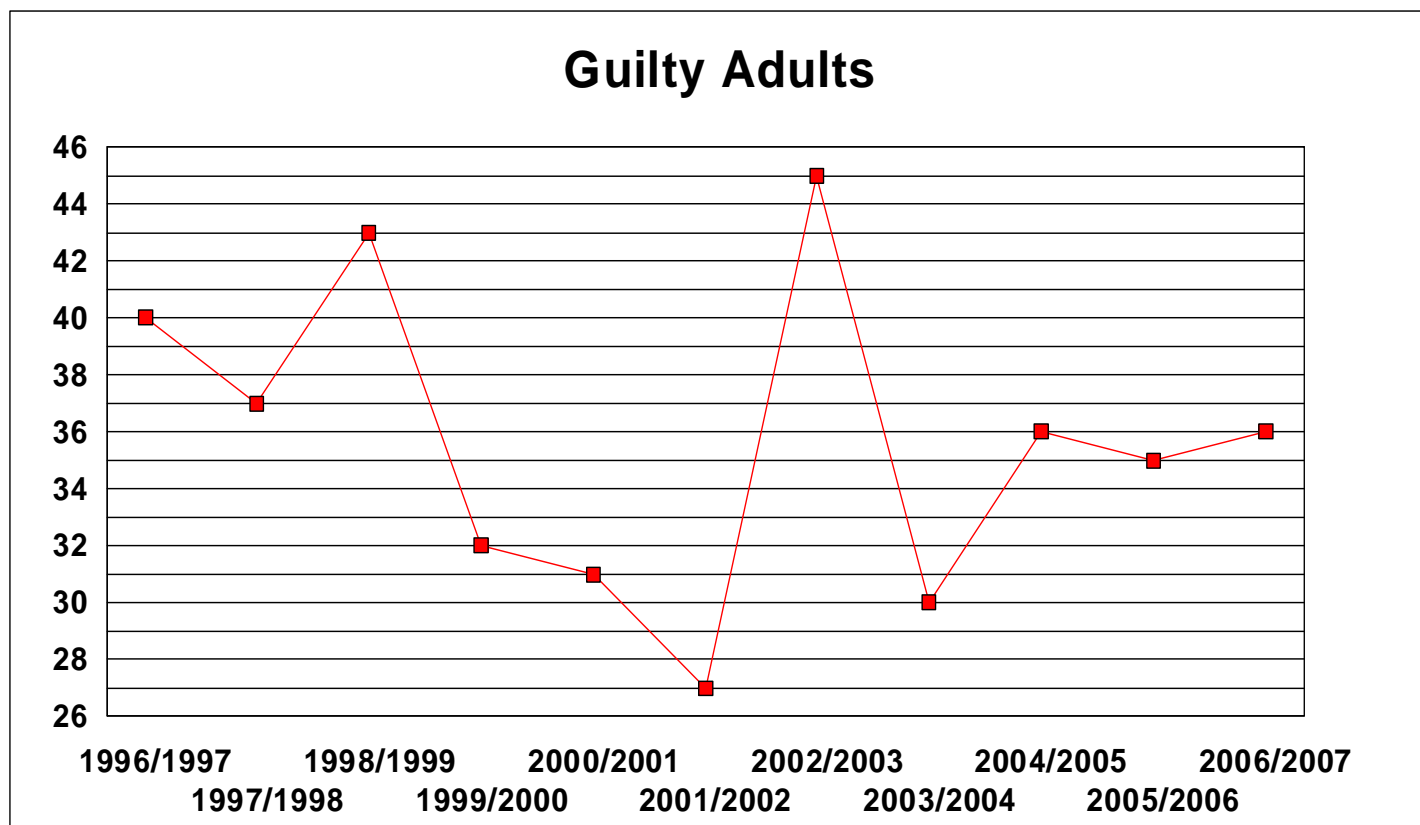
			Penalty in Days	Law Offended
Aldershot & Fleet	Paul	Lynch Bowers	21	10.4.c
Alresford	Lee	Thomas	14	10.4 e
Andover	Mark	Bissell	7	10.4.k
Andover	Ade	Furniss	42	10.4.k
Basingstoke	Russell	Northcote	14	10.4 b
Chineham	Andrew	Happle	14	10.4.a
Chineham	Hugo	James	21	10.4.a
Eastleigh	Paul	Fudio	130	10.4.k
Eastleigh	Danny	Roche	35	10.4.a
Eastleigh	David	Whitecross	28	10.4.a
Fawley	Casey	Brookes	21	5.12
Fawley	Robert	McCaffrey-Parker	42	5.12
Fawley	Mark	McGrane	14	10.4.k
Fawley	Clive	Rudd	21	5.12
Fordingbridge	Timothy	Godden	28	10.4.k
Gosport & Fareham	Matthew	Holdaway	21	10.4 a
Gosport & Fareham	Tom	Patience	14	10.4.b
Gosport & Fareham	Simon	Pickett	SOS	10.4.k
Havant	Paul	Connor	21	10.4.a
Isle of Wight	Paul	Simpson	28	10.4.k
Jersey	Nathan	Kemp	56	10.4.a
Les Quennevais	Gary	Rousseau	42	10.4.a
Millbrook	Sonny	Bedwell	28	10.4.a
Millbrook	Ian	Copland	42	10.4.k
New Milton & District	Dave	Ewen	28	10.4.b
New Milton & District	Andrew	Seton	21	10.4.a
Paxton Pumas	Cliff	Moorhouse	21	10.4.a
Portsmouth	Ian	Pyper	14	10.4.a
Portsmouth	Ben	Sillitoe	28	10.4 a
Romsey	Ben	Newton	35	10.4.a
Tottonians	Andrew	Farley	28	10.4.a
Trojans	Ian	Wheaton	42	10.4.k
United Services	Paul	Dyer	42	10.4 k
United Services	Stephen	Woolcombe	77	10.4.b
University of Portsmouth	Richard	Bray	56	10.4.k
Winchester	Jack	Pryor	28	10.4.b

A double citing case brought by a Club in another County - of the same player during the same match – was referred to the RFU for action. Both alleged offences were proven. The penalty for the second offence took into account the player's "previous" even though it had happened only some ten minutes earlier; the sentence for the second offence was added to the first so the two ran consecutively.

Adding both adult and youth/schoolboy offences together shows that nineteen offences were punching, striking and a head-butt (all covered by Law 10.4.a), eight were stamping, trampling, kicking or tripping (10.4. b, c and d) ten were dissent and/or match official abuse (not all players) (RFU Rule 5.12 and Law 10.4.k), and there were six for two yellow cards (alas 10.4.k). Lastly, and what the majority of players consider to be the most despicable of offences – biting (again 10.4.k). These invariably are not seen by the referee and there is therefore a need for Clubs to cite such offences which is not easy if the offender cannot be identified. One case was dealt with by the Panel while at least two other incidents were dealt with on a Club to Club basis.

Eight of the nine youth cases occurred during competitions including four in the Under 15 League and two in the Under 15 Schools Cup. Does this suggest that coaches are not paying sufficient heed to safe play?

Guilty Adults



Competitions

Not a great year in the Leagues. Havant however came back from a poor start to end up third in National 3 South. Basingstoke had a very up and down season, finishing a creditable fifth in South West One while Portsmouth survived their first season, after a shaky start, in London One. Where they will be joined on a level transfer next year by Basingstoke after their two year sojourn in the South West.

Jersey did well to finish third in London Two South – and wouldn't it be great if they get up to Level 5 as well next year? Andover found life at the higher level difficult and slip back to Level 7 next year where they will find that Gosport & Fareham have slid straight through. We all wish that freefall to stop now and hope to see G & F steady themselves in London 4. Tottonians were our third club to be in a third position having had a good run as well, as far as the Quarterfinal, in the EDF Senior Vase; with three players in the County Squad, I'm not sure but it has probably been their most successful season. It is an opportune time to report here that their President Ken Johnstone is being proposed as a Vice President of the County for his work not just in Totts but in the County Schools Union over many years. Guernsey and Winchester finished in fifth and sixth places. While Petersfield managed a fourth in London 4 where Sandown & Shanklin also found the going tough and slip back into Hampshire One. Their place being taken by Trojans who go straight back up to Level 8 having also had a good run to the Quarterfinal of the EDF Junior Vase where they were beaten by what is to all intents and purposes the Gloucester Academy.

Ellingham & Ringwood pushed them hard in Hampshire One – there must be something about the far west as the other two Hampshire Leagues were both won by Dorset Clubs. Well done to East Dorset (used to be Portcastrian for you older readers) who went through their first season in Hampshire Two almost unbeaten. If they continue this way in 2008 they will find Surrey Clubs complaining about having to travel into the wilderness. Well done too to Lytchett Minster, for years one of the brighter stops on the Sevens Circuit (even I remember going there with US back in the early 80's).

So we end the season with just eleven clubs in Leagues above the County level; no improvement on when I became President in 2004 when I stated my hope then was that we would get more Clubs up above Level 9. Similarly we still have too few Clubs in Hampshire Three.

The 2007 Cup Final proved not to be the one-sided affair that many predicted. Andover were very much the underdogs yet turned round at half-time with a ten-five lead. The second-half however saw, as in a great number of games this season including the second Test in South Africa, the favourites Havant turning up the pressure, wearing down the less experienced side and scoring the points.

Again this year we had huge score-lines in the opening round. Next season, in an effort to remove this, we are operating a "Challenge" system in that the holders will be challenged for the Cup in a Final which itself will be the second "final". The top eight Clubs have been invited to enter the Cup; the seven Clubs other than Havant will play a knock-out which will see one emerge as the Challenger to meet Havant. The success of this will depend on the first round draw and the President's skill in drawing balls from a bag which will keep the "top-seeds" apart.

The Bowl this season was disrupted by other competitions; firstly Trojans' successful run in the RFU Junior Vase caused them to withdraw from the semi-final against Ellingham & Ringwood, and the knock-on effect then meant E & R had a league fixture to be played on the day before the Final. Fortunately Petersfield were willing to delay the Bowl Final until 21 April which enabled E & R to play both matches without over-stretching their resources. This particular sequence high-lighted perfectly the difficulty of getting the proverbial quart into the pint pot. It is imperative that RFU Cups get played on the scheduled date and that postponed league fixtures get played as quickly as possible. This means that the poor relations of the County Cup have to take second-place. Only our Cup Final weekend is sacrosanct – no other round nor the Bowl nor the Plate have any priority at all.

Nevertheless the Bowl Final was a cracker – Petersfield were trailing 10 -13 deep into extra-time when the ball went dead in touch; the whistle went - for the line-out and not no-side. The line-out happened – and Petersfield got a kick in front of the posts – 13 all. After extra-time the home Club emerged at 27 – 13 and kept the Bowl for another year.

Ellingham & Ringwood went on the following week to go down in the play-off for the other promotion slot to London Four South-West being beaten by the very strong London South Africa (a relatively new club whom you may recall tried to buy Rotherham a year or so ago.)

