Kansas Jayhawks Rugby Football Club

February, 2019

# Old Boy Quarterly

**The Old Boy Quarterly** is targeted to the alumni rugby players of the Kansas Jayhawks Rugby Football Club.

**These issues chronicle both interesting parts of the club's 50 year history and inform the readers about the club's current status & future plans.**

It is meant to supplement and not replace the information on the club's website JayhawkRugby.com

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## Spring Preseason

# The Rugby Club Turns 55

## Reunion Celebration

## May 2 - 4 In Lawrence, KS

# Direction Of The Club

## WHAT'S GOING ON

The club is turning 55 years old this year. We are celebrating that anniversary during our normal "Alumni Weekend" of May 4. - For those who come back only occasionally; this is the time to come back and see your old teammates. - (Planning is outlined on pages 5 & 6.)

The team has been doing fitness training over this cold, winter break as they get ready for their opening game against rival Missouri on March 2. This will be their last Merit Table match of this school year. It doesn't look like MU or KU will be in the National Playoffs this year, but the "Border War" game is always big.—The team has chartered a bus to that match in Columbia.

The next week, the club goes on Tour of Wales & Scotland. We have regularly toured for 42 years. Its one of the great hallmarks of the Jayhawks.

The week after the return from the Tour, the Jayhawks travel to St. Louis to play the nationally ranked Lindenwood University Lions.

Besides the Jayhawks' 15's schedule, they will also compete in 7's within the Heart of America, in a series of tournaments. The Jayhawks' backfield has terrific talent that would be great at 7's. It is possible that the Jayhawks could enter the national playoffs in 7's.

Off field, there have been two great achievements.

- We have renegotiated the terms of Westwick's Conditional Use Permit, which will allow several planned phases of construction. (See page 10).
- Our fund raising efforts have been fruitful. (See page 15)

The club is organizationally making big plans. (See them on page 13)

The club is doing well. They honor our legacy.

## 55

**Jayhawks will turn 55**

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## Westwick

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# Spring Schedule

## Watch the club's Facebook page for game times and away locations

| DATE | HOME - AWAY | OPPONENT | LOCATION |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |
| 2/23 | Away | First Round Heart of America 7's | Stillwater, OK |
| | Home | University Nebraska Omaha | Westwick |
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| 3/2 | Away | Missouri (Merit Table) | Columbia, MO |
| | Away | Columbia Outlaws | Columbia, MO |
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| 3/9 | Away on Tour | Boroughmuir Rugby | Edinburgh, Scotland |
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| 3/13 | Away on Tour | Old Penarthians | Cardiff, Wales |
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| 3/15 | Away on Tour | Glais RFC | Swansea,Wales |
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| 3/23 | Away | Lindenwood University | St.Charles, Missouri |
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| 3/30 | Away | Second Round Heart of America 7's | Manhattan, KS |
| | Home | Creighton | Westwick |
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| 4/6 | Away | March Madness 15's Tournament | South Sioux City, NE |
| 4/7 | Away | March Madness 15's Tournament | |
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| 4/13 | Away | Third Round Heart of America 7's | Des Moines, IA |
| | Away | Nodaway County RFC | Maryville, MO |
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| 4/20 | Open | Easter | |
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| 4/27 | Home | Pittsburg State | Westwick |
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| 5/4 | Home | KC Blues (Alumni Weekend) | Westwick |

# Jayhawks Play Rugby Around the World

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# MARCH 7-17, 2019

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KU

# 2019 TOUR

# 55 Years

## of Rugby at the University of Kansas 1964 – 2019

We need advance head counts on many of these events. You PAY for these events at THE DOOR.

Provide advance head count notification for ALL EVENTS by sending an email to DOUG McCAULEY ASAP. See Page 7 and sign up for the various events.

All events with noted "club cost" have a cancellation deadline of April 27, 2019. If you notify us that you are coming and then either fail to cancel by the deadline, or are a "no show", the club will still face that charge because we made plans for you and therefore you will be billed as a Forfeiture.

## Join us this spring

as we celebrate 55 years of Jayhawk Rugby!

There will be numerous opportunities to renew old friendships and reflect on all that has happened over **MORE** than a half-century. **The celebration culminates on Saturday, May 4, 2019, with a reception and dinner at The Oread Hotel on the campus of the University of Kansas**. Former players from across the country and around the world are expected to attend. Don't you dare miss it!

