

Virginia Rugby Union

2001 Annual General Meeting

(10:00 am, Saturday 27 January, 2001, University of Richmond)

Agenda

- Roll Call
- VRU Officers
- Men's Clubs
- Women's Clubs
- College Men's Clubs
- College Women's Clubs
- High School Clubs
- Officer Reports
 - President
 - Vice-President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - MARFU/USA Representative
 - Men's Club Coordinator
 - Women's Club Coordinator
 - Men's Collegiate Coordinator
 - Women's Collegiate Coordinator
 - Youth Coordinator
 - Disciplinary Chairman
 - Newsletter Editor
 - Referees Society of Virginia
 - Internet/Website -2000 Report
- Sportsmanship Award
- New Clubs
- Newsletter Vote
- Roshna Medical Survey
- Additional Items / New Business
- Election of Officers for 2001
- Adjourn

President

Please do the following:

CIPP register your club.

CIPP register your players.

Submit your schedules to the RSV (with game time and number of matches) by **FEB 1**.

Verify your online directory information.

Prior to your matches, contact the referee for confirmation of match time and pitch location.

Thank you,
Kris Kabza
president@rugby.org

Vice-President

Another year of the easiest VRU Executive Committee job has come and gone. The Vice President's two primary functions are managing tournament applications and the Don Bridge's Fund. Neither of these takes a lot of time, and one of them, the Don Bridges fund, is currently being handled by our Treasurer. I'll probably spend more time at the AGM than I spent on Vice President duties last year.

The only real issue is timely submission of tournament applications. It is imperative and stipulated by the VRU that Event Applications must be submitted on the official form provided in the handbook at least three months in advance of the event in order to be considered. We have this requirement to make sure that there are not conflicts with other tournaments, that there are enough referees to go around, and to allow time to correct any problems with the application. The critical decision points for approval are the host organization's current standing in the VRU (current on dues, CIPP registration), past experience in hosting events, availability of satisfactory medical personnel/services and any other liability issues.

Bill Lucas
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Secretary

Directory Info

Following is the date of the latest information received from member clubs. Italicized entries indicate recent changes received:

Club Men

Blacksburg Men	12/18/99	
Blackwater Men	12/27/99	
James River	3/23/00	
Newport News	12/15/00	
Norfolk Blues	9/10/00	
Raleigh	12/16/00	
Roanoke	11/16/00	
United	12/14/99	<i>Complete update 1/08/01</i>
Virginia Beach	11/24/00	<i>phone and email change 1/15/01</i>
Virginia Men	1/19/00	

Club Women

Blacksburg Women	2/18/00	
Blackwater Women	2/18/00	Known to be out of date
Blue Ridge	8/5/00	
Norfolk Storm	5/26/00	<i>Complete Update 1/02/01</i>

College Men

HSC	12/29/99	
JMU Men	1/17/00	
Longwood Men	12/16/00	<i>Acting match secretary 1/16/01</i>
MWC Men	1/28/00	
ODU Men	1/17/99	
Radford Men	1/10/00	
U of R	2/3/00	
UVa Men	1/19/00	
VMI	1/19/00	
VPI Men	12/27/99	
W&L	1/24/00	<i>Complete Update 1/23/01</i>
W&M Men	9/25/00	

College Women

JMU Women	12/16/00	
Longwood Women	12/16/00	
MWC Women	12/16/00	
ODU	Still Listed on Website	
Radford Women	12/10/99	
VPI Women	10/13/00	<i>New Prest 1/16/01, NewVP 1/09/01</i>
UVa Women	10/02/00	
W&M Women	10/02/00	<i>1/12/01 (All officer update)</i>

A reminder to the member clubs of the submission policies. Club officials seem not to be aware of the changes made at the VRU EC level (i.e Secretary and RSV Scheduler are no longer the same officer)

Club officer changes should be submitted on a regular basis to **secretary@rugby.org** . In practice, clubs have been submitting changes only when problems have occurred. Clubs have also been making direct submissions to Bob Underwood, the previous VRU Secretary.