I don't think I have ever watched a match in such cold conditions as those at Southampton in December for the Plate Final! Solent University, who now ground share with Southampton as well as having a number of their students playing for the town club, beat the Medics, Alresford, Southampton University and Southampton (without their students!) to get to the Final where they met an much older and experienced Farnborough. The young legs told however and for the third year in succession we have a non-league student club as Plate winners.

As a result of reducing the Senior Merit Table to eight clubs, to minimise mismatches, it was decided to add a play-off stage on completion of the "league" action to provide another three matches. Unfortunately a complaint was received from Winchester after the quarterfinal that their opponents, Andover, having cancelled a home league fixture against the League Leaders, had loaded their Second XV with first teamers contrary to the spirit of the competition and in breach of regulation. The complaint was upheld and the match declared void. When this reviewed by the Governance Committee it was obvious that there was insufficient time to re-arrange the next match so the decision to abort the play-offs was ratified which left Tottonians II as the winners of the Table.

The other Tables all showed an increase in the matches being fulfilled but there continue to be far too many visitors letting down the Clubs on the Isle of Wight; they may not be blameless but is it any wonder that faced with late cry-offs on an almost regular basis they themselves feel less inclined to travel – especially when it costs so much.

The Colts league was again a huge success. It was good to see Vectis in the Plate Final even if they were gifted the place – I thought their Final against the Plate Winners Farnborough to be the better game although I was pleased to see Gosport & Fareham as worthy winners of the Cup after an evenly balanced match against Petersfield. Especially as both these Clubs have such a good record of bringing their Colts through into senior rugby so successfully. Winchester hosted these finals very well which goes to show that although not directly involved our Clubs can deliver.

A proposal from Alan Brown of Alton RFC that bonus points should be introduced for all leagues, and not just the Premiership and National Leagues, was discussed at the Clubs' Meeting on 12 March. The consensus was that while it was relatively straight-forward to obtain information and calculate league tables at levels 4 and above which have in total only 70 clubs it would be a much more labour intensive below Level 4 where, in London and the South East alone, there are five times as many clubs many of whom even have difficulty in submitting their match results and cards on time. The level of detailed match arrangements required from the National Clubs was much greater than the lower levels and the majority present thought the proposal would be unworkable.

This season saw the introduction of Junior Leagues for the Under 14 and U15 age groups following last season's trial of the Under 16's. There were sufficient entries to enable two Leagues at each age group but two clubs struggled at Under 15. Although called leagues these competitions have been a mix of league and merit table conventions to allow for matches cancelled with no opportunity to play at a later date. Non-offending clubs have been rewarded – which is a merit table convention - but league positions have been calculated on the match points difference when two club were equal on league points. This has favoured those who played more games and had more opportunity to score more points.

We retained the Knock-Out Cups at Under 13 – the first year of 15-a-side rugby and also the "Seventeens" Cup for the younger Colts.

Finally a word about the RFUW League Structure for next season. There will be a Premiership of 8 clubs; two Championship One Leagues (North & South) each of 8 clubs – and well done to Trojans for reaching this level. Next Championship Two of four leagues (North, Midlands, South East and South West). Below that and playing under Under

19 Law Variations will be National Challenge One (again four regions) (Portsmouth in NC SE 1) while National Challenge Two (Basingstoke and Ellingham & Ringwood NC SE West 2) and below (Alton, Farnborough, Tottonians in NC SE (West) 3) will be based on a local geographical spread to reduce travel.

Offshore Travel

The advent of Junior League Rugby has served to re-emphasise the major expenditure necessary to include Clubs on the Channel Islands within our County Competitions. In just about every meeting, of whatever Committee you choose to name, someone will raise this issue.

At adult level the costs of travel for league fixtures is now being contained within the RFU Travel Grant administered by us for all the clubs involved in the London Division and County leagues. That is the extent of RFU assistance and we have no reason to believe that this will not continue.

Again at adult level we have always required any Channel Island Club wishing to enter the knock-outs to meet all travel costs whether they host mainland Clubs or play on the mainland. We have consciously restricted our Merit Tables and the Colts League to mainland Clubs only.

When the Under 16 League was started in 2005-2006 it was as a trial, and as such the Clubs, at a Youth Forum, voted to include Guernsey and Jersey RFC's in the League on an equal footing. As a result mainland Clubs have spent over £23000 in fulfilling their commitment to travel to the Islands for Under 16 League rugby in the past two seasons. On top of that the mainland Clubs have also spent another £13000 in travel costs to play Knock-Out Cup matches on the Islands. That can be doubled to £72000 when the costs incurred by GRFC and JRFC are added. There is no financial assistance at all from the Rugby Football Union. The County however have made Grants to mainland Clubs totalling £3000 for each of the last two seasons, which has covered a measly 18% of the costs.

The penalty of allowing the Channel Island Clubs to play competition matches at home was fully recognised at the end of 05-06 and, when the Leagues were extended to include Under 14 and Under 15, it was clearly stated at the Youth Forum that if Guernsey or Jersey chose to enter they would be required to play all League fixtures on the mainland – they have no right to a home venue. Jersey have so done.

At the Youth Forum in April the Executive Director took an action to produce a County Policy Statement on this problem. This has been discussed in Governance and in Community Rugby Committee meetings. At their May meeting the Management Committee agreed the Policy should be as follows. This Statement is based on past practice and the RFU Regulation for the RFU Knock-Out Competitions.

“The right of all Clubs on the Channel Islands to participate in Hampshire Rugby Competitions is acknowledged and is encouraged. However the cost of travel to the Channel Islands is recognised as being far in excess of what equivalent Clubs and their age group teams might expect to meet in any other County. It is intended therefore that, until such time that Rugby Football Union funding is forthcoming, the following be included within the County Regulations governing Adult and Youth Competitions.

If the first-named Club, to be drawn in an adult or junior knock-out match, or if the first-named Club in a scheduled adult Merit Table fixture or a League fixture at any age group, plays its home fixtures on the Channel Islands the match shall nevertheless be played on the mainland of Hampshire or the Isle of Wight either on the ground of the second-named Club or if the Channel Island Club shall so wish, on the ground of any other Club on the mainland of Hampshire (but not the Isle of Wight). In the latter event all arrangements which are to be agreed with the host Club shall be made by the Channel Island Club which shall be responsible for any ground expenses incurred and shall be at no cost to the host Club involved. The Channel Island Club shall be responsible for all its own travel costs.

However if the second-named Club agrees then the Channel Island Club may play at home in which case it shall offer to refund the cost of travel to the Island for the mainland Club. Such costs are to be met for a party not exceeding fifteen players plus the permitted number of replacements for the competition concerned plus three other Club officials. Costs to and from the point of embarkation or dis-embarkation are to be met by the mainland Club.

No Final, nor any Play-Off, shall be played in the Channel Islands – unless both Finalists or both Clubs in a Play-Off are Channel Island Clubs. A Channel Island Club reaching a Final or a Play-Off shall play on the ground of its mainland opponents and shall be considered to be the visiting team unless a neutral venue is used for a Final.

No Club shall suffer any competition penalty if it is unable to fulfil its commitment to any Hampshire Competition because of financial implications.”

Club Accounts

I continue to despair at the cavalier attitude displayed by so many of our Clubs whose members just do not seem to care what is happening to their money. I am fully aware that finding a competent person to manage the money is not a simple task; I am also more than aware that finding 15 players every Saturday is more important. For most Clubs their annual accounts are closed at the end of April, some earlier, some later. Regardless of the year-end date every year there are on average ten clubs which fail to submit their accounts to the County Office by the 31 December as required. As I write this there are still four Clubs who have not managed this. For three of these this is a regular occurrence. There are seven Clubs which have sent in their accounts but have not reported that they have presented their accounts at a General Meeting of their members. That suggests that the members in a third of our Clubs just don't care.

Valuing the Volunteer

We all Value all our Volunteers highly. This year we were pleased that Eric Barker from Portsmouth RFC was invited by the RFU President to be his guest at the French game in March. Neil Hagerty also invited several stalwarts of the County and its Clubs to matches as well. Last October we held our sixth Annual Awards Dinner. As has been our custom we again used a Hampshire Club, having had a year out to celebrate both the Awards Dinner and LeRoy Angel's RFU Presidency at the Rose Bowl in 2005. Havant volunteered to be our hosts, and did us very well indeed considering they were between Caterers! (Another career for Chalky to follow?) Those honoured as the Award Winners were Julie Millar of Overton RFC the Hampshire Clubs Unsung Hero and Paul Searle of Tottonians, the Hampshire Clubs Administrator of the Year. Attendance at these Dinners has hovered around the fifty mark. Stand-fast the 300 in 2005 which we plan to emulate this coming November. Cliff Fairley (Petersfield RFC) and the Hampshire Branch of the Wooden Spoon Society are managing the Awards Dinner on our behalf on 2 November. Club Secretaries will have received with this Report the invitation to nominate their Club's candidates and to start thinking about a Club Table. Why not make sure your over-worked Sec has this in hand? And maybe help him out a little?

Our Referees

Perhaps the Volunteers we must Value most highly; or perhaps not, in case we give them ideas above their station. However I do wish to record our considerable thanks to the guys in the middle. They continue to put up with abuse – often above and beyond the acceptable level of touchline banter. There is a growing trend too of more experienced players, usually in the seconds and the thirds, and who really should know better, giving new referees constant advice bordering on at least criticism if not dissent. The cricket term "sledging" is being used to describe this stupid behaviour. Some younger referees still finding their feet have yet to appreciate the real value of the "extra ten". Too often a referee will find he is the only person at the ground because someone somewhere failed to communicate; in fact the quality of pre-match administration in some of our clubs is abysmal.

Finding referees who are prepared to, or whose family life allows them to, officiate on a Sunday as well as on the Saturday, or even instead of, continues to be a major challenge. We simply must get more qualified referees and then we must get them to join the Society.

At the end of next season we will pay a grant to each Club of 100% of the fee charged for an Entry Level Referee's Award for all those from the Club who complete the course and then join the Society. That payment will be made after they have officiated at ten matches. We will also pay 50% of the cost for those who complete the course and make themselves available and active as a Club referee. We will pay this to the Club Treasurer without demand on receipt of the necessary information from the Society Training Officer.

A few statistics, courtesy of Simon Thomas, to make you think:

Active appointment weeks	37	6th August 2006 to 7th May 2007
Total matches scheduled	1758	
Total matches officiated	1654	94% of those not cancelled
Non Exchange matches assessed	196	12% of Society matches assessed / coached
Total matches not covered	104	6 % of those not cancelled
Total matches cancelled	416	23% [42% (32%) after Thursday 9 pm]
Total matches cancellation fee	20	Saturday morning or on arrival at ground
Total matches re-appointed	618	37 % of those covered
Referees not contacted by club	87	
No Referee - covered by club	125	11 Saturday matches, 116 Sunday
Average matches per referee	15.3	

Referees not avail / injured	334	In 18% of matches the appointed referee cancelled
Total number of active referees	108	
Exchanges IN (most assessed also)	103	includes Level 4 & 5 and County matches
Exchanges OUT	68	excludes HRURS Level 4 & 5 Panel or Group appointments

Participation and Club Development

One of the major events within the County this season has been the RDO driven Prop Idol Competition. The brainchild of Gavin Williams this has been a major success gathering much local and National Press and TV exposure for the Game in the County.