***Remember that as a former Jayhawk rugby player, you can never be accused of having squandered your youth!***

## Grand Celebration May 2 - 4

**Thursday afternoon May 2**

- Join **Grant Lechtenberg** for a **Clay Pigeon Shoot**. Meet at parking lot at Westwick.
- **5:00 PM start**
- **Cost: $10 (guns, shells, and clays provided)**
- **Registration: None**

**Friday afternoon May 3**

- Join **Louie Riederer** for **Golf** at the public side of Alvamar, 1800 Crossgate Drive, Lawrence, followed by pizza at Johnny's (North).
- Four-man, 9-hole scramble
- **2:00 start**
- **Club Cost: $100/person**
- **Registration: Email McCauley**

**Friday May 3 Ladies Event**

- Wives and Significant Others join **Nancy Renfro** for a **Ladies lunch** at **J. Wilson's Restaurant.,** 4821 West 6th Street, Lawrence. (Order from menu). Name tags provided. Followed by shopping in downtown Lawrence
- **Noon start**
- **Club Cost: None (You Are On Your Own Tab)**
- **Registration: Email McCauley for head count**

### Friday Evening May 3

- An evening at **Johnny's**. ***Everyone*** comes to the flagship location in North Lawrence, the spiritual home of the KU Rugby Club since the 1970's. Visit the clubhouse on the second floor where decades of rugby memorabilia is displayed.
- **Club Cost: None (You are on your own tab.)**
- **Advance Registration: None**

### Saturday afternoon March 4

- **Rugby Matches** will be played at **Westwick Rugby Complex.**
- Jayhawks play the **KC Blues**, followed by an **Alumni Match** for all interested in taking the field.
- Concession available.
- **Noon start**
- **Cost: $3/car entry to Westwick**
- **Registration: None**

### Saturday Night May 4

- 6:30 PM **Banquet at The Oread Hotel**. 1200 Oread Ave., Lawrence, KS, 66044. You and your guest are cordially invited to attend a **banquet** honoring the Club and its members. (Beer & wine included)
- **Jacket & Tie (Optional)**
- **6:30 Cocktails**
- **8:00 Dinner followed by presentations**
- **Club Cost: $100 for singles—$150 for couples (Pay at door)**
- **Registration: Email McCauley (Need head count ASAP)**

## Lodging Options in Lawrence

There are many fine hotels in Lawrence and you are sure to find one that suits your needs. Here are several suggestions.

**The Oread**, 1200 Oread Avenue, Lawrence, KS 66044. Contact (785) 843-1200 or www.theoread.com **(Ask about block of rooms reserved for "Kansas Rugby")**. **3 Star Rated**

**Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites**, 3411 S. Iowa Street, Lawrence, KS 66046. Close to rugby fields, cinema complex and restaurants. Contact 1-888-465-4329 or (785) 749-7555. - **2 Star Rated**

**Comfort Inn & Suites**, 151 McDonald Drive, Lawrence, KS 66044. A new hotel near the West Lawrence turnpike exit. Contact (785) 330-7241. - **2 Star Rated**

**Double Tree by Hilton**, 200 McDonald Drive, Lawrence, KS 66044. Contact (785) 841-7077.– **3 Star Rated**

**Hampton Inn**, 2300 W. Sixth Street, Lawrence, KS 66049. Contact (785) 841-4994. - **3 Star Rated**

**Quality Inn Suites**, 2309 Iowa Street, Lawrence, KS 66046. Close to KU. Contact (785) 843-9100

**The Eldridge Hotel**, 701 Massachusetts Street, Lawrence, KS 66044. In the heart of historic downtown Lawrence. Contact (800) 527-0909 (toll free), (785) 749-5011

or info@eldridgehotel.com

- **3 Star Rated**

**Marriott Springhill Suites**, One Riverfront Plaza, Lawrence, KS 66044. Just across the bridge from Johnny's Tavern. Contact (785) 841-2700.– **3 Star Rated**

**Baymont by Wynham,** 740 Iowa Street, Lawrence, KS, 66044. (785) 371-0165. - **2 Star Rated**

# How to Register for Alumni Weekend

- **Send an email to Doug McCauley**
  - **mccauley@sunflower.com**
- **In email cover your plans regarding these events:**

**(1) Golf with Louie at 2:00 Friday at Alvamar, followed by pizza at Johnny's - $100 club cost (pay Louie at golf course)**