Club schedules should be submitted to the RSV scheduler **schedules@rugby.org**

Mid-season schedule changes/additions must first be submitted to Coordinators, who then forward the changes to RSV scheduler. Over the past season, many schedules were submitted to the Union Secretary. The Secretary has (and will continue) to forward submissions to the RSV Scheduler, and has (and will) remind submitters of the proper address.

Any club with comments, questions, complaints that they wish to go on record with should cc: the VRU Secretary. These are compiled quarterly at a minimum.

Greg Markham
secretary@rugby.org

Treasurer

The following treasury report has four parts. The first part is the Budget Report. This part contains information on the VRU's budgeted spending for 2000, its actual spending for 2000, and the proposed budget for 2001.

The second part of the report contains "All Transactions for 2000".

The third part is the update on the Don Bridges fund.

The final part is the CIPP data for USA Rugby and the VRU for 2000.

David Chapman
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MARFU/USA Representative

The year 2000 marked the 25th anniversary of the founding of USA Rugby. It was an eventful year, and generally encouraging (at least off the field), although some real challenges remain.

Financial: “We’ve stopped the bleeding.” USA is in much better shape than in the past, but we’ve still got a long ways to go. The 2001 budget projects revenues of slightly over \$1.3 million. Expenditures are estimated at \$1,257,963 dollars, so we should finish this year about \$50,000 to the good (about 3.9% “profit”). USA Rugby is still trying to lower its reliance on CIPP dues, but dues still represent 50% of our income (down from 85%). The Men’s National team receives no financial support from USA Rugby. Rather, income derived from the Men’s National Team supports the other national teams, which are all badly under funded.

Men’s Division I: USA Rugby has committed itself to developing a full, national competition system. It has incorporated the old Premier League as the premier men’s competition, and it will soon announce plans for a national division I competition. This plan will probably include the clubs currently playing in Major League Rugby, but many more as well.

Restructuring: The new national men’s competition will be regionally based and will not follow current LAU and TU boundaries. USA Rugby is looking at ways of restructuring the administration of rugby, including the composition of the Board of Directors and the existing LAU/TU structure. USA Rugby may or may not be reconsidering its strategic plan.

National Teams: The Men’s National Team has continued to struggle on the field. The Women have done much better, but the rest of the world is now catching up to the standards of the American women. Both teams have new coaches, Duncan Hall for the men, and Martin Gallagher for the women.

National Technical Panel: USA Rugby has hired a new National Technical Director, Geoff Old. The Technical Panel is expected to make recommendations that may significantly alter the *select side* program, now officially known as *the All Star program*.

Professional Staff: The size of the staff at the National Office has grown, and we are seeing a lot more professionalism. USA has begun to publish a newsletter, which is sent to all CIPP members. USA is also beginning a new mail-order merchandising program.

Changes in Eligibility: The Board of Directors passed a number of resolutions that will affect who can play the game: There is **no longer any age limit on college players**, as long as they full time students; the number of foreign players for 15’s has been increased from 2 to 4; and clubs will now be allowed to enter different teams in different divisions. See the Web Site for details on all of these eligibility changes.

Youth Program: USA Rugby has made the development of youth rugby a major priority. We received a large grant from the International Rugby Board last year to fund the program; the grant was awarded again for 2001; and it is expected to be extended for a third and final year in 2002.

Reyn Kinzey
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Men's Club Coordinator

While the men's clubs didn't have major problems, a couple clubs were somewhat low in numbers. I would like to emphasize the importance staying on top of CIPP in 2001.

There will be a new league structure within MARFU, however because of larger issues on the national level, there is a good chance that nothing will be decided March.

I would like to remind clubs to get their spring schedules sent to **schedules@rugby.org by Feb 1, 2001** – the RSV cut-off date. Only a couple of clubs have yet done so.