Meanwhile Dave Marsden has been active in providing assistance to the Clubs where needed in the areas of development and recruitment. The Development Fund has made three Grants totalling £2800.

David Ball continues as ever to provide an outstanding service as our Coaching Adviser and has managed a successful Coach Education Programme as well as providing advice to all who need it.

Well done to Andover who hosted their first ever County Mini Tournament on our behalf; all reports indicate a first class example of planning and organisation and of obtaining sponsorship which enabled the Club to go that extra mile – which was not necessary for all their visitors thanks to the excellent sign-posting in the district!

In the past two seasons Clive Lamshead has processed almost four thousand Youth Registration Forms (2009 in 05/06 and 1796 in 06/07). Thank goodness that Clubs are now able to do this directly on-line into the RFU Youth database using RugbyFirst. I can now regain him as the Administrative Officer, as that is why he was recruited in the first place – to take some of the admin load off of me!

Looking Ahead

We are now only twelve months away from our 125th Anniversary Season – yes we began in 1883–1884. That's even before John Sneezum became involved. Among the events we are planning will be a President's Cocktail Party in September 2008; a Black Tie Dinner at the Rose Bowl, hopefully on 16 January 2009 which is just about 25 years since the Centenary Dinner at the Portsmouth Guildhall; an RFU Roadshow with the Chairman and Chief Executive of the RFU here in the County for a weekend; and Forum 2009 – it's nine years since our last one. On the field we may have a President's XV against an ex-international XV, and maybe a Ten-a-Side or a Sevens Tournament. Would anyone prepared to assist on the Task Group we need to make all of this happen in the proper Hampshire Way please contact the County Office?

To the Limit and Beyond

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CLUB HAMPSHIRE

County XV

After three dismal seasons the turning point in our fortunes was confirmed in injury time at Basingstoke in our first match against Dorset & Wiltshire. Trailing by four points at the start of the final quarter the team kept their heads and pressurised the visitors' line for almost half an hour before being rewarded with a winning try by Ryan Morgan in minute 95; the kick, successful but not necessary, was the final play of the game. Earlier a greater spirit and commitment had been evident in the squad.

A week later and we again let our opponents, this time our other neighbours, Sussex, overhaul our lead going eight points down at the start of the second half. From a scrum on their twenty-two Jamie Fish made a fine individual break to score under the posts which enabled us to claw back the lead and produce a second successive victory. The first time for four years we had managed that. Having shown we could come back from behind the match the following week in the far northern corner of Buckinghamshire saw us in control from the start and a third successive win.

Having had the trek to Olney we then went even further, into Norfolk, for the semifinal against Eastern Counties to whom we had not lost in the past fifteen years. While the opportunity of a Final at Twickenham has been a major incentive in getting players to turn out for the County at the end of a long club league programme this was not on offer this year. The likelihood of a Final in Durham on the Bank Holiday weekend was quite possibly a disincentive. Ten points down in fifteen minutes to two tries from their flying left winger, we eventually got off the bus and managed a try just before half-time, turning round 20 points to 7. Two more scores followed and we were only five adrift. That became eight and an opportunity to take three was spurned in favour of going for the line-out with around six minutes left; their defence kept us out however, they broke away and gained a penalty and that was that for another year.

Victory in that match would have produced not only a Final in Durham but also promotion to the next level, the Shield, of the County Championship. Which is the level I believe we should be at; looking at the teams in the Devon-Lancashire Final shows that those two Counties were each able to field 15 and 13 players respectively from National One Clubs. We saw back in '92 that the County with a majority of players with high level League experience is the one that wins. (Especially if the names include du Plesses and van Eyk.)

The change of management and coaches has made a difference but we still failed to achieve any decent sort of preparation time, most coaching sessions being poorly attended. So that is an area which will be addressed for next season.

Thirty two players were used, of whom seventeen were new caps, included a number from the Under 20's squad one of whom, Phillipe Pearse, is still at Peter Symonds College. He was one half of one of the three pairs of brothers we used (shame we weren't able to get another Osman to join Russell this season).

Under 20 XV

Unfortunately despite a relaxation in the regulations we were not able to secure the services of two of our eligible players from the London Irish Academy.

The warm-up matches against the older Royal Navy and Army sides both tested the mettle of the squad spirit which was not found wanting – the second half at Aldershot being particularly satisfying keeping the larger soldiers to a nil-nil score after turning round 36 points down. Two wins against lesser opposition and a loss against Kent before the Championship

got under way meant we had had a satisfying preparation which showed itself in a comprehensive victory over a strongly fancied Surrey side.

The Army Under 20s proved nowhere near as strong as their U23 team, not surprisingly, and all eight of our tries were converted by Chris Ashwin, who almost repeated that feat (7 out of 8) for the seniors in Buckinghamshire. Disappointingly we could manage only a draw against Eastern Counties, but that put us top of the group and earned a home quarterfinal against Devon who went on to the final where they lost against Yorkshire.

Four players were selected to play for London against the Midlands – Chris Ashwin, Tim Cronin, Andrew Henderson and George Scott.

14 to 18 Groups

Our selection policy was modified at the start of the season to hold an initial session for the 2005-2006 age group squad to check and set the bench-mark at one year on. Against this we then had a measure to compare those nominated from clubs and schools; which we also limited to a maximum of four each, subject always to prior negotiation. At 18 Group almost 90 players were invited to the initial session.

The 18 Group season started on an auspicious note, being the star turn for the official opening of the fine new Changing Rooms extension at Petersfield RFC. Matches for both the County side and the A XV saw two victories which promised well for the rest of the all too short three match campaign. Regrettably the two games against Surrey were cancelled and plans to re-schedule later did not materialise. then we travelled to Blackheath to meet Kent.

The 14 Group District coaching and assessment days had seen over 270 players taking their first step towards representative honours. Sadly we lost two of the three fixtures – being let down by other counties. We were however exceedingly grateful to receive, after selection and not before, a £300 donation from the father of one of the squad.

The wet weather played havoc with the programme at 15 and 17 Groups; most unfortunately the 15 Group match in Gravesend was called off far too late to enable some parents to be contacted before they had left home. To not embarrass Kent the same way we made a very early decision to call off our home 17 Group match – which actually proved to be the correct call.

James Rodley (Portsmouth Grammar School and Havant) had a fine season, captaining the County, starring for the Division and then earning his Under 18 cap in the England AER XV.

At Under 16 both Peter Austin and David Rees (who captained the County 16 Group) excelled in the Divisional XV before becoming first choice for England 16 Group. Tom Grimes and Rob Lewis earned trials for London but just missed out of making the final 44.

As a County we remain concerned about the quality of the selection process exhibited at Divisional level and fear that too many people are too intent on promoting only their own players to the detriment of the Divisional XV. In the interests of our own players we will remain “within” and will not “opt out”. The lack of knowledge of the modern game among some so-called selectors is woeful – young Peter Austin would not have made it to the London Squad, let alone England, had it not been for the intervention of an England Selector into London’s “horse-trading”.

During the summer we plan to run three development sessions for the 15’s and 17’s – i.e. next season’s 16 and 18 Groups. HRFUW are also planning a summer camp for the Under 15 and Under 18 squads.

Some of you may be aware of the introduction next season by the Rugby Football Union of County Schools of Rugby. This has not found favour at all in Club Hampshire. Our opinion is that to abandon what we have set up as “The Hampshire Way” in favour of a system which is inferior would be criminal. So we have negotiated a way forward which satisfies all parties. Included in this way ahead will be the continuation of what we have termed the “Bronze Group” which is a development programme for 24 boys in the 11 – 14 age groups on a weekly basis at Perins School. The Gold and Silver Groups are boys in the London Irish English Player Development Centre.

On a critical note, we no longer expect to get the County Teams to get the use of our Club’s grounds and facilities at no cost but we do expect to find that pitches are properly marked, the flags are out, the changing rooms are clean and that they have been swept of the detritus left by the minis and juniors. Playing for the County is an honour for any player – and it is only correct that every player should find the experience to be first class. That is what we aim to provide. What we would like the Club to provide is a high level of service including having reserved tables so the players can find somewhere to sit to eat their post match meal and a bar open at a reasonable time before the match so that players’ parents and wives can get a cup of coffee. We will meet what it costs but do not expect a Club to charge over the odds for what is provided. Nevertheless I extend my sincere thanks to all ur Clubs for their hospitality and their promotion of our Great Game.

NO-SIDE

Thank you to all those members of our County Committee Structures – and to those who work on alone with little or no support from anyone else. Nobody, outside the County Office and our band of physios, receives any money at all for

their freely given volunteer service to the Union. I, and all of you, should be deeply indebted to their dedication and devotion. And you should be aware that the perks they get are non-existent - a beer here, a meal there - and this is little recompense for the aggro some of them get from ill-informed people on the "outside" too many of whom are from those in the Youth section of our game. Thank you to all the parents who deliver their children to training and matches and to those who help out with the County Teams.

I am honoured to have been County President over the past three seasons and while I will be handing over that role at the AGM, once again I have to tell you that it looks like you've got me for yet another year as Executive Director.

N.J. Stone OBE, Executive Director

CLUB HAMPSHIRE RESULTS 2006 - 2007

COUNTY FIFTEEN (Manager John Byett)

28 April	CC Plate	Dorset & Wiltshire	Basingstoke	W	26	23
5 May	CC Plate	Sussex	Trojans	W	45	31
12 May	CC Plate	Buckinghamshire	Olney	W	57	12
19 May	Plate SemiFinal	Eastern Counties	Diss	L	15	26

UNDER 20 XV (Manager Mike Marchant)

29 Oct		Royal Navy U23	United Services	L	15	25
5 Nov		Irish Exiles U19	St. Mary's	W	20	10
26 Nov		Army Under 23	Aldershot	L	0	36
28 Dec		Peter Symonds OB	Winchester	W	34	10
14 Jan	NC	Kent	So'ton Uni Wide Lane	L	21	23
4 Feb	NC	Surrey	Esher	W	29	18
11 Feb	NC	Army	Havant	W	56	13
25 Feb	NC	Essex	Southend	D	3	3
1 April	NC QuarterFinal	Devon	Aldershot	L	18	29

18 GROUP (Manager Tim Allen)

				County		A XV			
29 Oct		Sussex	Petersfield	W	23	10	W	19	15
5 Nov		Surrey	?	C			C		
19 Nov		Kent	Blackheath	?			?		