**(2) Ladies lunch with Nancy at noon. Friday at J. Wilson's, followed by shopping in downtown. - (No club cost, but we want head count to reserve restaurant tables.)**

**(3) Cocktails & seated banquet at 6:30 at The Oread Hotel. (Coat & Tie optional) Club cost $100 for singles and $150 per couple.**

**If coming to Banquet, will you be a "single" or a "couple"?**

**We need advance head counts on these events.**

**You PAY for these events at THE DOOR.**

**Register for ALL EVENTS by sending an email to DOUG McCAULEY ASAP.**

**The above events have a "club cost" and have a CANCELLATION DEADLINE of April 27, 2019. If you notify us that you are coming and then either fail to cancel by the deadline, or are a "no show", the club will still face that charge because we made plans for you and therefore you will be billed as a Forfeiture.**

# Retro Club Jerseys for Sale

KJRFC Club Logo on front chest

"55th Anniversary 1964-2019" on sleeve

Poly/Cotton material

Relaxed Fit for the "mature" physique

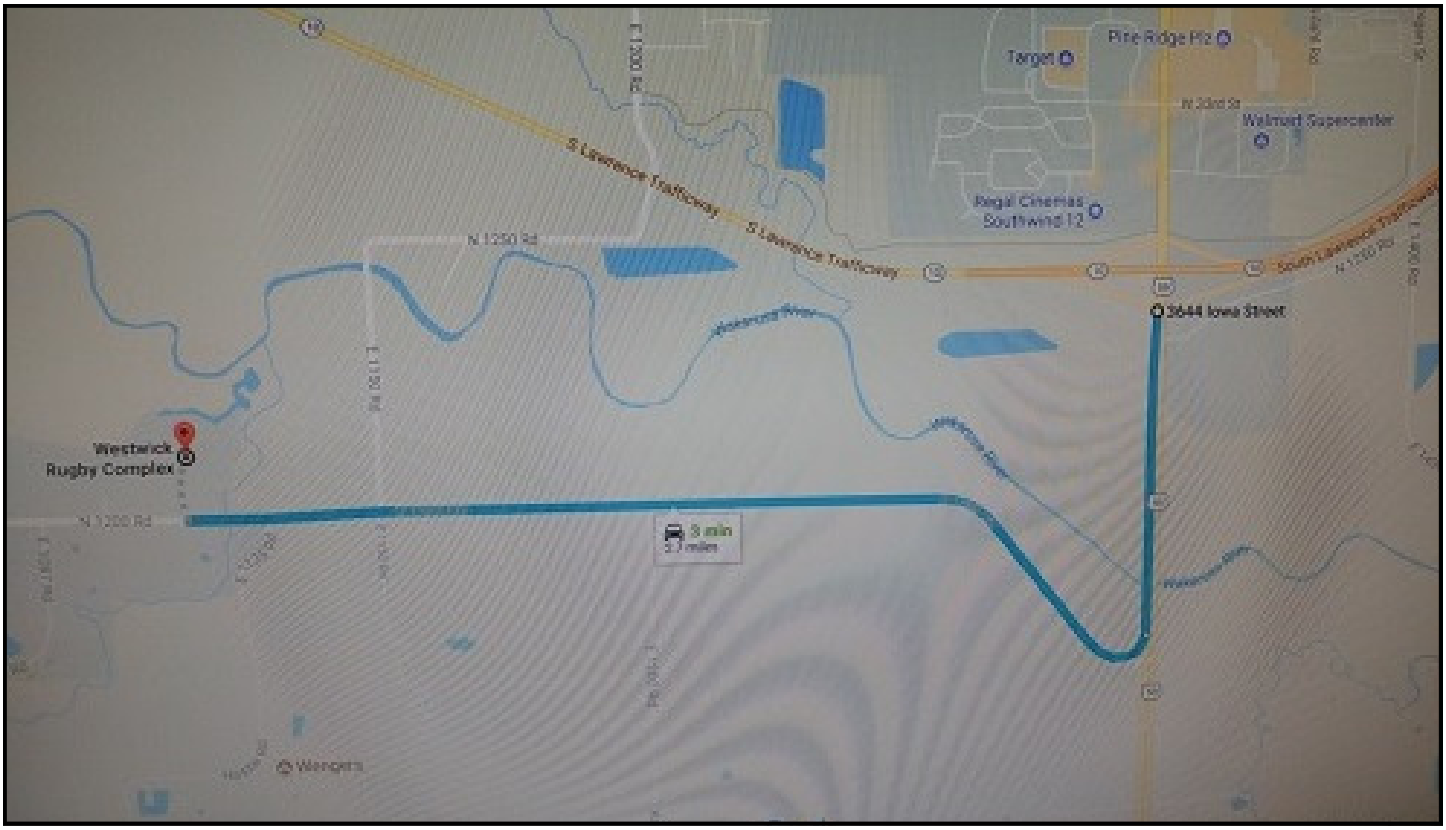
- $100 each.
- For an ADDITIONAL fee, your number can be put on the back (1 - 15).
- Manufactured in your size.
- If you pay for shipping, the jersey can be shipped to your home. Otherwise the jerseys will be delivered in bulk to the club and provided to you during May Alumni Weekend Banquet.
- Advance order and payment required before MARCH 20, 2019.
- The manufacturer is setting up a designated "shop" for us on their website and should be ready in the next few days. Watch the club's Facebook page for further instructions on how to order.