Clubs need to remember to contact their assigned ref and verify that their home match is going to take place. This must be done **by the C.O.B Wednesday prior to the match**.

I would like to make a plea to the clubs in regard to referees. As you know, there is a shortage of referees. You should encourage your team to start looking to their individuals with the capacity to pick up the whistle and start reffing. Having the knowledge and experience in reffing the b-side matches can be a major benefit if a team ever finds themselves without a referee.

With the large subsidy from the VRU this year, I cannot encourage the clubs enough to take advantage of the coaching clinics to be held in Richmond in August.

Last, I like to encourage the clubs to get involved in promoting Youth Rugby within their community. - I want to give all the support I can to Dan Bicehouse. He has done an excellent job so far and can always use more help.

Reid McClure
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Women's Club Coordinator

Tidewater Storm has changed their name to Norfolk Storm due to pressure from the city of Norfolk. They have basically stated that teams who want to use fields in the city of Norfolk must have Norfolk as part of their club name.

Blackwater women played in the collegiate bracket at Ed Lee. Blackwater women are not affiliated with a college but most of the players are from various colleges in the Lynchburg area.

Women's rugby in the VRU took a hit this year with Blacksburg WRFC folding.

Congratulations to MARFU All-Stars Dana Kuchta (Norfolk) and Katie Jackson (Blue Ridge).

Dana Kuchta (Norfolk) competed for the USA Developmental squad in New Hampshire

Congratulations to Blue Ridge for taking the Ed Lee Cup. Good Luck in the MARFU championships.

Kam Kelly
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Men's Collegiate Coordinator

Carl Schmitt
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Women's Collegiate Coordinator

Congratulations to James Madison for winning Ed & Sandy Lee, and Mary Washington for winning the Ed & Sandy Lee sportsmanship award.

Good luck to the following teams advancing to MARFU playoffs:

Div I JMU, UVA

Div II Mary Washington, William & Mary, Longwood

Last years All-Americans were

1st team

Stacy "Rutro" Rearman (UVA)

2nd team

Beth "BB" Black (JMU)

Elizabeth "Liz" King (Mary Washington)

Kristen "Moose" Egner (UVA)

Jaime "Jay Jay" Burke (UVA)

Thanks to all players that tried out for the VRU U23 team and congratulations to the following players that made the team.

BLACKWATER- Danielle "Tyson" Taylor

JMU-Jos Whetsel, Dee Schmidt, *Claude Reilly, Mia Baglinawan, *Jen "SBJ" Starky, Nichelle Allen, Beth "BB" Black, Naomi "Na Na" Sandler

LONGWOOD- *Shannon Hernandez, Sara Graham

MARY WASHINGTON-Elizabeth "Liz" King, Ashley Horne, Susie Hobbs

UVA-Julie "Smiles" Lau, Brittany "Bubba" Martin, Sarah "Greysheet" Parnes, Michelle "Sparky" Kunec, Jaime "Jay Jay" Burke, Stacey "Premium" Bennett, Maureen "Mo" Reilly, Lauren "Satan" Baker, Mary "Keeper" Whiteside

VA TECH- *Steph "Psycho" Willett

WILLIAM & MARY- Allison "Al" Borowski, "Whomper" Miele

* denotes scoring

The team was 1-1 in division play.

The camp for the VRU to participate in the U23 MARFU team will be held April 29/30, location to be announced. The players that make this team will travel to the mid-west this summer, to participate in U23 ITT's. Last years MARFU U23 team included Liz King (Mary Washington) and Jay Jay Burke (UVA).

Congratulations to Jaime "Jay Jay" Burke for being selected to the U23 National team.

Julie Comer
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Youth Coordinator

The first non-contact clinic in May 2000, which yielded thirteen USARFU certified non-contact youth rugby coaches in VA. In addition, the clinic paid off immediately with the introduction of rugby to students at Brookland Middle School as a phys. ed. Unit. Over the summer United RFC worked Friday Cheers as a fundraiser, but it yielded more than just funds. I met a phys. ed. coordinator from Powhatan High School. In the fall, 9th grade students at Powhatan HS learned basic rugby in October and November. Plans are to continue the non-contact rugby program during the 2001 school year, but expanding it to 9th and 10th grade phys. ed. classes.