17 GROUP (Manager Debbie Morgan)

				County		A XV	
28 Jan		Surrey	?	L	0	40	-
4 Mar		Kent	Havant pitch unfit	C			C
18 Mar		Middlesex	Old Millhillians	W	46	6	C

16 GROUP (Manager Derek Forrester)

				County		A XV			
29 Oct		Essex	St. Albans School	L	3	38	L	8	15
12 Nov		Sussex	Worthing	L	10	38	L	10	12
26 Nov		Kent	Sidcup	L	8	23	L	12	16
7 Jan		Dorset & Wilts	Bournemouth	W	33	5	-		
28 Jan		Hertfordshire		L	22	29	-		
25 Feb		Middlesex	Havant	L	15	40	W	30	22

15 GROUP (Manager Ed. Neville)

				County		A XV			
28 Jan		Sussex		W	53	0	L	3	14
25 Feb		Kent	Gravesend pitch unfit	C			C		

11 Mar	Hertfordshire	Portsmouth	L 22 33	L 7 38
22 April	Regional Tens			
6 May	National Tens	Rugby School	21 st out of 28	P 6 W 3 L 3

**14 GROUP
(Manager Peter Ebbs)**

			County	A XV
28 Jan	Surrey	Andover	C	C
25 Feb	Kent	Basingstoke	L 12 39	L 5 10
11 Mar	Middlesex	Staines	C	C
5 April	Tens v Surrey and Oxfordshire	Effingham & L'head	P 3 W 1 L 2	P 3 W 2 L 1

Success rate 40%
COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP 2007

	DOREST & WILTS 28 April Basingstoke W 26 – 23	SUSSEX 5 May Trojans W 45 – 31	BUCKS 12 May Olney W 57 – 12	EASTERN COS 19 May Diss L 15 - 26
Richard Buck Tottonians	FB* (awarded tie)	-	W	W
Grant Murdoch Basingstoke	-	FB	FB**	FB
Ryan Morgan Jersey	W*	-	-	-
Karl Buttle Basingstoke	-	W*	-	-
Steve O'Brien Jersey	C	-	-	-
Russell Osman O. Albanians	Rep C	C	C	C
David Byett Nottingham	C	C**	C	C
Oge Ofuasia Portsmouth	W*	-	W	W
Neil Styles Portsmouth	-	W*	-	-
Andy Ashwin Winchester	FH	-	-	-
Jon Wood Portsmouth	Rep FH** (awarded badge)	Rep FB	Rep FB	-
Ben Stuart Portsmouth	-	FH*	-	Rep FB
Chris Ashwin Newbury	-	-	FH	FH**
Andrew Byett Basingstoke	SH	Rep FH	Rep W	-
Jamie Fish Basingstoke	-	SH*	SH	-
Grant Morris Havant	-	Rep SH	Rep SH	SH**
Shane Murphy Basingstoke	LH	-	Rep TH**	-
Neil Young Basingstoke	Rep LH	LH	LH	LH**
Danny Drake Tottonians	-	-	Rep LH*	-
Tom Boland Winchester	H*	7	H (Rep 6)	7
Tom Drewitt Havant	-	Rep H*	-	H**
Tom Wells Havant	TH	TH	TH**	TH
Ross Sterling Basingstoke	L (Captain)	L (Captain)	L (Captain)**	L (Captain)
Alex Scarratt Portsmouth	L*	Rep 6	-	Rep 6
Ian Thatcher Barnstaple	Rep L*	Rep L	-	L
Tom Radbourne Newbury	-	L (Rep 8)	-	-
Harry Cripps Portsmouth	-	-	L*	-
Chris Williams Basingstoke	6*	6	6 (Rep L)	6

Martin Pearse Rosslyn Park	7* (Rep H)	H	Rep H	Rep H
Phillipe Pearse Portsmouth	Rep 7*	Rep 8	Rep 7	Rep 7
Tommy Booth Rugby	-	-	7	-
Luke Richardson Tottonians	8*	8	8	8
Tries	Ofuasia (2) Byett D Morgan	Radbourne Murdoch Fish Wells Wood Boland	Ofuasia (3) Richardson Buck Byett D Osman Pearse P	Ofuasia Wells
Conversions	Byett D (3)	Byett D Styles (2)	Ashwin (7)	Ashwin
Penalties	-	Styles (3)	Ashwin	Ashwin

NATIONAL UNDER 20 CHAMPIONSHIP 2007

	SURREY 4 Feb Esher W 29 - 18	ARMY 11 Feb Havant W 56 - 13	ESSEX 25 Feb Thurrock D 3 - 3	DEVON 1 April Aldershot L 18 - 29
Andrew Henderson Newbury	FB#	FB#		FB#
Dan Lawrence Newbury	W	W		W
Daniel Mays Farnborough	C	C		C
Tim Richards Basingstoke	C	-		C
Karl Buttle Basingstoke	W	W		W
Chris Ashwin Newbury	FH	FH		FH
Tim Cronin Salisbury	SH	SH		-
Matthew Oliver Basingstoke	LH	LH		LH
James Folan Basingstoke	H	H		H
Greg Hoolihan Portsmouth	TH	TH		TH
Nick Carroll Farnborough	L	L		L
Andrew Hore	L	-	-	-
Alexander Day Newbury	6	6		6
Tom Self Winchester	7	Rep 7		7
Luke Richardson Tottonians	8	8		8
Toby Peacock	Rep	Rep		Rep
Alex Ainsworth-Lay Winchester	Rep SH	Rep SH		SH
Christopher Bremner Havant	Rep			
Lenny Brown Sot Uni	Rep	Rep		Rep
George Scott Basingstoke, Sot Uni	Rep L	L		L
Paul Morgan	Rep			
James Monck	Rep			Rep
Ollie Watts	-	Rep		Rep
Ricky Timpson	-	Rep		Rep
Rob Sutherland	-	Rep		Rep
Phillipe Pearse Portsmouth/Peter Symonds Coll	-	C		Rep
# Captain	*	Awarded U20 Tie for first Championship appearance		
	**	Awarded U20 Badge for third Championship appearance		

Tries	Buttle Henderson Mays Richards	Buttle Hoolihan Cronin Scott Day (2) Peacock Ashwin
Conversions	Ashwin (3)	Ashwin (8)
Penalty Goal	Ashwin	



Peter Austin and David Rees

Honours Board

We have been blessed this season with probably our best International representation for many a year.

England 16 Group	Peter Austin	Warblington School and Havant RFC
England 16 Group	David Rees	Costello Technology College and Basingstoke RFC
England 18 Group	James Rodley	Portsmouth GS, Havant RFC and London Irish Academy
England Women Under 19	Vickii Cornborough	Portsmouth, Petersfield and Havant RFC's
England Women Under 19 and England Women Colleges FC	Rowena Burnfield	Peter Symonds College, Andover RFC and Richmond
England Women A	Fiona Pocock	Petersfield RFC and Richmond FC
England Deaf Rugby Under 19	Mark Todd	Andover RFC
English Universities	Chris Ashwin	Winchester RFC and University of Bath

England Sevens	Charlie Amesbury	Petersfield RFC, Lord Wandsworth College and Harlequins RFC
England Saxons	Anthony Allen Michael Brown	Trojans RFC, Harlequins Academy and Gloucester RFC Harlequins
England	Anthony Allen Tom Rees Michael Brown	Basingstoke RFC and Wasps (David's big brother) Harlequins

and of course, Jonny Wilkinson, MBE.

It was most gratifying to see Tom Rees selected as the Professional Players' Association Young Player of the Year
Topsy Ojo and Ugo Monye also continue to shine in the Premiership.

I would not want people to think that Hampshire claim all the kudos for these players; we, that is Club Hampshire, have been but one of the influences on these players. Much credit must go to their original home town Clubs, their schools and the Academies or Clubs for whom they now play. But in most cases we have been the catalyst which has sparked the fire.

The Robbie Keast Memorial Bowls have been awarded by the Hampshire Schools RFU to

Under 16	Peter Austin
Under 18	David Felton, Highlands College and Jersey RFC

Club Hampshire nominations for the Michael Austin Harlick Award were Fiona Pocock, Peter Austin and James Rodley.

The Brian Short Memorial Trophy for the Young Player who best epitomised the Spirit of Hampshire Rugby is awarded to Tom Self, Winchester RFC.

The FMT Bunnay Trophy for the County Championship Player of the Year is awarded to Tom Boland, Winchester RFC

Tom has been awarded this trophy for his contribution to the County XV where he stepped up to the County XV from a Level 7 Club raising his game several notches even when called upon to play out of position, starting twice as hooker and twice as blind side flanker.



COUNTY SQUAD 28 APRIL, 2007

Back Row

Grant Murdoch (Basingstoke), Jon Wood (Portsmouth), Robbie Holmes (Basingstoke), Ian Thatcher (Barnstaple)
 David Byett (Nottingham), Chris Williams (Basingstoke), Luke Richardson (Tottonians), Danny Drake (Tottonians)
 Ross Stirling (Basingstoke, Captain), Tom Boland (Winchester), Oge Ofuasia (Portsmouth), Richard Buck (Tottonians)
 Tom Wells (Havant)

Front Row

Alex Scarratt (Portsmouth), Ryan Morgan (Jersey), Phil Pearse (Winchester and Peter Symonds College)
 Andrew Byett (Basingstoke), Neil Young (Basingstoke), Shane Murphy (Basingstoke), Martin Pearse (Rosslyn Park)
 Andy Ashwin (Winchester), Steve O'Brien (Jersey)

Missing: Russell Osman (Old Albanians)

GALES HAMPSHIRE CUP

Quarterfinals	Andover			bye
	Havant	149	0	Gosport & Fareham
	Tottonians	0	79	Basingstoke
	Winchester			bye
Semifinals	Basingstoke	13	29	Havant
	Andover	15	6	Winchester
Final	Havant	50	13	Andover

GALES HAMPSHIRE BOWL

Quarterfinals	Alton			bye
	Petersfield	26	24	Fareham Heathens
	Trojans	34	17	Sandown & Shanklin
	United Services	5	11	Ellingham & Ringwood
Semifinals	Trojans	w/d	w/o	Ellingham & Ringwood
	Alton	8	14	Petersfield
Final	Petersfield	27	13	Ellingham & Ringwood (aet)

GALES HAMPSHIRE PLATE

Preliminary Round	Kingsclere	w/o	w/d	Ventnor
	Solent Uni	13	12	Southampton University Medics
	Southampton Uni	34	12	Overton
	Stoneham	17	43	Fawley
Round 1	Alresford	7	42	Solent Uni
	Farnborough	34	18	Fordingbridge
	Fawley	13	47	Southampton Uni
	Isle of Wight	43	15	New Milton & District
	Kingsclere	0	31	Aldershot & Fleet
	Romsey	15	32	Millbrook
	Southampton	w/o	w/d	Eastleigh
	Isle of Wight	10	0	Aldershot & Fleet
Quarterfinals	Saint Jacques	7	22	Farnborough
	Southampton	32	11	Millbrook
	Southampton Uni	5	22	Solent Uni
	Farnborough	23	12	Isle of Wight
Semifinals	Solent Uni	19	17	Southampton
	Final	Solent Uni	40	10