# Getting to Westwick

**The long awaited K-10/South Lawrence Freeway now delivers you less than 3 miles from the gate of Westwick.**

**This reduces the drive from Kansas City because you no longer have to drive through Lawrence.**

**All you do is stay on K-10 and exit at US-59, go south and then west.**



# Westwick Obtains Needed Amendment to its "Conditional Use Permit" Allowing Construction

In order to get any sort of construction permit for improvements to the Westwick complex, we need to go before the County Commission for approval.

**RICK RENFRO** went before the Commission in January and obtained the needed approval to move forward with the club's big picture game plan. - **See the newspaper article below and then Rick's notes following the meeting.**

**Lawrence Journal World**

**January 15, 2019**

**Rugby complex, 20 years overdue for restroom, seeks Douglas County Commission's OK for site improvements**

The Westwick Rugby Complex wants a permit to make some improvements to the site. However, it's about 20 years overdue to meet the conditions of its first permit.

Douglas County commissioners first approved a permit for the site, which is northwest of North 1200 and East 1150 roads, in 1994. By 1998, the site was required to have a septic system installed.

Fast forward to 2019 and that still hasn't happened.

During their 6 p.m. Wednesday meeting - a time slot the county reserves for public interest items - commissioners will consider a recommendation from planning staff to approve a new conditional use permit. However, staff recommends a firm deadline of one year from the date of resolution publication for Westwick to build the restroom facilities, or the permit would expire.

The permit would allow Westwick to construct a storage building and up to four portable restroom facilities in phase I. Phase II would add team changing rooms and additional storage; then Phase III would add locker rooms, restrooms and pavilions for viewing of the athletic fields, plus an additional parking lot and a "septic field or a lagoon," according to plans filed with the county.

**From: Rick Renfro - after ruling**

Another step towards the vision of a first class Rugby facility. That can mean many different things to many different people. So here are some facts and discussion points to keep the ball rolling:

We have a new conditional use permit "CUP" issued by the county.

We have the same conditions as before, except we do not have to install a septic system until we do Phase III (the clubhouse).

We can consume alcohol adjacent to the fields, but no closer than 150 yards from neighbors and not in parking lot.

We can bring a mobile microphone for games.

As soon as they send me the final paper work, I will forward to you with all the details.

The plans call for a three phase project. Each phase will need to have a building permit and flood plan review.

If we want to change plans we will need to go back to planning commission and county commission (the same process we just went through).

We can and probably will (go before the Commission) as things change and we come closer to the endgame.

**Phase I** - pour concrete pad and put up screening for portable toilets by the small west berm.

**Phase II** - pour concrete pad and build a storage shed/ changing room north of playing fields

**Phase III** - build a clubhouse between fields in/on/around berms and a parking lot and new entrance on the southeast corner.

***Issues:***

- The landowners (Westwick) had to apply for permit not KRF.
- Where are we on the long term lease/buy sell discussion?
- When and how do we come to consensus on what and when to build?
- How and where do we raise the money for construction/ maintenance/repairs.

I know there are tons of details and other major issues. Let's get a 2 year, 5 year, and 20 year plan.

Thanks for your continuing contributions in time, knowledge, and money!!! Rick - Rock Chalk

## SITE DESCRIPTION

A TRACT OF LAND IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 15, TOWNSHIP 13 SOUTH RANGE 19 EAST OF THE 6TH P.M. IN DOUGLAS COUNTY KANSAS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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## PHASE DESCRIPTIONS

PHASE I - IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSTRUCT UP TO A 6,000 STORAGE BUILDING. STRUCTURE TO SATISFY UP TO 4 PORTABLE RESTROOM FACILITIES.