There is a second non-contact youth rugby certification clinic scheduled for Sunday, February 18, 2001. The course is from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. at Falling Creek Middle School in trailer #4. Course instructors are Brett Burdick and Pat Walsh. The course costs \$5.00.

In March, United RFC members will head up an after school program at the Chester YMCA in March for kids 9 to 12 years old. The Chester YMCA will follow this up in the summer with a weeklong instructional session July 9th thru 13th. Roanoke YMCA is also starting a youth rugby program this spring.

On Dec. 27th I met with a Henrico County educational specialist about using the non-contact program as a phys. ed. class in Middle Schools. (It helped that Brookland Middle School, a Henrico County school, is teaching the non-contact program in April.) The school system will look to purchase size 4 youth balls in July, and in August the Richmond Rugby Foundation (RRF) and VRU will train about 140 instructors in non-contact rugby.

A major cost to starting youth programs, other than volunteers, are size 4 youth balls. On Friday, Jan. 5th I submitted a bid to many rugby suppliers for quantities of 200, 500, and 800 size 4 youth balls. The balls will have the VRU logo and local RFC contact phone numbers for info on youth rugby. Quotes are coming back anywhere between \$8.00 and \$13.00 per ball. I hoping that all VRU men and women's clubs will contribute funds to the procurement of youth balls. In southern Virginia there are no established youth programs. I'm under the philosophy that if you give a child a ball, that child will play with it.

Volunteers are another resource that is hard to come by. That is why I taken the approach of using the non-contact rugby program as a phys. ed. class. It's a win/ win situation for rugby and for the schools. Rugby gains exposure to the youth of a community and the middle schools find a new and exciting sport to teach. I'm hoping children will gain interest in rugby from the school program, which intern will cause them to seek out rugby outside of school. This could stimulate after school clubs, park & rec. and YMCA programs to begin.

Dan Bicehouse
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Disciplinary Chairman

Hello, my name is Rodney Hall. I have been the disciplinary chair of the VRU for the past two years. We in the VRU don't really have many disciplinary problems that I have to deal with - which is a good thing. This season we had 5 reported sin bins and we also had 5 suspensions.

I would like all team officials to recognize that the USA Rugby Regulations and Procedures for Discipline Actions are in an Appendix in the back of the VRU handbook. The VRU uses the USA Rugby Regulations for disciplinary matters.

Rodney Hall
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Newsletter Editor

This has been my sixth year of being Newsletter Editor, a job I greatly enjoy.

The Virginia Rugby Union Newsletter comes out four times per year: Spring edition in February, Summer Edition in May for clubs, Fall Edition in August, and Winter Edition in November. In addition, the Fall edition contains Summer edition collegiate information due to the Colleges not getting a Summer edition.

I get my information from many sources: various Internet sites and listserves, my e-mailing and telephoning VRU folks for stories, Rugby magazine, and good old networking. I get very few leads and have to root out lots of my news. It would be greatly appreciated if anyone with a newsworthy story get in touch with me.

My e-mail: news@rugby.org
My work phone: (757) 226-4109
My work fax: (757) 226-4369

Ten copies of each newsletter go out via the US Postal Service to each club. In addition, e-copies go out to individuals, such as the VRU Executive Committee, referees, and "friends" of the VRU. If you or someone you know want a newsletter sent via e-mail, let me know.

Finally, and most important of all, I need correct club mailing addresses. Some clubs don't have permanent addresses. You really need one. Make sure that the VRU Secretary has the latest address of your club. Make sure he knows if it is a permanent address or the address of a club officer or player that will change upon graduation or team elections. If you don't have a permanent club address, then PLEASE get the newest address to the VRU Secretary every time your club address changes: secretary@rugby.org If you have not been receiving a copy of the newsletter, go on-line to the VRU website (<http://www.rugby.org/>) and see where your club's copies are being mailed to. Check around to see who picks up the club mail and ask for a copy of the newsletter next time one is due.