THE JOHN SNEEZUM VETERANS' CUP

Preliminary Round	Farnborough			Petersfield
	Havant	27	26	Fareham Heathens
	United Services	30	10	Tottonians
Quarterfinals	Gosport & Fareham	13	23	Petersfield
	Havant	25	0	Basingstoke
	Portsmouth	35	6	United Services
	Winchester	w/d	w/o	Southampton
	Havant	3	12	Portsmouth
Semifinals	Southampton	8	0	Petersfield
	Final	Southampton	6	15

SIAM CUP

Jersey	8	17	Guernsey
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SUGDEN CUP

Jersey II	29	13	Jersey United Banks
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MACMILLAN CUP

Beeches	60	17	Saint Jacques
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RFU EDF ENERGY NATIONAL TROPHY

Round 1	Havant	62	9	Diss
	St. Ives	18	3	Basingstoke
Round 2	Havant	43	20	Torquay
Round 3	Havant	20	26	Henley

RFU EDF ENERGY INTERMEDIATE CUP

Round 1	London Nigeria	35	24	Andover
Round 2	Bishop's Stortford	29	12	Portsmouth

RFU EDF ENERGY SENIOR VASE

Preliminary Round	Crowborough	14	10	Sandown & Shanklin
Round 1	Petersfield	27	10	Brighton
Round 2	Gosport & Fareham	35	6	Petersfield
	Tottonians	18	10	Lordswood
	Winchester	3	27	Chichester
Round 3	Chichester	27	28	Tottonians
	Old Elthamians	8	3	Gosport & Fareham
Round 4	Tottonians	45	20	Bognor
Round 5	Tottonians	30	22	London Cornish
Round 6	Tottonians	32	19	Deal Betteshanger
Quarterfinal	Stroud	28	0	Tottonians

RFU EDF ENERGY JUNIOR VASE

Preliminary Round	Kingsclere	20	53	Reigate
	Overton	w/o	w/d	Old Haileyburians
	Stoneham	5	40	Alresford
	Ventnor	21	7	Fawley
	Verwood	39	29	Nomads
Round 1	Aldershot & Fleet	w/d	w/o	Streatham-Croydon
	Fordingbridge	20	27	Old Whitgiftians
	Overton	0	53	Old Walcountians
	Romsey	10	55	Old Rutlishians
	Ventnor	10	25	Isle of Wight
	Verwood	36	12	Alresford
Round 2	Cranleigh	50	10	Eastleigh
	Fareham Heathens	w/o	w/d	Mitcham
	Farnborough	24	30	Old Whitgiftians
	Isle of Wight	16	31	Alton
	London Exiles	17	21	Trojans
	Old Blues	35	3	Millbrook
	United Services	6	25	Old Rutlishians
Round 3	Alton	3	27	Hemel Hempstead
	Old Abbotsonians	28	22	Fareham Heathens
	Trojans	15	7	Chiswick
Round 4	Trojans	27	24	Medway
Round 5	Bishopston	0	26	Trojans
Round 6	Old Abbotsonians	8	9	Trojans
Quarterfinal	Trojans	0	78	Hartpury College

LEAGUES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Points	
National 3 South								
Havant	26	17	0	9	736	303	86	Third
South West 1								
Basingstoke	22	12	0	10	489	505	24	Fifth
London 1								
Portsmouth	22	8	0	14	392	723	16	Ninth
London 2 South								
Jersey	22	16	0	6	554	341	32	Third

Andover	22	7	0	15	337	582	14	Tenth (& relegated)
London 3 South West								
Tottonians	22	17	0	5	469	274	34	Third
Guernsey	22	11	1	10	343	352	23	Fifth
Winchester	22	11	0	11	426	400	22	Sixth
Gosport & Fareham	22	3	1	18	228	497	7	Twelfth (& relegated)

London 4 South West								
Petersfield	18	9	1	8	287	369	19	Fourth
Sandown & Shanklin	18	4	1	13	273	443	9	Ninth (& relegated)

Hampshire One								
Trojans	18	16	0	2	574	142	32	
Ellingham & Ringwood	18	13	1	4	388	267	27	
Alton	18	10	1	7	355	174	21	
United Services	18	10	1	7	399	283	21	
Southampton	18	8	0	10	332	297	16	
Farnborough	18	6	2	10	229	301	14	
New Milton & District	18	7	0	11	297	547	14	
Fareham Heathens	18	6	1	11	229	349	13	
Eastleigh	18	6	0	12	272	387	12	
Millbrook	18	4	2	12	188	516	8*	

(E & R lost 10 – 71 in play-off against London South Africa, runners-up in Surrey One)

Hampshire Two								
East Dorset	16	15	0	1	451	115	28*	
Fordingbridge	16	11	1	4	447	158	23	
Isle of Wight	16	10	1	5	407	229	21	
Aldershot & Fleet	16	11	1	4	285	193	21*	
Romsey	16	8	2	6	250	154	18	
Chineham	16	7	0	9	278	328	14	
Nomads	16	4	1	11	163	332	7*	
Fawley	16	2	0	14	190	479	4	
Alresford	16	1	0	15	76	559	0*	

Hampshire Three								
Lytchett Minster	12	10	1	1	372	84	21	
Ventnor	12	9	0	3	277	157	18	
Overton	12	7	1	4	257	168	15	
Kingsclere	12	7	0	5	300	156	14	
Paxton Pumas	12	4	0	8	171	256	8	
Verwood	12	3	0	9	174	288	4*	
Stoneham	12	1	0	11	76	518	2	

* Points deducted

MERIT TABLES

P = Matches actually PLAYED; A = Void Matches for which Points are Awarded

Senior Merit Table	P(14)	W(2)	D(1)	L(0)	Void	A(2)	F	A	Points	Ratio	%
Tottonians II	12	8	1	3	0	0	203	147	17	1.38	71
Andover II	10	7	0	3	2	0	341	116	14	2.94	70
Winchester II	9	5	1	3	1	2	192	131	15	1.47	68
Havant III	12	7	1	4	2	0	187	159	15	1.18	63
Trojans II	12	6	0	6	2	0	207	164	12	1.26	50
Alton II	9	3	0	6	1	0	115	193	6	0.60	33
Petersfield II	9	3	0	6	0	0	152	293	6	0.52	33
Gosport & Fareham II	9	0	1	8	1	2	69	266	5	0.26	23

Merit One	P(18)	W(2)	D(1)	L(0)	Void	A(2)	F	A	Points	Ratio	%
Sandown & Shanklin II	7	5	0	2	11	0	144	89	10	1.62	71
New Milton & District II	10	6	0	4	6	1	291	173	14	1.68	64
Basingstoke III	15	8	1	6	2	1	353	258	19	1.37	59
United Services II	14	8	0	6	4	0	398	265	16	1.50	57
Farnborough II	11	4	1	6	6	3	255	343	15	0.74	54
Andover III	11	4	1	6	5	1	226	288	11	0.78	46
Southampton II	10	4	0	6	7	1	180	333	10	0.54	45
Trojans III	11	4	0	7	5	1	176	218	10	0.81	42
Winchester III	10	7	0	3	8	0	301	133	14	2.26	
Petersfield III	11	3	1	7	7	0	200	424	7	0.47	

Games Played 55; Games cancelled 35

Winchester and Petersfield did not play 75% of fixtures

Sandown & Shanklin played 6 away and only 1 at home

Only Farnborough and United Services did not cancel a game

Merit Two	P(18)	W(3)	D(2)	L(1)	Void	A(2)	F	A	Points	Ratio	%
New Milton & District III	12	10	0	2	6	0	402	103	32	3.90	89
Portsmouth III	12	9	0	3	5	1	314	123	32	2.55	84
Fordingbridge II	14	9	0	5	4	0	342	224	32	1.53	76
Tottonians III	12	7	0	5	4	1	217	147	28	1.48	74
Ellingham & Ringwood II	16	8	1	7	2	0	308	334	33	0.92	69
Millbrook II	9	0	0	9	8	0	77	355	9	0.22	33

Did not achieve 75%

Fareham Heathens II	12	6	0	6	6	0	194	253	24	0.73	
Southampton III	9	4	0	5	9	0	242	174	17	1.39	
Aldershot & Fleet II	8	3	0	5	9	1	105	199	16	0.53	
Gosport & Fareham III	12	1	1	10	6	0	124	403	5	0.31	

Games Played 59; Games cancelled 31

New Milton cancelled 3 games but had 3 opponents cancelled which counted towards 75%

Merit Three	P(18)	W(3)	D(2)	L(1)	Void	A(2)	F	A	Points	Ratio	%
Romsey II	14	11	0	3	3	1	379	128	38	2.96	86
Alresford II	14	10	0	4	2	1	311	251	36	1.24	82
Isle of Wight II	14	10	0	4	4	0	348	254	34	1.37	81
Ryde	15	8	1	6	3	0	319	276	32	1.16	71
Portsmouth IV	14	5	0	9	3	1	294	298	26	0.99	59
Eastleigh II	16	4	2	10	1	1	228	260	28	0.88	56
Chineham II	14	4	1	9	3	0	216	334	23	0.65	55
Overton II	13	2	0	11	3	2	153	509	21	0.30	49

Did not achieve 75%

Fareham Heathens III	8	5	0	3	8	0	205	143	18	1.43	
Nomads II	4	2	0	2	13	0	79	79	8	1.00	

Games Played 62; Games cancelled 28

Jersey Rugby Association League

	P(12)	W(5)	D(3)	L(1)	A(5)	F	A	Bonus	Points	Ratio
Jersey 11	12	11	1	0	0	381	78	9	67	4.88
Jersey United Banks	12	8	0	4	0	303	177	7	51	1.71
Guernsey !!	11	5	0	6	1	243	207	3	39	1.17
Les Quennevais	10	4	1	5	0	177	277	5	33	0.64
Beeches	11	3	1	7	0	249	267	7	32	0.93
St. Jacques	9	1	1	7	3	156	221	2	32	0.71
Jersey Wanderers	11	4	0	7	0	146	328	5	32	0.45

Games awarded are worth 25 match points as well as 5 competition points (but not recorded as "against?")
 Bonus points 1 for 4 tries; 1 for losing by <7

Colts League

The Colts League operated in two tables of seven clubs, each playing the other six clubs at home and away.