PHASE II - IMPROVEMENTS

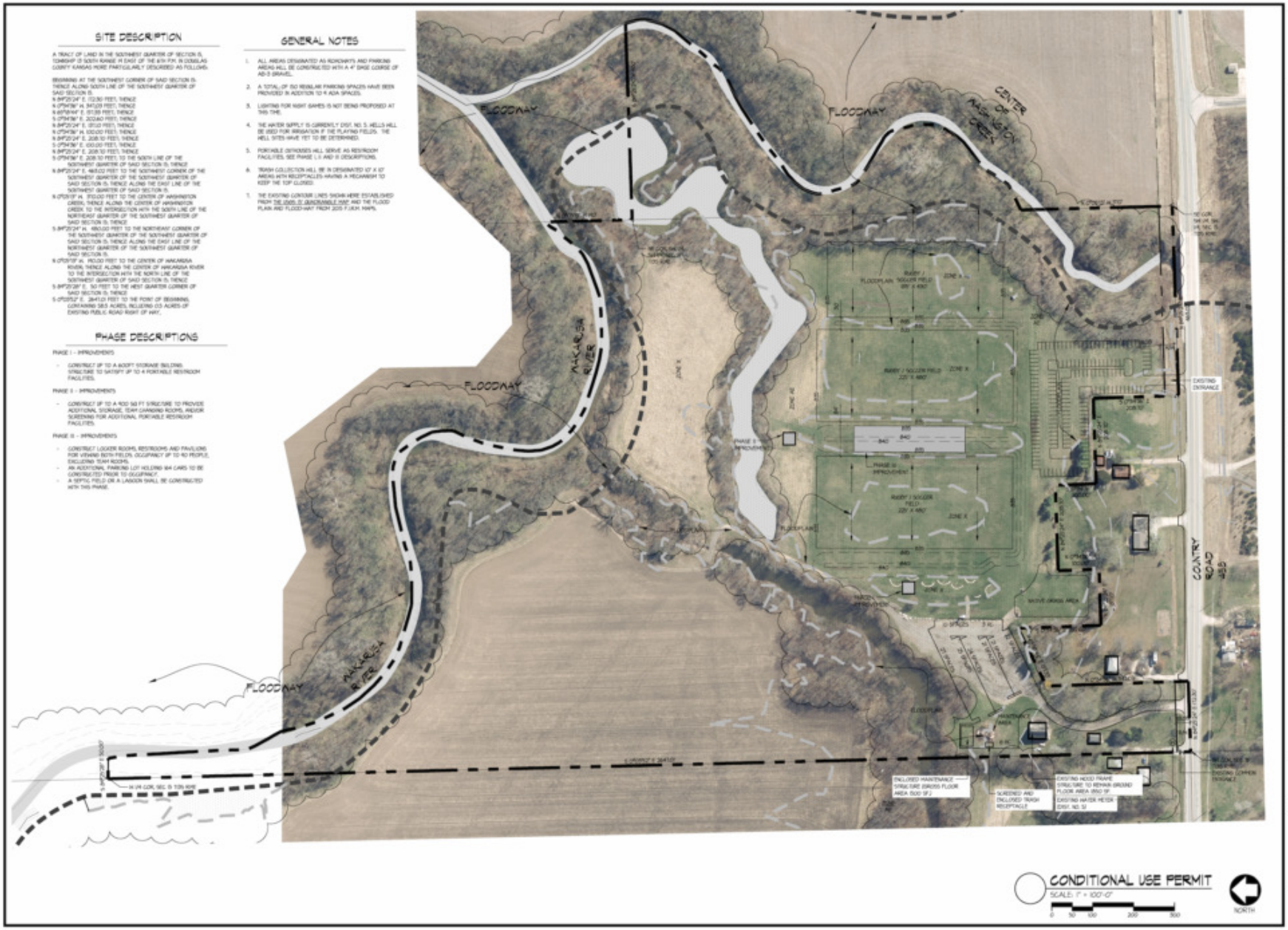
- CONSTRUCT UP TO A 7,000 SQ FT STRUCTURE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STORAGE, TEAM CHANGING ROOMS, AND/OR SCREENING FOR ADDITIONAL PORTABLE RESTROOM FACILITIES.

