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ANNUAL DINNER Round Up:

It's always nice to round off the season with celebrations, so what better way than with promotion being secured into Gloucester Division 1 after a great season even though it was very tight at the end (season's fixtures and results given below), and an amazing Tour to France. So this led us to the Club's final official event where a celebration took place formally on Friday 5th May at Redland Tennis Club in the form of the 'Annual Dinner'.

I am pleased to report that we had the best attendance at the Dinner for quite a few years with exactly 60 players, former players and supporters all eager to come together to recognise the success of the 2016/17 season. A big well done to everyone involved in contributing to our achievements. It was particularly good to have attend the dinner former player John Leonard who travelled from New Zealand to be with us and even more senior players such as Roger Edwards together with supporters such as Rob Davis and Ron Loader, unfortunately John Werz (Dan's dad) was unwell and unable to attend. We wish him a speedy recovery. The proceedings were opened by former Club Chairman, albeit a little croaky and so in case you missed it - "We beseech you, Lord divine, Who changed the water into Wine, Look down with Grace on us poor men, Who changed the darned stuff back again, Lord for what we are about to receive make us truly thankful".

John Leonard & Roger Edwards were invited to present the Club Ties for the following players that took to the field for Old Es a minimum of 20 games during the season: **John-Jo Burden, Colm Bourke, Jamie Halpin, Matt Bailey & Peter Foley.**

Players that had previously earned a Club Tie that were also verbally recognised for their 20 game contribution throughout the season were **Dom Swann, Tom Verber, Dan werz, Alfie Cotton & Alex Potts.**

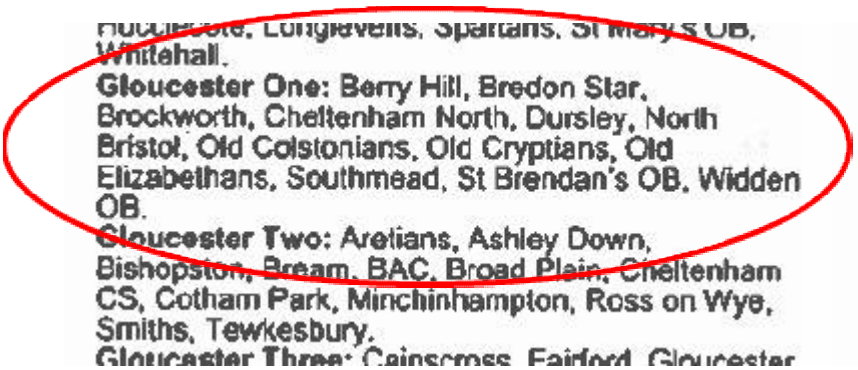
In addition the great support throughout the year by **Ron Loader and John Werz** was also recognised with a Club Tie as was the long suffering that **Ed Harper** had gone through after breaking his leg back on 17th Sept 2016, also awarded with a Club Tie. Good news is that Ed is raring to go again so we look forward to seeing you back on the pitch Ed.

Great speeches were delivered by Chairman Cheek and Coach Brook telling the story of the season and recognising the great efforts of the 2nd XV as well as the end of season tour, many great memories from another great season. Even skipper Potts got to his feet

to deliver a short thanks to everyone only to be greeted by a great rendition of the Rugby Song "I don't want to join the Army!".

The more formal Club Awards were presented to the following and it's great to see that this was recognised in Tuesday evening's Bristol Evening Post. For me though everyone is a winner based on such a successful season and everyone should take pride in what we have achieved. The Evening Post also confirmed the line up in Glos Div 1 for the 2017/18 season, some great sides like Berry Hill, North Bristol etc who we haven't played competitively for many years and so the interest and enthusiasm for next season Begins!! COME ON Es!

- Players Player: John Jo Burden
- Player of year: Colm Bourke
- Most improved: Jacob Rawlinson
- Young player: Will Mortimore
- 2nd XV player: Blake Knowlson
- Clubman: Rob Stirzaker



One sour note is that although we exceeded the £1,000 mark over the bar and were in line for a £215 deposit refund this was reduced to £28 due to (i) additional cleaning required due to a Food Fight!, (ii) a breach of the corkage policy, 11 bottles opened but no corkage paid by anyone!, (iii) additional ground man's time spent clearing up bottles and broken glass from the car park and the actual tennis courts. The Judge has been informed and an enquiry is taking place! Seriously though I now have to write an apology letter to Redland Tennis Club in the hope that they will accept it and allow us to use this great venue again next year!!! Please take this into consideration.