	P(12)	W(3)	D(2)	L(1)	V	A(3)	F	A	Points	Ratio	%
League A											
Gosport & Fareham	10	9	1	0	2	1	329	43	32	7.65	97
Havant	9	7	0	2	3	1	188	36	26	5.22	87
Basingstoke	11	7	1	3	1	0	319	96	26	3.32	79
Tottonians	11	5	0	6	1	0	82	236	21	0.34	63
Andover	9	2	1	6	3	2	47	213	20	0.22	60
Eastleigh	10	2	1	7	2	0	84	200	15	0.42	50
Ellingham & Ringwood	10	1	0	9	2	0	37	262	12	0.14	40

League B											
Petersfield	12	11	0	1	0	0	234	72	34	3.25	94
Winchester	12	8	0	4	0	0	239	147	28	1.63	78
Portsmouth	12	6	0	6	0	0	141	133	24	1.06	67
Trojans	12	6	0	6	0	0	123	117	24	1.05	67
Alton	12	5	1	6	0	0	135	164	23	0.82	64
Farnborough	12	4	0	8	0	0	100	203	20	0.49	56
Vectis	12	1	1	10	0	0	80	216	15	0.37	42

Knock-Out Matches then followed to find the County Champion and the Cup and Plate Winners

Cup contested by the top four in each League

Quarterfinals

Gosport & Fareham	19	5	Trojans
Havant	7	18	Portsmouth
Petersfield	33	3	Tottonians
Winchester	10	14	Basingstoke

Semifinals

Gosport & Fareham	12	3	Basingstoke
Petersfield	20	5	Portsmouth

Final (played at Winchester RFC)

Gosport & Fareham	14	10	Petersfield
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Plate contested by the remainder

Preliminary (bottom two in each League)

Farnborough	w/o	w/d	Ellingham & Ringwood
Vectis	52	8	Eastleigh

Semifinals

Alton	27	17	Vectis
Andover	5	17	Farnborough

However as Alton had booked a tour for the date of the Final, Vectis were allowed to go through
Final (also played at Winchester RFC)

Farnborough	27	17	Vectis
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JUNIOR LEAGUES

These have been run on a mixture of League and Merit Table philosophies

Difference in Points seem to have been used – even though some clubs have played fewer games.

	P	W(3)	D(2)	L(1)	A(3)	F	A	Diff	Points	Ratio	%
Under Sixteen League One											
Havant	7	6	0	1	1	267	63	204	22	4.23	92
Tottonians	7	5	1	1	1	202	50	152	21	4.04	88
Portsmouth	7	5	1	1	1	171	81	90	21	2.11	88
Vectis	7	5	0	2	1	151	122	29	20	1.24	83
Basingstoke	8	3	0	5	0	208	116	92	14	1.79	58
Petersfield	7	3	0	4	0	157	122	35	13	1.29	62
Guernsey	8	2	0	6	0	80	319	-239	12	0.25	50
Romsey	7	1	0	6	0	113	259	-146	9	0.44	43
Winchester	6	1	0	5	0	45	252	-207	8	0.18	44

Under Sixteen League Two

Gosport & Fareham	7	6	0	1	0	159	66	93	19	2.41	90
Alton	5	4	0	1	2	108	19	89	19	5.68	90
Jersey	6	4	0	2	1	175	50	125	17	3.50	81
Trojans	6	4	0	2	1	133	31	102	17	4.29	81
Andover	6	2	0	4	0	97	96	1	10	1.01	56
Ellingham & Ringwood	6	2	0	4	1	134	143	-9	13	0.94	62
Fawley	6	1	0	5	0	32	291	-259	8	0.11	44
Eastleigh	4	0	0	4	0	30	172	-142	4	0.17	33

Under Fifteen League One

Winchester	9	9	0	0	0	365	61	304	27	5.98	100
Petersfield	9	8	0	1	0	261	86	175	25	3.03	93
United Services	9	7	0	2	0	269	44	225	23	6.11	85
New Milton & District	9	4	1	4	0	152	189	-37	18	0.80	67
Jersey	9	4	0	5	0	143	159	-16	17	0.89	63
Havant	9	4	0	5	0	165	219	-54	17	0.75	63
Basingstoke	9	3	1	5	0	150	153	-3	16	0.98	59
Trojans	9	3	0	6	0	121	194	-73	14	0.62	52
Andover	9	1	0	8	0	148	285	-137	11	0.51	41
Tottonians	9	1	0	8	0	77	369	-292	11	0.21	41

Under Fifteen League Two

Fareham Heathens	6	5	0	1	0	151	15	136	16	10.06	89
Alton	6	5	0	1	0	149	48	101	16	3.10	89
Vectis	6	3	0	3	0	148	93	55	12	1.59	67
Ellingham & Ringwood	5	2	0	3	1	102	101	1	12	1.01	67
Romsey	5	3	0	2	0	121	62	59	11	1.95	73
Portsmouth	6	2	0	4	0	76	77	-1	10	0.99	56
Gosport & Fareham	6	0	0	6	0	8	360	-352	6	0.02	33
<i>withdrew</i>											
Aldershot & Fleet											
Farnborough											

Under Fourteen League One

Winchester	8	7	1	0	0	217	49	168	23	4.32	96
Havant	8	7	0	1	0	202	50	162	22	4.04	92
Jersey	8	6	1	1	0	140	89	54	21	1.57	88
New Milton & District	8	5	0	3	0	85	80	5	18	1.06	75
Trojans	8	3	1	4	0	145	114	31	15	1.27	63
Alton	8	3	0	5	0	123	222	-99	14	0.55	58
Portsmouth	8	2	0	6	0	54	142	-88	12	0.38	50
Overton	8	1	1	6	0	91	141	-50	11	0.64	46
Ellingham & Ringwood	8	0	0	8	0	65	248	-183	8	0.26	33

Under Fourteen League Two

Vectis	6	5	1	0	1	187	40	147	20	4.68	95
Andover	7	5	1	1	0	123	57	66	18	2.16	86
United Services	7	4	1	2	0	135	126	9	16	1.07	76
Tottonians	6	3	0	3	1	94	124	-30	15	0.76	71
Basingstoke	7	3	0	4	0	101	107	-6	13	0.94	62
Gosport & Fareham	7	2	0	5	0	94	149	-55	11	0.63	52
Romsey	6	0	2	4	0	64	172	-108	8	0.37	44
Petersfield	6	1	1	4	-1?	96	119	-23	6?	0.81	50

HAMPSHIRE MINI/MIDI TOURNAMENTS*Held at Portsmouth RFC on 25 March 2007***Under 7****Cup****Plate****Bowl***Held at Andover RFC on 18 March 2007***Under 9 (21 clubs)**

Shield Havant beat New Milton
Plate United Services beat Eastleigh
Bowl Portsmouth beat Tottonians

R'wood

*Held at Winchester RFC on 11 March 2007***Under 11****Under 8****Cup****Plate****Bowl****Under 10 (18 clubs)**

Shield Havant beat Trojans
Plate New Milton beat Basingstoke
Bowl Barbarians share with Ellingham &

Cup	Petersfield	15	10	New Milton	Cup	Winchester	15	0	New Milton
Plate	Winchester	0	0	Havant	Plate	United Services	20	0	Vectis
Bowl	Alton	15	0	Tottonians	Bowl	Fareham Heathens			

HAMPSHIRE JUNIOR KNOCKOUT CUPS

Under 13 Cup

Round 1	Alton			Bye
	Basingstoke	67	0	Eastleigh
	Ellingham & Ringwood	10	22	Romsey
	Havant	30	0	Andover
	Petersfield	10	12	New Milton & District
	Portsmouth	0	38	Winchester
	United Services	0	51	Trojans
	Vectis	7	7	Gosport & Fareham (away rule winners)
Quarterfinals	Basingstoke	54	7	Romsey
	Gosport & Fareham	0	34	Havant
	New Milton & District	12	10-	Trojans
	Winchester	67	0	Alton
Semifinals	Havant	8	0	New Milton & District
	Winchester	26	5	Basingstoke
Final (at G & F)	Havant	0	0	Winchester

Seventeen's Cup

Round 1	Alton	3	18	Petersfield
	Farnborough	27	12	Guernsey
	Havant	47	0	Andover
	Vectis	21	20	Basingstoke
	Winchester	25	0	Tottonians
	Gosport & Fareham, Jersey and Portsmouth had BYES			
Quarterfinals	Gosport & Fareham	15	10	Winchester
	Havant	46	0	Farnborough
	Portsmouth	8	20	Petersfield
	Vectis	0	44	Jersey
Semifinals	Gosport & Fareham	24	10	Petersfield
	Jersey	15	3	Havant
Final	Jersey	21	7	Gosport & Fareham

HAMPSHIRE JUNIOR KNOCKOUT PLATES

Under 13 Plate

Quarterfinals	Eastleigh	17	24	Ellingham & Ringwood
	Petersfield	41	0	United Services
	Portsmouth			Bye
	Vectis	0	22	Andover
Semifinals	Andover	0	46	Petersfield
	Portsmouth	34	7	Ellingham & Ringwood
Final	Petersfield	24	0	Portsmouth

Seventeen's Plate

Prelim	Andover	20	0	Guernsey
Semifinals	Basingstoke	19	5	Andover
	Tottonians	13	20	Alton
Final	Basingstoke	12	12	Alton

HAMPSHIRE SCHOOLS RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

Under 18

WREN Cup shared by King Edward VI with Portsmouth Grammar School after a 3 all draw

BIRCH Plate Farnborough Sixth Form College

KEAST Bowl Sparsholt College

President's Sevens

Cup Peter Symond's College

Plate Farnborough Sixth Form College

Bowl Queen Mary College

Under 16

Cup	Churcher's College
Plate	Portsmouth Grammar School
Bowl	Court Moor School

Under 16 Sevens

Cup	Churcher's College
Plate	Amery Hill School
Bowl	Test Valley School

Under 15

SUGDEN Cup	Portsmouth Grammar School
SUGDEN Plate	Henry Beaufort School
Bowl	Brookfield School

Under 14 Ten's

Experienced Schools	Cup	Portsmouth Grammar School
	Plate	Lord Wandsworth College
	Shield	Brighton Hill College

Daily Telegraph Under 12 New Schools Final Twickenham 5 May 2007

Bishop Lovett School, Isle of Wight drew with Abbotsfield School, Middlesex

APPENDIX I

HAMPSHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 1930 on Tuesday 19 July, 2006 at Eastleigh RFC

Those Present

President

N.J. Stone*, OBE

Past Presidents

L.C.K. Angel, J.S. Sneezum (proxy), J.D. Rees

Vice Presidents	G.H. Cook* (Honorary Treasurer), M.P. Glogg* (Club Hampshire Chairman) N.J. Murphy, P.J. Topham* (Governance Chairman) D. Wills
Management Committee	N.R. Hagerty* (RFU Representative), C.L. Lambshead (Admin Officer) D. Marsden* (Community Rugby Chairman)
Member Clubs Represented*	Alresford, Basingstoke, Chineham, Eastleigh, Fareham Heathens Farnborough, Fordingbridge, Gosport & Fareham Guernsey (proxy), Havant, Millbrook (proxy), New Milton & District Overton, Petersfield, Portsmouth, Romsey, Sandown & Shanklin Sparsholt College (Proxy), Tottonians, Trojans, Ventnor (proxy), Winchester
Associate Clubs Represented	East Dorset
Life Associates	J. Collins, D.A. Creal, G.W. Ebdon-Hussey, C.J.M. Fairley, M.W. Garton, H.D. Ogus, G. Searle, D. Steventon
Individual Associates	K. Johnston, E.T. Lynch, Mrs. S. Pazdzierski, J.H. Prosser MBE D.B. Russell-Taylor, P.A. Searle, J. Trim, S. Tristram, A. Winterbottom
Club Representatives	
If not shown above	J. Becklake, J. Cloke, D. Dobney, R. Evans, M. Garner, G. Giles S. Groves, N. Hanmer, S. Holt, T. Lynch, G. Millar, J.W.J. Mist D. Morgan, N. Olsen, A. Searle, R. Townsend, C. Whapham A. Whitehouse S.G.T. Thomas I.S. Kerr, E.R.C. Venning A. Headley
HRURS	
HSRFU	
HRFUW	
Others present	David Byett, Mr. J. and Mrs. S. Byett, Sam Cutting Mr. G. Keast, Mr. R. and Mrs. Henderson Alistair Youngs, Mr. P. and Mrs. H. Youngs

*Voting Members (28) (Quorum = 15)

The President welcomed those present, thanked them for attending and in view of the heat, and the fact that few were wearing jackets, invited those who wished to remove their ties.