PHASE III - IMPROVEMENTS

- CONSTRUCT LOCKER ROOMS, RESTROOMS AND PAVILIONS FOR VIEWING BOTH FIELDS. OCCUPANCY UP TO 40 PEOPLE, EXCLUDING TEAM ROOMS.
- AN ADDITIONAL PARKING LOT HOLDING 164 CARS TO BE CONSTRUCTED PRIOR TO OCCUPANCY.
- A SEPTIC FIELD OR A LAGOON SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED WITH THIS PHASE.

## GENERAL NOTES

1. ALL AREAS DESIGNATED AS ROADWAYS AND PARKING AREAS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED WITH A 4" BASE COURSE OF AB-3 GRAVEL.
2. A TOTAL OF 150 REGULAR PARKING SPACES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED IN ADDITION TO 4 ADA SPACES.
3. LIGHTING FOR NIGHT GAMES IS NOT BEING PROPOSED AT THIS TIME.
4. THE WATER SUPPLY IS CURRENTLY DIST. NO. 5. WELLS WILL BE USED FOR IRRIGATION IF THE PLAYING FIELDS. THE WELL SITES HAVE YET TO BE DETERMINED.
5. PORTABLE OUTHOUSES WILL SERVE AS RESTROOM FACILITIES. SEE PHASE I, II AND III DESCRIPTIONS.
6. TRASH COLLECTION WILL BE IN DESIGNATED 10' X 10' AREAS WITH RECEPTACLES HAVING A MECHANISM TO KEEP THE TOP CLOSED.
7. THE EXISTING CONTOUR LINES SHOWN HERE ESTABLISHED FROM THE DOUGLAS COUNTY GIS, AND THE FLOOD PLAIN AND FLOOD WAY FROM 2015 F.I.R.M. MAPS.





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# WESTWICK
# CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
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# MERIT TABLE

Noon, Saturday March 2

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MKT Trail Access
3662 Scott Blvd.
Columbia, MO, 65203

# Besides the Tour, Note These Jayhawk Road Trips

## Saturday March 23 in St. Charles, MO

Watch the club's Facebook page for match details

# Building a "BETTER JAYHAWK"
## (There is no "just add water" fix)

**The goal of the Jayhawks is to be a consistent, regionally dominant, rugby club that gets into the National Playoffs and advances. - Of course that's the goal of just about all rugby clubs. - Getting there is the hard part. It involves lots of focus points. - Many of this alumni readership played on regionally dominant Jayhawk sides in the past. - The management of the KJRFC and the KRF are working to recreate the climate of the past great teams, while also adapting to the new rugby environment.**

**The sport of rugby in the USA has evolved and the Jayhawks have worked to stay on the leading edge of that evolution. The Jayhawks now have a bigger overhead than past eras. - We pay trainers and coaches. - We maintain a field complex. - A recent earmark donation of $4,000 bought a high tech video system that shoots from a tower, enabling the coaches to record games for later analysis by the entire team - These are the things that actors (like us) who are outside of the player base can do to assist the club.**

## Here is a list of things the club is doing:

- **Keeping a deep roster of good athletes who all play for several years.**

- **A Strength Coach to lead a committed team in getting stronger and fitter, so each player is physically superior to his opponent in a match.**

- **Encouraging "Study Abroad" player swaps of first side players, so our best play overseas and their best play as Jayhawks for an entire season.**

- **Working closely with our big university. - KU offers money, facilities, and talent resources. Club officers have to work with the school and meet our assignments & due dates.**

- **We are seeking a Spectator Base. This starts with student fans. The Jayhawks also have a population of alumni in the region. We want a large crowd to leverage our Westwick complex.**

- **TRAVELING STRONG. With the support of parents and friends, the club is targeting a charter bus trip at least once a season to a far off opponent. This not only delivers a full side safety and on time, its also a terrific catalyst as a team builder. Last fall, the club posted a "Crowd Fund" request on its Facebook page to raise money to charter a bus to go to the Iowa State Merit Table Match. The club raised almost $2,000 in 48 hours. There were no buses and drivers available at the 11th hour, so the club rolled the charter funds to the upcoming Missouri game. - It would be great if we had that Columbia sideline full of Jayhawk fans on Match 2 to cheer the team.**

- **BIGGER SCHEDULE. The club is playing a bigger spectrum of college opponents than just the Heart of America. (Note that the Jayhawks are playing Lindenwood on March 23, which is a nationally ranked college team.) - Tougher opponents expose the club to better games and it provides a better gauge of the Jayhawks as national players. - This also folds into the charter bus idea above.**

