

**Sittingbourne Youth Rugby Club
Presents**

Cash Prizes

Quiz & Nite

Raffle

**at Gore Court
on Friday Feb 17TH
Doors Open at 6pm
7pm start**

Tickets £5 Per Head

**Contact Kate Ritchie to Book a Table on
07947191852**

Raising Funds for Presentation Evening



S.R.U.F.C. Youth Newsletter

Welcome to the second half of our season!

This season we are running teams at U7 through to U12 and at U13, U15 and U18. Although we have good numbers of players in the U15, U13, U12 and U8 squads we are always keen to recruit new members at all levels and particularly at U7, U9, U10 and U11 age groups. It's never too late to join – recently a brand new recruit to the U12's scored two hat-tricks of tries in his first outing!

The U15's have won all their matches except one – against Westcombe Park – and are in the East Kent Cup Final. The U13 matches have all been close affairs – lost some and won some. They got to the semi-finals of the East Kent Cup but were narrowly beaten by Thanet. The Mini/Midi squads have already played in eight Sundays of matches and we hosted the East Kent U12 tournament here at Gore Court. The U9's have had to join up with Sheppey, but this has worked well and the "SAS's" have won nearly all their matches.

On the social side we held a very successful Fun Day on 24 September. This was a new venture to advertise the club more widely and it resulted in recruitment of several new players. We also reinstated the Christmas party, and this also seemed to go off well, thanks to Father Christmas and Kate Ritchie, our Social Secretary.

We are now looking forward to the rest of the season with Festival time fast approaching. We are organising a schools' tournament for Years 7 and 8 on 22 March and our Tag Festival for Junior Schools will be on 24 May. Presentation evenings will be on Friday 11 May for the U13's and U15's at the Club and Saturday 12 May for the Mini/Midis at Kemsley Village Hall as last year.

The next social event is a quiz night at the club on 17 February. Please get a group together and book a table to help raise funds for the presentation evenings. Kate will also be organising another Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.

QUIZ NIGHT

We are holding a Quiz Night at the Club on Friday 17 February at 7 pm. This promises to be a great evening with cash prizes, a raffle, "Heads-and-Tails", etc. and will raise funds for the Club, particularly for the Presentation Evenings. Tickets are £5 per head with tables of up to eight. Please get a table together and book it with Kate Ritchie on 07947191852 or kate.ritchie1@virginmedia.com.

RFU GRAND DRAW

Your coaches should already have circulated tickets for the RFU Grand Draw. This is an annual event with First Prize of £10,000, Second Prize of two Limited Edition Tag Heuer watches and many other prizes. Last year someone from Dover won one of the Big Prizes, so this year it could be You!

Tickets are £1 each of which 90p goes to the Club and 10p to the RFU. This is a fantastic way of raising money for the Club, and if you want more tickets to sell to friends or at work, ask your Coach or a Committee Member. Please get all returns in by the end of February at the latest.

VOLUNTEERS

The Club is wholly run by volunteers, and we need more people to help at all levels. We are particularly short at the Mini/Midi age groups. Most helpers currently come from the U11's and U12's, and the latter will move up to Junior level next season. On match days we need help in the kitchen, to organise car parking and generally to "meet-and-greet" the other teams. Don't be shy – the more volunteers we have the less onerous the work and there's plenty of experience around to show you what to do. To encourage new volunteers we are asking the U7's and U8's to run things for the home fixture on 5 February, U9's and U10's on 19 February and U11's and U12's on 18 March.

If you can help, contact your Coach or our Volunteer Coordinator, Sean Talbot, on 07967396636 or sean.talbot1@btopenworld.com.

SHOP

Thanks to everyone who has supported the Shop. This is open most Sundays after matches/training for sale of Club shorts socks, gumshields, gloves as well as showerproofs and secondhand shirts. Match shirts are provided by the Club and players are expected to provide shorts, socks and boots.

These are all sold at cost plus 10%, with all profits going towards providing match kits and playing equipment.

REGISTRATION AND SUBS

Thanks to everyone for paying up their Registration and Subscriptions. We have 122 players registered this season. Those of you who paid subs for the first half of the season are reminded that the subs for the second half are now due.

SPONSORSHIP

We are extremely grateful to [MJ Plastics and Plumbing](#) for sponsoring match shirts for all the teams during the period 2010/11-2012/13.

We are always looking for other sponsors, both great and small, and if you are interested in sponsoring the Club, then please contact the Treasurer, Tony Dawes.

WEBSITE

Visit www.srufc.com and click on the Juniors/Minis tab or go direct to <http://juniors.srufc.com> for information on all the above items including contact details, registration forms, fixtures, general club documentation and latest news.

We are doing a survey to help evaluate and improve the website. Forms should be with this Newsletter, from your Coach or on the website. Please fill one in – even if you have never looked at the website, we want to know!

CALENDAR

Friday 17 February 2012	Quiz Night at Club, 7pm
Thursday 22 March 2012	Schools Year 7/8 Tournament at Fulston ground
Sunday 8 April 2012	Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 11 May 2012	Junior Presentation Evening (U13's and U15's) at Club
Saturday 12 May 2012	Mini/midi Presentation Evening at Kemsley Village Hall
Thursday 24 May 2012	Schools Junior Tag Festival at Club