Future Events – Golf: Golf day will this year be a Saturday to coincide with the first lions test - Sat 24th June- venue TBC but a start time of 8.30am for beers and bacon rolls. Get the date

booked in your Calendars now (Come on Roger you know you want to enter a four ball!). More details will be released very soon.

Of course throughout the summer you can stay in touch through the Rugby Club's Cricket side (OERFCCC) – if you are interested contact Phil Cheek for more information.

Otherwise I wish you all a great summer, good holidays if you have something planned, and I'll see you at the Golf Day and at pre-season training (subject to further announcement)

Cheers

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Old Elizabethans 2016/17 Season						
Date		Gloucester 2	Result		South 3 Reserve League	Result
27/08/2016	A	Gordano (friendly)	Won 20-35			
03/09/2016	H	Broad Plain (CUP)	Won 27-14			
10/09/2016	H	Kingswood	Won 38-12	H	Aretians 2nd XV (friendly)	Won 7-32
17/09/2016	A	Painswick	Won 0-50			
24/09/2016	H	Ashley Down (CUP)	Won 64-0	H	Weston Hornets 4th XV (friendly 7's)	Won 120-50
01/10/2016	H	Old Colstonians	Lost 14-23	H	Kingswood 2nd XV	Cancelled
08/10/2016	H	Westbury-on-Severn	Won 48-5	A	BAC 2nd XV	Won 15-54
15/10/2016				H	Kingswood 2nd XV	Won 33-19
22/10/2016	A	Minchinhampton	Won 5-52	H	Aretians 2nd XV	Won 49-3
29/10/2016	H	Ross-on-Wye	Won 26-3	A	Frampton Cotterell 3rd XV	Won 10-61
05/11/2016	H	Smiths	Won 29-17	A	Kingswood 2nd XV (friendly)	Won 43-63
12/11/2016						
19/11/2016	H	Bishopston	Lost 10-11	A	Avonmouth OB 3rd XV	Lost 67-43
26/11/2016	A	BAC	Won 25-43	A	St Brendans RFC 2nd XV (friendly)	Lost 36-12
03/12/2016	A	Bristol Saracens 2nd XV (friendly)	Won 7-76			
10/12/2016	H	Broad Plain	Won 3-0	A	St. Bernadettes OB 3rd XV	Won 24-39
17/12/2016	A	Cheltenham Civil Service	Won 12-36			

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Date		Gloucester 2	Result		South 3 Reserve League	Result
24/12/2016						
07/01/2017	H	Chipping Sodbury ((Friendly)	Won 19-7	A	Frampton Cotterell 3rd XV friendly)	Lost 41-17
14/01/2017	H	Painswick	Won 27-13		BAC 2nd XV	Postponed
21/01/2017	A	Old Colstonians	Draw 18-18	A	Aretians 2nd XV	Won 43-17
28/01/2017	A	Westbury-on-Severn	Lost 31-29	H	Frampton Cotterell 3rd XV	Won 69-5
04/02/2017	A	Kingswood	Won 10-85			
11/02/2017	H	Minchinhampton	Won 99-5	A	North Bristol 3rd XV	Void
18/02/2017	A	Ross-on-Wye	Lost 11-7	H	Avonmouth OB 3rd XV	Void
25/02/2017						
04/03/2017	A	Smiths	Won 3-5	A	Bristol Saracens 3rd XV	Lost 46-22
11/03/2017	A	Bishopston	Won 7-43	H	St.Bernadettes OB 3rd XV	Lost 26-66
18/03/2017						
25/03/2017	H	BAC	Won 38-3			
29/03/2017	H	Bristol Barbarians (CUP)	Lost 17-40			
01/04/2017	A	Broad Plain	Won 12-40			
08/04/2017	H	Cheltenham Civil Service	Won 122-5	A	Kingswood 2nd XV	Cancelled