- **Getting on the "BAND WAGON". The better players want to play on the best club. Strong clubs get stronger as they enjoy success. - There is a reason we put all this Newsletter information out in the public domain and not hide our endeavors as a secret. - We want player candidates weighing colleges to see an obvious difference in the Jayhawks. ******

**Back Row Standing**: Tony Rio, Matt Lechtenberg, Grant Lechtenberg, Steve Merdinger, John Brooks, Larry Smith, Lou Blanco, Rick Renfro, Don Harris, Greg Jarvis, Paul Diedrich, Bill Boyle

**Kneeling Front Row**: Bob Tucker, Louie Riederer, Jorge Reyes, Mike Hammond, Adam Hannaford, Scott Ryley, Paul Berardi, David Hamill

**The annual KJRFC Golf Rodeo took place this year in the sunny confines of Palm Desert, California during the weekend of January 25-27, 2019.**

This year, 20 alumni participated in the friendly but competitive, **"Bucks vs. Baby Bucks"**, 2-day competition on the links. The Baby Buck team, led on and off the course, by former scrumhalf **MIKE "SPIKE" HAMMOND**, came out on Day 1 on fire, and amassed a solid lead over the Bucks.

The Bucks, led by event organizer, **LOUIE RIEDERER**, came back strong on Day 2, but was not enough to catch the Baby Bucks.

**The final result was a 94-86 point victory for the Baby Bucks, who regained the trophy this year.**

During the Golf Rodeo, a breakfast presentation on status of the KRF was provided and led by **BOB TUCKER**, the in-coming Kansas Rugby Foundation President. Topics covered were:

- The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) regarding the use of the fields at Westwick
- Club fundraising
- Continued improvement on the field
- Alumni relations
- The Status and Vision for KRF

At the meeting, we were able to confirm, another $26k+ commitment for 2019, generated by the Cowboy "Fund Raising" Challenge.

Many thanks to Louie for driving the Cowboy Challenge and for putting on the Golf Rodeo.

The event reunites old teammates and great friends, and many laughs and memories are shared. It is open to all alumni, and we anticipate more participation next year - location to be determined..."

Thanks,

**Lou Blanco**

# FINANCIALS

## 2018 Report for our Great DONORS

| Summary of Donations Report (All sums rounded to nearest $1,000) | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1994-1998 Westwick Establishment | $ | 80,000 |
| Calendar Years 2004-2016 | $ | 51,000 |
| Calendar 2017 | $ | 43,000 |
| Calendar 2018 | $ | 41,000 |

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| Cowboy Goal for 2018-2020 | $25,000/year |

### Factoids:

Calendar 2017 was first year of concerted effort on fund raising by KRF.
We had donations from 38 donors.
Of that, $25,000 came from 3 donors.
Therefore, the remaining $18,000 came from 35 other donors.

Calendar 2018 marked start of the "Cowboy Challenge".
We had donations from 54 donors.
Of that, $8,000 was earmarks for video equipment and tours from 2 donors.
In addition, there was $2,000 donated for a charter bus from 14 donors.
Therefore, we received $31,000 from 38 donors.
Of that, the Cowboys were 23 donors who provided a total of $26,000.

**If you are interested in discussing the club's fund raising efforts, please contact Lou Blanco.**
**lou.blanco77@gmail.com**

**Historically**: The club raised a great deal of funding in the first few years of Westwick, as the donors converted a farm field into the basics of the rugby complex today.

Over the next 13 years, the donor funds occurred mostly in support of the Tours. The Westwick facility and club were financially supported by really just one individual, which was unsustainable.

In the year before the 2014 Golden Anniversary, funds were raised for an advertising campaign to increase the college side player count. $9,000 was raised in small $350 donations. Another $5,000 came in from 2 donors to support the club.

In 2017 & 2018 we began an organized fund raising effort that resulted in over $41,000 being raised in each of those years.

**(Thank You!)**

**Going Forward**: Besides the **Cowboy Challenge** to commit to $25,000/year for 3 years from that small alumni group; we will start looking at other ways to raise funding, both at the KRF level and internally within KJRFC.

The higher level of fund raising will help the club pursue the bar-raising agenda of the **"Building a Better Jayhawk"** presented on page 13 of this Newsletter, as well as embark on the **Westwick improvements** noted in the article on page 10 of this Newsletter.

