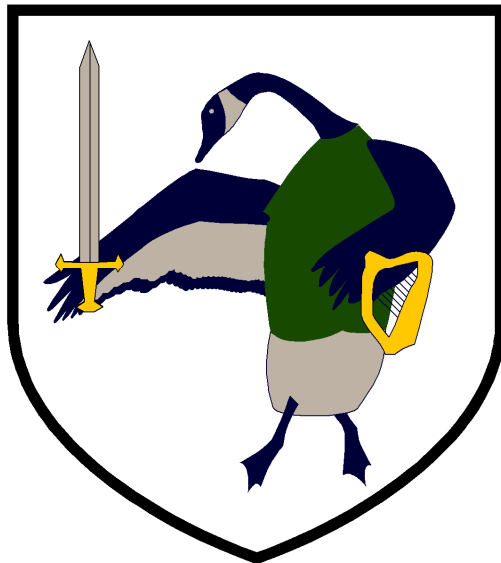


*Wild Geese Old Boys Rugby Football Club*

*2009*

*Bermuda Tour*

Wild Geese Rugby 1698



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## Tour Overview and Logistics

**Overview:** A 40 person contingent of Wild Geese will flock together November 12-15 to participate in the Bermuda World Rugby Classic. The four day event will include accommodations at a luxury hotel; a match against the Bermuda Old Boys; several private parties; attendance at the semi-final and final matches of the World Rugby Classic in addition to the opportunity to mingle with former internationals from the world's best rugby nations.

**Flights:** If you are traveling with the club you will be flying out Thursday November 12, 2009 on USAIR Flight 3452 at 7:55 from National Airport (through Philadelphia) and arriving in Bermuda at 1:37 in the afternoon. The return flight departs Sunday November 15, 2009 at 3:30 on USAIR Flight 1425 through Philadelphia into Reagan DCA at 7:53 in the evening. The cost of a seat in this block is \$417.50 including air fare and taxes. You need to pay by Friday August 28, 2009 or your seat will be cancelled and you are then on your own to book a flight. To pay, go to the Wild Geese web site ([www.wildgeeserugby.org](http://www.wildgeeserugby.org)) and click on to the PayPal link for the tour and pay on line. You can also write a check and send to:

Matt Downs  
1016 S. Carolina Ave., SE  
Washington D.C. 20003

**In order to secure your seat you must mail a check for \$417.50 payable to Matt Downes at**

**Lodging:** We have a block of rooms at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel at Elbow Beach. The web



Site can be found at <http://www.mandarinoriental.com/bermuda>. The cost of a double occupancy room is \$312 per person for 3 nights (\$624 for those who have requested their own room). The cost includes taxes and service fees. We have fifteen rooms reserved. An email will be out in about another week with details on how to pay and the rooming list.

There are two blocks of rooms reserved. If you reserved with Jeff Daley you can make arrangements directly with him. If you want a room with the team block confirm with Roger Chaufourmier your room requirements. The Hotel is the same one the U.S. Eagles team will be staying. We have offered our services as back up if they need players.....

**Passport Requirements:** Air Travel requirements as of January 1, 2009 suggest you should have a valid passport. The state department suggests you may use an "enhanced state driver's license." If you do not have a valid passport should plan on getting one immediately. If you want to pursue alternative documentation you are on your own.

**Local Transportation:** All transportation will be by cab, bus or moped. There are no car rentals and part of the Island charm is the paucity of vehicles compared to most resorts. We are still researching transportation options. The hotel is on the bus route to the festivities. The bus is several dollars each way.

**Meals:** As of last reports it appears that we will be hosted for the three nights of events. That leaves predominantly breakfast, lunch and beer. We will have a wrap up team brunch on early Sunday morning mid day to have awards, capture stories for the archives, and have tour awards.

**Match:** We will be playing the Bermuda Old Boys, which is a men's social club thirty five and over. Our match will be Saturday afternoon before the Plate-final match of the World Rugby Classic. The format will be two 30 minute halves with unlimited substitutions. There will be contested scrums but no kicking for goal and no kicking for penalties. Everyone who wishes to play will get at least their 15 minutes of fame. At press time we have 41 players.

Post match we will have access to one of the tents (New Zealand) and be able to enjoy the final two games in grand style, mingling with the Internationals.

**Tour Uniform:** We will be playing in our Wild Geese blues uniform and will bring a set of team jerseys. Each player needs to bring a pair of dark blue shorts and dark blue socks. If you are interested in buying shorts or socks contact Roger Chaufourmier as we may have another run of Wild Geese shorts made (the nice one's with our Wild Geese imprint) for us. We need to look absolutely consistent on the field and represent Geeseland appropriately!

We will be putting together *SWAG (goodie bag of Wild Geese items)* for the tour. There is a mandatory piece which costs \$75 and will include a Wild Geese polo shirt and some other goodies. It also includes costs of gifts for our hosts. In addition, we will be offering a tour jersey that commemorates the tour. A tour jersey will include our logo as well as the logo for the Bermuda Old Boys and the World Rugby Classis 2009. As soon as we have pricing we will let you know and solicit orders. This will be above and beyond the cost of the SWAG.

On our way over and for evening events expect khaki pants and khaki shorts and the tour polo shirt or Wild Geese jersey.