I look forward to another year of being your newsletter editor.

Best regards,
Jeffrey Anderson

CIPP Data from 2000

(Unknown)

UN At Large - 51 member(s)

(Unknown) count = 51

Independent

AL At Large - 90 member(s)

Alaska - 44 member(s)

At Large - 28 member(s)

Combined Services - 8 member(s)

Hawaii - 2 member(s)

Montana - 39 member(s)

Independent count = 211

Mid-Atlantic

Eastern Penn - 3324 member(s)

MA At Large - 14 member(s)

Potomac - 2066 member(s)

Virginia - 1182 member(s)

Mid-Atlantic count = 6586

Midwest

Allegheny - 804 member(s)

Chicago - 1317 member(s)

Illinois - 459 member(s)

Indiana - 1006 member(s)

Iowa - 1050 member(s)

Michigan - 1187 member(s)

Minnesota - 1754 member(s)

MW At Large - 27 member(s)

Ohio - 1302 member(s)

Wisconsin - 1066 member(s)

Midwest count = 9972

Northeast

Met New York - 1362 member(s)

NE At Large - 51 member(s)

New England - 3132 member(s)

New York State - 247 member(s)

Northeast count = 4792

Pacific Coast

Arizona - 375 member(s)

Great Basin - 365 member(s)

Hawaii State - 4 member(s)

Northern California - 2374 member(s)

Pacific Northwest - 1238 member(s)

PC At Large - 19 member(s)

Utah RFU - 33 member(s)

Pacific Coast count = 4408

So. California

North - 1107 member(s)

SC At Large - 8 member(s)

South - 1175 member(s)

So. California count = 2290

South

Deep South - 288 member(s)

EA At Large - 15 member(s)

Florida - 683 member(s)

Georgia - 643 member(s)

Mid-South - 463 member(s)

North Carolina - 798 member(s)

Palmetto - 176 member(s)

South count = 3066

West

Eastern Rockies - 1609 member(s)

Great Plains - 416 member(s)

Heart of America - 878 member(s)

Missouri - 486 member(s)

Ozark - 430 member(s)

Rio Grande - 355 member(s)

Texas - 1584 member(s)

WE At Large - 7 member(s)

West count = 5765

Total USA count = 37141

VRU Totals by Club:

Blacksburg Rugby Football Club - 29 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Blacksburg Women'S R F C - 12 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Blackwater Rugby Football Club - 25 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Blackwater Women's RFC - 33 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Blue Ridge Area Training Side Rugby Club - 27 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Hampden-Sydney College Rugby Club-Tigers - 23 member(s) - 12/31/2000
James Madison Univ. Men's Rugby Club - 61 member(s) - 12/31/2000
James Madison Univ. Women's Rugby Club - 55 member(s) - 12/31/2000
James River Rugby Football Club - 37 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Longwood College Men's Rugby Football Club - 24 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Longwood College Women's Rugby Football Club - 30 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Mary Washington College Men's Rugby - 38 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Mary Washington College Women's Rugby Club - 59 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Newport News Rugby Football Club - 21 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Norfolk City Blues Rugby Club - 39 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Norfolk Storm Women'S Rugby - 28 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Old Dominion University Rugby Club - 29 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Radford University Rugby Football Club - 74 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Radford University Women's Rugby Club - 32 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Raleigh Rugby Club, Inc - 54 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Rappahannock Youth Rugby Football Club - 2 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Referee Society Of Virginia - 12 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Roanoke Rugby Football Club - 39 member(s) - 12/31/2000
United Rugby Football Club - 40 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Univ. Virginia Rugby Club - 45 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Virginia Beach Falcons Rugby Football Club - 31 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Virginia Military Institute Rugby Club - 35 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Virginia Rugby Football Club - 29 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Virginia Tech Men's Rugby Football Club - 53 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Virginia Tech Women's Rugby Football Club - 36 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Virginia Women's Rugby Football Club - 41 member(s) - 12/31/2000
Washington & Lee University Rugby Club - 19 member(s) - 12/31/2000
William & Mary College Rugby Football Club - 19 member(s) - 12/31/2000
William & Mary College Women's Rugby Club - 51 member(s) - 12/31/2000