**Several years ago, I asked an alum of our club why KJRFC wasn't covered in the news as a ranked team that played the big matches. The reply was that those teams have big budgets of $100,000 and we can't compete. - I think we can. ******

**A Special "Thank You" to these BIG DONORS:**

**Don Harris**

**Andrew Parkinson**

**Rick Renfro**

**Louie Riederer**

**Ed Russell**

**They gave more than $2,500/year in either calendar year 2017 or 2018. In some cases way more than that. We need BIG DONORS to get where we want to go.**

# CROWD FUND NEED

## Help the Rugby Club buy this AERATOR

**TO GIVE** - Use our website "**JayhawkRugby.com**", then hit the "**Donate**" link. You will come in through our secure PayPal portal. **As you give, write "Aerator" in the message**, so we know it's an earmark.

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We have a professional turf plan for the Westwick Rugby Complex fields which will require the use of this equipment at least 9 times a year.

# *What's Your Opinion ?*

## A Trial Balloon for Establishing

# "The 1964 Society"

**(For discussion at our 55th Anniversary celebration in May)**

## By Bob Tucker

**President Elect, Kansas Rugby Foundation**

I'd like to visit with you alumni at our Alumni Weekend about the idea of starting a group we could call "**The 1964 Society**". It addresses the lofty needs of the KJRFC to fulfill its potential by leveraging its greatest asset; 55 years of great players who have worn the uniform.

I am close to the least qualified person you could find to support the Kansas Rugby Foundation. I've never been involved in fundraising and don't know the first thing about it. And that is what the KRF is, a fundraising organization that support the Kansas Jayhawk Rugby Club.

I started playing rugby with **DOUG McCAULEY** and **LOUIE RIEDERER** in the fall of 1976 and **RICK RENFRO** and **JOE KIELTYKA** were running the club and coaching. We also had **ALLEN CHAPMAN** around and he was a real driving force. From England and a faculty member at KU; his vision of touring abroad really enlightened our club. I was fortunate enough to join the Scotland Wales tour in 1979. My first trip abroad. For those of you that have toured with the club, you understand the value of that experience.

My wife grew up on a small farm in northwest Missouri. Established in 1848. The importance of "tradition" and "keeping things going" is keen in rural America. Our nephew Daniel and his family are running the farm today. Sue and I are the weekend warriors. Showing up when something needs to be done that requires more than just Daniel. It is fun. Outdoors. But hard work.

When I retired after pounding the corporate nail for 40 years, I was looking for something to do and I got more involved with the rugby team. **DOUG McCAULEY** had a spot on the tour to New Zealand. I join at the last minute. **JORGE REYES, DAVE HAMILL, DOUG McCAULEY** and I had a great time and **MATT SCHWARTZ** had a top notch team assembled. Wow what a trip! Seeing the youngsters enjoy competition overseas and meeting all our old friends from NZ that had played rugby with us was special.

When we got back, **DON HARRIS** asked me to come to a KRF board meeting. I sat in. He asked if I would join the board. We did and soon organized things differently with my agreement to assume the new role of President Elect. I wondered where this would go.

In my corporate experience, I learned that benchmarking the best processes from successful organizations was smart. When I was at Payless ShoeSource in Topeka, their United Way campaign was over the top. They raised millions of dollars annually for organizations in need.

**My wife Sue is on the foundation board at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO. They have won 6 Division II national championships in football. They know how to sustain a successful athletic endeavor. One of their fundraising schemes is to ask for an annual ongoing commitment of financial support. They call it "The 1905 Society". I wonder if this is an option for us? At NWMSU, members of The 1905 Society commit a $1,000 donation for 5 years.**

As a result, we are releasing this trial balloon. Building off the **LOUIE RIEDERER's "Cowboy Challenge"** we'd like to introduce **"The 1964 Society",** representing the year our club was founded. Our goal is to enroll more members in a longer term fundraising process.

The first rugby game I ever saw was one I played in. I never realized how valuable it would be to me over 40 years later. The friendship I've had for 40 years is something you could never predict. My hope is that we will value our own experience, and commit together we are going to leave this legacy for generations to come.

**By our May Alumni Weekend, I will have more information for you on the potential 1964 Society. In the meantime, please know we appreciate your current support and are working hard in the wise use of your donations.**

*Bob Tucker*

**Below: (L-R) Bill Boyle, Lou Blanco, Bob Tucker, & Pat Roberts.**

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