**Currency:** The currency of Bermuda is the Bermuda dollar. There are 100 cents to the dollar. The Bermuda dollar is pegged to the US dollar on a 1-to-1 basis. Both currencies are equally acceptable at all establishments. The US dollar is therefore the currency of choice since any remaining cash is exchangeable almost anywhere in the world; a situation which is not true for the Bermuda dollar. Ensure you change all Bermuda currency, other than that required for novelty purposes, into US dollars before you leave Bermuda. There are no currency restrictions in force when leaving Bermuda.

**Itinerary:** The following is the tentative itinerary.

#### **Thursday November 12**

Arrive in Bermuda 2:00 p.m.

Travel to Hotel and Check In

7:00 P.M. World Rugby Classics Semi Finals (2 games)

Live Music After

#### **Friday November 13**

10:00-12:00 A.M. Practice on the beach to coordinate the match for Saturday

12:00-5:00 Free day for touring

Optional Golf, Scuba, Moped tours, beach

5:00 Gather in the bar and commute to BBQ

6:00 P.M. BBQ Hosted by Bermuda Barbarians

9:00 P.M. International Party at Barr's Park

9:00 P.M. Party at McGavick's

#### **Saturday November 14**

Free Morning

2:00 P.M. Gather at Hotel Bar for travel to the pitch

3:30-4:30 Warm Up for the Match

4:30 Wild Geese vs. Bermuda Old Boys

2 30 minute halves

6:00 P.M. Plate Final

8:00 P.M. Classic Final

Classics Party at the Tent

#### **Sunday November 15, 2008**

8:00-10:00 Team Brunch/Jury

10:00	Jeff Daly Entourage Leaves for Airport
10:00-12:30	Free time
1:30	Depart for Airport
3:30	Flight

**What will all of this cost you?** For your planning purposes the following budget is estimated for a typical tour player:

Air	\$417.50
Hotel	\$312
Meals	\$150 (3 breakfasts/3 lunches)
Local Transportation	\$50
Tour Package and Match Fee:	\$75
Total:	\$1005.00

Beer money not included in the estimates.

**About the World Rugby Classic:** The World Rugby Classic is the world cup of Senior Rugby. It is a venue where former international capped players come together and compete for a week of competitive rugby and an extraordinary social experience. In 1972 Bermuda started to invite some of the world's greatest rugby players to pay a visit to its' shores to join Bermuda-based players for a festival match. The idea succeeded to such an extent that by 1980 eight out of the top ten most capped players in the world had played in Bermuda.

And out of that came a very simple thought. Why simply because a national selector decides to drop you from an international team should all those friendships, *camaraderie* and general *bon homie* of international rugby, so much a part of a player's life, simply disappear?

And so the World Rugby Classic entered the world of rugby in 1988 and provided a stage whereby players could extend their international careers and, more importantly, leave that stage when they so decided. And so Classic Rugby was born and the Seniors Rugby World Cup had arrived!

As a result some of the great names in the game not only strutted their stuff, once again, upon a world stage, but they imparted to their younger internationals a feeling of what is great about this game of rugby, a game which is losing so much in this current era, this age when television dictates when you play and when playing for your country sometimes takes second place.

Players like Willie John McBride, JPR Williams, Gavin Hastings, Philippe Sella, Andy Haden, Emile N'Tamack, Phil Kearns, Joost Van Der Westhuizen, Wade Dooley, Joe Stanley, Brain Vizard & Gareth Rees, to name but a few of the thousands of players over the years.

Imagine, we get to add to this list of those who played at the World Rugby Classic other great names such as Dave Stuart, Jim McVey, Jack Donohue, Don Cotchen, Michael Fortier, Jeff Walsh, Brian Stotler, Beau Lee and the list goes on and on.....

**Tour Sponsorship:** One way to reduce the cost of the tour is to cultivate sponsors. If anyone is associated with a company that has discretionary marketing resources that can go toward this event please come forth. We can promote the organization in our tour brochure as well as the possibility of promotion for some of the tour SWAG. We have two and half months to raise some resources. This is a high profile media event internationally and last year, the games were captured on Sentanta Sports and other international satellite and cable channels.

**Tour Organizers:** The tour organizers include:

Roger Chaufournier, Tour Director and Lead  
Neal Henderson, Minister of Clothing and SWAG  
Minister of Travel, Matt Downs  
Minister of Housing, Jeff Daly  
Minister of Geeseland Graphics and Imaging, Jeff Walsh  
Michael Fortier, Minister Plenipotentiary and liaison to the Bermuda hosts  
Henry Breton, Minister of Technology and Web Communication  
Rick Devens, Minister of Finance

**Summary of what you need to do now:**

1. Confirm to [rchaufournier@spreadinnovation.com](mailto:rchaufournier@spreadinnovation.com) that you are definitely in if you have not already
2. If you do not have lodging already arranged confirm at the same email that you want a room reserved in the Wild Geese block of rooms at the Mandarin Hotel.
3. If you are flying with the team you need to pay \$417.50 by Friday August 28, 2009. To pay send a check to Matt Downes (see address above) or go to the Wild Geese link [www.wildgeeserugby.com](http://www.wildgeeserugby.com) and pay on PayPal
4. Pay your \$75 game fee on line through PayPal above or mail to Roger Chaufournier. In your email to Roger confirm your jersey size, polo shirt size and what number you would prefer on the back of your jersey. If you paid the \$100 already, the balance can go towards your tour jersey or toward your airline payment. As of right now, that applies to only a couple of people.

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Potomac, Maryland 20865

5. Suggestions, question and comments should be directed to Roger Chaufournier at [rchaufournier@spreadinnovation.com](mailto:rchaufournier@spreadinnovation.com) or 301-529-7858.