He then asked all to rise to observe a moment's quiet reflection for those who had passed away over the past year.

Peter Jackson and David Meech of Eastleigh; Soapy Watson of United Services, Dick Birch of Ellingham & Ringwood and Freddie Miller of Tottonians, the latter two since the publication of the Report.

The Executive Director read the Notice Convening the Meeting.

Item One To Receive Apologies for Absence.

The President referred to two of our former Presidents. Firstly he had had a message from Janet Penn-Barrow that Gerald does not get out much these days and would be very happy to see any old friends who may like to drop by. Secondly, having set up the AGM in his very own Club, John Sneezum has upped and gone to a Garden Party at Buck House.

Apologies were received from those who had returned proxy votes and:

Past Presidents	J. Boyle, G. Penn-Barrow
Vice Presidents	D.C. Ball, R.D. Birch, M.T. Chalk, R. Harris, P.A. Jones, J.R. Owen, J.C. Pope F.H. Pugh, I.J. Reeve, J.R.Searle, F.D. Tilling
Member Clubs	Kingsclere, Nomads, United Services
Life Associates	E.R. Hoare, J.G.P. Jeffery, J. Parkhouse, A.J. Reeve, Mrs. D. Sneezum, J.S. Taylor
Individual Associates	P.N.M. Bailey, N.J. Creal, G.W. Ebdon-Hussey, A.I.P. Joy, N.D.Y. Mayor M.F. O'Reilly, R. Scott, G.L. Toogood, J. H. Wilkinson, A.W. Williams
RDO's	J Brookstein, G.Williams.

Item Two To Agree the Minutes of the 2005 AGM.

These had been issued at Appendix 1 of the Annual Report and were taken as read. The President invited all those in favour of agreeing the Minutes to vote. There were none against; there were no abstentions. The President declared the Minutes agreed.

Item Three To Agree the Minutes of the 2005 AFGM.

These had been issued at Appendix 2 of the Annual Report and were taken as read. The President invited all those in favour of agreeing the Minutes to vote. There were none against; there were no abstentions. The President declared the Minutes agreed.

Item Four To Adopt the Executive Director's Report.

The President then introduced the Report by saying that he hoped that all present had read the Report. He went on to say – as the Executive Director:

It was again a rush to issue the Report at the correct time to meet the statutory requirement of due Notice for the Meeting. Not that it applies to those who are Associates – as non-voters that bit of the Act does not apply to them.

I apologise to all those Associates as none would have received the Report – and the important notice with it concerning tickets for Twickenham – until after the final date on which Jeff Rees had to close his books. However while the report did not reach the Associates until around 30 June those for whom we had an e-mail address did receive advance notification of ticket booking electronically some four weeks earlier.

It was absolutely absurd of the RFU staff to issue, at the beginning of June with only a month's notice, the autumn international application forms with a return date by 4 July. I have no idea what we would have done had Jeff been on holiday at the end of June. Was it the wish of the staff to have all the orders in early so that they could maximise the quiet time which for many is the summer? With no thought for the volunteer administrator in the Counties and the Clubs?

It is not my intention to go through the Report but I wish to publicly state my thanks to all those dedicated individuals who give up their spare time to manage this Union. Some I regret I did not thank in print which was remiss of me.

I have already mentioned Jeff; thank you Sir, when other Presidents have quite reasonably slipped away quietly, or perhaps not so quietly, into the background, you have continued to perform a vital service for the benefit of our Associates.

Others whom I wish to identify and thank.

Peter Topham on completion of his first year as Chairman of the Management Board and still doubling-up as Chairman of Governance. Well done Peter, and thanks for your support both as Line Manager of the Executive Director and as right hand man of the President!! Peter has been awarded his County Badge for his services to the County; rather unusually this has been awarded after his previous election as a Vice President back in July 2002; that award of course was for his previous services in the Referees' Society.

And my thanks to the other members of the Management Board.

George Cook who continues to guard our finances as his own.

Dave Marsden for his efforts in trying to force what money he has extracted from George on to our Clubs for improving their facilities and for increasing participation and of course for his efforts in steering the RDO's in the right direction.

Mike Glogg for his management of the whole County playing scene from Under 14 upwards. Mike plans to introduce a new development programme next season which will see some 75 of our more talented players in the U11 to U16 age groups being given expert coaching and guidance. Following our second poor season in the County Championship, Mike chaired a most fruitful meeting only last night with the Directors of Rugby and Head Coaches of our more senior clubs. As a result of the positive suggestions made and the agreement reached on the way ahead, I am looking forward to an improvement in the County's standing and position in the County Championship next season and a place in the Plate Final at Twickenham.

Dave Tilling has been getting to grips with our marketing plans and I am hopeful of greater promotion and publicity of our activities. Dave is being advised by our new PRO, Amanda Fallbrown who is already making a very positive contribution.

Our new boy on the block Neil Hagerty has identified the movers and shakers on the Council and at HQ and seems on track to be a most worthy successor to LeRoy Angel.

And lastly from the Board, my predecessor John Sneezum; as always John has been John.

At the next level of committee structure I thank Mick Chalk, Discipline and John Collins, Competitions, Peter Hill, Youth and Vince Kitley, Youth Competitions. And of course to our Coaching Guru, David Ball. And to Andrew Mott at the end of his eleventh season as Secretary of the Fixture Bureau.

From our partners I must say thank you to Simon Thomas with whom we have worked closely in the disciplinary area; to Ian Kerr for his wise stewardship of the Schools Union and to Roger Venning for his secretaryship, also to Andy Headley

who has had a very challenging year as Chairman of HRFUW; he has been ably assisted by Sharon Evans and I am pleased we have been able to contribute to the partnership which has now engaged her as a Community Rugby Coach.

And finally to Clive Lambshead, who has completed his first full year in the Admin Chair, has suffered my peculiar ways, and my continuous interference in everything he does, stoically and without audible complaint!

My final words on last season are about the Immediate Past President of the Rugby Football Union. LeRoy Angel has just completed his year in office and a very memorable one it obviously was for him but also for many of us in Hampshire Rugby. Lee was the Guest of Honour at the Hampshire Rugby Gala Dinner last September at the Rose Bowl; we also had a small dinner party for him in January in the Presidential Suite at Twickenham. Both occasions were superb. Many of us too have been lucky enough to have been invited by Lee to lunch in the Presidential Suite before an International and some of us as well at the Daily Mail Schools Day and also to the Post-Match Players' Dinners. Lee has looked after his Hampshire friends very well indeed; I know too he has also been looked after in time honoured fashion at a number of Dinners held by some of our Clubs and by the Referees' Society. I wonder how many previous RFU Presidents have been entertained at a Club Dinner by the Royal Marines' Corps of Drums Beating Retreat? A first class touch by Gosport & Fareham whose 60th Anniversary was celebrated in fine style in the Wardroom of HMS Collingwood.

Are there any questions? Replacing the Presidential Hat, I ask you please to adopt the Report.

Adoption of the Report was proposed by Dave Marsden, seconded by Peter Topham. The President invited all those in favour of agreeing the Minutes to vote. There were none against; there were no abstentions. The President declared the Report adopted.

Item Five Presentation of Awards

The President introduced and made the following presentations.

The First Award is the FMT Bunnery Trophy for the County Championship Player of the Year which goes to David Byett originally at Basingstoke and after a short spell at London Welsh now at Nottingham. David had what is probably a unique season for Hampshire in that he played all the Under 20 matches and then all the Senior XV matches. And top-scored for the County at both levels. A very worthy winner.

The next Award is The Brian Short Memorial Trophy for the Young Player who Best Epitomised the Spirit of Hampshire Rugby which goes this year to Sam Cutting from Portsmouth RFC. Sam has played in all our age Group sides, and this season represented London and the South-East at Under 18 in the Divisional Festival, a loyal and committed player for Club and County.

Next are the Robbie Keast Awards which were presented to our Schools Union by his family in memory of Robbie Keast a County Age group player and a young man who was tragically killed in January 2000. There are two; the first to our outstanding 18 Group player who this year is Andy Henderson of Bishop Wordsworth School and London Irish. Again a player who also cannot be here as he is on tour in Canada with his school; however his parents are here to accept the Bowl on his behalf.

The Robbie Keast Bowl for our 16 Group is awarded to Alistair Youngs from Portsmouth Grammar School and Portsmouth RFC.

And now to the League and Merit Table Winners and I call upon John Collins to assist me in this.

After a number of years as Runner-Up I have great pleasure in presenting the

Winners of London Two South

Portsmouth

For the second year running we have a Hampshire Club as the

Winners of London Three South-West

Andover

I hope they have a more fruitful trip next Season to Jersey than they did last to Guernsey.

Hampshire One was again a very competitive League.

Winners of Hampshire One and The Portsmouth NEWS Cup

Sandown & Shanklin

It is good to see that an Isle of Wight Club will be competing in the London Leagues next season.

Making their return to Hampshire One are

Winners of Hampshire Two and The ECHO Cup

Farnborough

and congratulations to the Runner-Up, our host club tonight, Eastleigh

Next for the first time a Hampshire Trophy goes outside the County

Winners of Hampshire Three and The Hampshire Chronicle Cup

East Dorset

also promoted are Fawley

My congratulations to

Winner of the Senior Merit Table and The PINNOCK Cup
Winner of Merit One (again)
Winner of Merit Two
Winner of Merit Three

Andover 2nds
Winchester 3rds
Petersfield 3rds
New Milton 3rds

I now have Awards to make which should have taken place last September on the night of the Gala Dinner. We made an award that night to Rob Townsend, as Best Club Administrator of the Year. What he didn't get that night was the Value the Volunteer Tie. So please step forward, Rob to accept this. And also Mike Garton please step forward for your tie as a runner-up in the Club Awards last year.

This year we are holding the Annual Awards Dinner at Havant RFC on Friday 29 September. Clubs will be invited very shortly to submit their nominations for the Awards which will be for Best Club Man of the Year and for The Unsung Hero.

Item Six To receive a Financial Report

Our Rules specifically state this is an Agenda Item for the Annual General Meeting even though we hold a separate Annual Financial General Meeting each November. So I have included it on the Agenda.

As our year ended less than three weeks ago this is not a report which can be based in any way on completed accounts let alone audited accounts. However I can say that last Thursday the Management Committee considered the provisional end-of-year financial management accounts which showed a revenue surplus after tax of some £4000. The Finance Committee are currently investigating our tax position as we are of the opinion that we are paying too much in Corporation Tax – indeed we are finding it difficult to accept that we conduct any form of trading as such and will be seeking further advice about our position. Especially as Mr. Brown removed the marginal rate relief in his last Budget.

The Management Committee have also agreed a budget for next year which subject to fine tuning will see an intentional overspend as we seek to return over £10000 in specific grants for specific actions taken by our Clubs. This will include subsidising basic refereeing courses, first aid courses and coach education as well as initiatives to increase player participation. All items of a "watch this space" nature which will be fully publicised in due course. In addition we seek to part fund the previously mentioned new programme of player development. Our Club Development Fund has over £6000 ring-fenced to assist clubs to improve their facilities to increase participation. Please can we see a greater interest in this – any queries see David Marsden after the Meeting please. We have a further £9000 ring-fenced for the youth recruitment programme which is now being delivered by the Community Rugby Coaches – of whom I believe we have more than any other County.

For your information, our policy is to maintain Members' Funds at no less than £60000. That figure should enable us to survive for 18 months if the RFU withdrew all funding from the County tomorrow.

I am not taking questions on Finance as that is for the AFGM on 20 November. So you have just received the Financial Report.

Item Seven To elect the Officers

There having been no other nominations received by the due date, the President declared those named in Agenda Item 7 to be duly elected.

It is customary now for the President to give an address but I know that you have listened to me for too long already this evening.

Once again I wish to say thank-you for the continued support you give to the Management Committee of our Union. And once again it seems the nominations made by the Committee have been accepted without discussion; I know we do not always get it all right but it is not for the want of trying and while there is always room for improvement I am very pleased that generally we are doing most things correctly and as you would wish. We listen, we learn and we act.

I do of course thank-you most sincerely for making me your President for a third year. I remain eternally grateful for the dedication and assistance provided by everyone else in the Union. To you all thank-you most sincerely. Particularly my ever suffering wife, Dee.

In my first acceptance speech two years ago I referred to my hope for greater presence of our Clubs in the higher Leagues. Sadly we are not keeping pace with our neighbours; next season only one third of our league clubs will be playing above the County level. It will take us another three seasons minimum without any clubs dropping out of London 4 to achieve 50% - and that is one big challenge. To all our Clubs please maintain your position, do not slip down and aim to get higher. I wish you all every success.

I continue to see the need for more administrators in our Clubs and as in the past two years I will again be holding two Induction Evenings for new Club Administrators. And a third if over-subscribed.

We are still facing LeRoy's "greatest challenge" in trying to identify and recruit good people for the County. After the summer break I plan to trawl through the information we hold on our associates to see if we can recruit a few to join some of our committees.

I am pleased to say that I still enjoy what I do and I hope you all do so as well. Long may it continue. Enjoy yourself; enjoy the Game; and remember good enough is not good enough.

Item Eight To elect the Vice Presidents

The Management Committee recommends that the current Vice Presidents continue in office. This year there are no new nominations for Vice President.

Election of the Vice Presidents was proposed by Peter Topham, seconded by Petersfield RFC. The President invited all those in favour to vote. There were none against; there were no abstentions. The President declared the Vice Presidents elected.

Item Nine To elect the Management Committee

There had been no other nominations received by the due date; the President declared those nominated by the Management Committee and named in Agenda Item 9 to be duly elected. He added:

I said last year I was looking to relinquish my elected position of Honorary Secretary tonight. I have failed my own challenge of identifying a new Hon Sec and we still need a new Chairman of Governance.

Item Ten To consider a Resolution

Last year we engaged the professional services of Messrs. Rothman Pantall & Co. of Eastleigh as Auditors. From the way I worded the request for them to act for us they had to undertake a number of tasks which were legally required but not essential to them in producing the accounts which they signed off as being a true and fair view of the state of the Union's affairs. On their advice I wish to invoke Rule 8.1.7.2 and ask you to consider the following Resolution:

"to disapply the provisions of the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965-1978 and any subsequent Acts governing or otherwise affecting industrial and provident societies, relating to the obligation to appoint Auditors".

We are allowed to do this by the Act, because of the level of our income and size of our balance sheet. We are permitted to appoint, and again I quote "Reporting Accountants" in lieu of Auditors.

That is what I am asking you to vote upon this evening. Any questions? This is a resolution which requires only a majority vote tonight.

The motion to disapply was proposed by George Cook and seconded by Neil Hagerty. The President invited all those in favour of the Resolution to vote. There were none against; there were no abstentions. The President declared the Resolution carried.

Item Eleven To appoint the Reporting Accountants

This would have been difficult had that Resolution not been carried. The Management Committee recommend that Rothman Pantall & Co. Eastleigh are appointed Reporting Accountants for the financial year ending 30 June 2006.

The Appointment was proposed Peter Topham and seconded by Neil Hagerty. The President invited all those in favour of the Appointment to vote. There were none against; there were no abstentions. The President declared that Rothman Pantall & Co were appointed.

Item Twelve To hear any other matter for the consideration of the Management Committee during the ensuing year but on which no voting shall be allowed

None were proposed.

The President declared the Annual General Meeting CLOSED at 2003.

APPENDIX II

HAMPSHIRE RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION LIMITED

Minutes of the Annual Financial General Meeting held at 1900 on Monday 20 November, 2006 at the County Office

Those Present

President	N.J. Stone*	and Executive Director/Honorary Secretary
Immediate Past President	J.S. Sneezum*	and Competitions Secretary/Eastleigh RFC
RFU Representative	N.R. Hagerty*	
Management Chairman	P. Topham*	and Governance Chairman
Honorary Treasurer	G.H. Cook*	
Marketing Chairman	F.D. Tilling*	
Management Committee proxies (7)	M.P. Glogg*	Club Hampshire Chairman
	D. Marsden*	Community Rugby Chairman
Member Clubs Represented* (13)	Basingstoke, Eastleigh, Fareham Heathens, Farnborough, Kingsclere New Milton & District (proxy), Nomads, Petersfield, Portsmouth, Romsey Trojans, Ventnor (proxy), Winchester	
Club Representatives	S. Barlow, J. Becklake, B. Challis, D. Crabbe, D. Creal, C. Fairley, C. Few J. Mist, D. Patterson, J. Prosser, P. Snowden, A. Stanley, R. Townsend C. Walsh	

*Voting Members (21) (Quorum = 15)

Apologies:

Alresford, Alton, Chineham, Fawley, Gosport & Fareham, Guernsey
Ellingham & Ringwood, Sandown & Shanklin, Southampton, Stoneham, and
United Services, MP Glogg, D. Marsden

The President welcomed everyone to the AFGM. The Executive Director read the Notice Convening the Meeting.

1 To receive the Union's Financial Statements for the year ended on 30th June, 2006 and the auditor's report thereon and to make any suitable order in respect thereof.

- 1.1 The President stated that the accounts show a surplus of £20k of which £12k was over-provided for anticipated creditors from last year leaving an actual £10k operating surplus on the year. We again had received more grant income from the RFU, and expenditure had also been much less than planned.
- 1.2 The President then invited questions and comments from the floor.
 - 1.2.1 C. Fairley asked if HRFU were obtaining a good rate of interest on the capital. The Treasurer advised that the £3700 interest accrued had been from our business reserve account and from the long-term cash deposit with Save and Prosper (Cater Allen).
- 1.3 The accounts as presented were then proposed for acceptance by Fareham Heathens RFC and seconded by Petersfield RFC and approved *nem.com*.

2 To hear any other financial matter for the consideration of the Management Committee during the ensuing year but on which no voting shall be allowed.

Brian Challis, Winchester RFC asked what the Union's Reserves Policy was and whether it could be shown in next year's Financial Statements. The President replied that the policy agreed in 1997 was to maintain sufficient cash balances to sustain our activities for two years in the complete absence of any funding from the Rugby Football Union. He stated that perhaps it was time that the Finance Committee reviewed the levels in the light of experience gained over the past nine years. Any recommendation would be made to the Management Committee In due course and the Committee would decide then what to state in the Annual Accounts.

There being no other business the President thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 1905.

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To achieve our Mission, which is

To play a pivotal role in the promotion and development of rugby and, from a sound financial base, become recognized investors in sporting excellence for the enjoyment of the Game by all.

We:

Identify rising stars among players aged 13 years and above and provide the building blocks for talented Players and Coaches to achieve their full potential and to progress to National recognition

Provide opportunities for qualified players to represent the County at every age group from Under 14 to Under 18, at Under 20 and in the Senior County Team

Enter County Teams in the National Championships

Offer players at Hampshire's Schools and in Hampshire's Clubs the opportunity to gain Divisional and National selection

Assist the HRFUW with the Girls U14 and U17 Groups and the County Women's Team

Offer County branded clothing to County Players and Associates

Arrange international match tickets for the Associates

Provide courses and support, including financial support, for those keen to learn about and qualify as first aiders, welfare officers, coaches and referees

Support the Rugby Football Union's Rugby Development Officers and Community Rugby Coaches to promote rugby in the Community, Universities, Colleges and Schools and run courses for teachers and students

Arrange Youth Forums and Clubs' Meetings, including one for the Channel Islands, to give all Clubs the opportunity to contribute to the policies for managing the Game

Seek sponsorship for the benefit of the County and its Clubs

Organise

An advisory service for Club Officials; The Annual Awards Dinner; Adult Leagues, Knock-Outs and Merit Tables
Mini and Midi Rugby Tournaments; Junior Leagues and Knock-Outs

Publish

The Annual Handbook to inform Clubs and Associates of
the Committee structure and the people managing the Union; the County Diary
details of Clubs; the fixtures planned for all County Teams,
Knock-Out Competitions, Leagues and Merit Tables
e-mail and postal addresses and phone numbers of all the people involved in the Union
The Annual Report to inform Clubs and Associates of all the activities of the Union
The Hampshire Rugby Manual with all the Rules, Regulations and Terms of Reference
Hampshire Rugby Points, being Six of the Best topics after each Clubs' Meeting
The County Web Site and Press Releases to promote the County and its Clubs

Maintain a programme to reward the Volunteers in our Clubs

Support the work of the HRURS, HSRFU and HRFUW

Assist the management of the Hampshire Playing Fields Association, the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sports Partnership, the London Irish Academy, London and the South-East Schools Division, the English Rugby Counties Association, London RFU and the RFU

Assist Clubs to

Develop Plans to increase Participation and improve Facilities
Implement Policies to protect young and vulnerable people
Maintain Discipline by dealing with inappropriate behaviour

Apply for Funding
Register Players
Achieve the RFU Seal of Approval