LAU count = 1182

Budget Report

INCOME	2000 Budget	2000 Actual	2001 Budget
Club Dues	\$23,637.50	\$26,736.00	\$26,000.00
Fines	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Misc Income	\$400.00	\$86.09	\$400.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$24,037.50	\$26,922.09	\$26,400.00
EXPENSES			
Coaching Coordinator	\$2,000.00	\$257.33	\$3,000.00 *
College M's Coordinator	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
College W's Coordinator	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
College M's Select Side	\$1,100.00	\$375.74	\$1,100.00
College W's Select Side	\$1,100.00	\$300.99	\$1,100.00
Discipline Chairman	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Ed Lee Cup Expenses	\$650.00	\$465.31	\$650.00
Emergent Requirement	\$250.00	\$200.00	\$250.00
Grants to Clubs	\$600.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Grants to Select Side Players	NA	NA	\$1,000.00
Grants to U19 (One Time)	NA	NA	\$1,000.00 **
VRU Handbook	\$1,200.00	\$1,199.47	\$900.00
High School	\$100.00	\$80.00	NA ***
Internet Site	\$800.00	\$558.45	\$800.00
MARFU Dues	\$9,300.00	\$9,800.00	\$13,050.00
Men's Club Coordinator	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Men's Select Sides	\$1,100.00	\$934.67	\$1,100.00
Newsletter Editor	\$1,075.00	\$589.05	\$700.00
Officer Travel	\$1,400.00	\$1,454.17	\$1,600.00
President	\$200.00	\$42.86	\$100.00
Publicity	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Secretary	\$200.00	\$179.50	\$200.00
Select Side Jerseys	NA	NA	\$1,500.00
Sportsmanship Awards	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
Stationary	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Treasurer	\$100.00	\$95.52	\$100.00
Under 19	NA	NA	\$500.00
USARFU/MARFU Rep	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Vice President	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
VRU Supplies/Goods	\$300.00	\$295.47	\$300.00
Women's Club Coordinator	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Women's Select Sides	\$1,100.00	\$300.00	\$1,100.00
Youth	\$100.00	\$134.60	NA ***
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$23,975.00	\$19,313.13	\$32,550.00
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	\$62.50	\$7,608.96	(\$6,150.00)

* = includes one-time/team full subsidy

** = on time grant to seed program

*** = incorporated into "Under 19" program

All Transactions for 2000

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
BALANCE 12/31/99						16,041.14
1/7/00	542	Kinko's	2000 Handbook	Handbook	R	(1,192.87)
1/15/00	544	MARFU	1st 2000 Installment	MARFU	R	(5,000.00)
1/15/00	545	Vanguard Group	Don Bridges Fund (from Roanoke)	Emergent	R	(500.00)
1/22/00	Intrnl	S	Awards	Sportsmanship	R	(550.00)
			1999 Ed Lee Cup S Award	Dues:W&M Women	R	100.00
			Shared 2000 Sports Award	Dues:W&M Women	R	75.00
			Shared 2000 Sports Award	Dues:BRATS	R	75.00
			2000 Sports Award	Dues:Blackwater	R	150.00
			2000 Sports Award	Dues:H-S	R	150.00
1/22/00	546	Navy Federal Credit Union	AGM Handouts	Secretary	R	(104.50)
1/22/00	547	Carl Schmitt	AGM Refreshments	President	R	(42.86)
1/22/00	548	Bunkie Trinite Trophies	1999 Awards	VRU Supplies	R	(295.47)
1/24/00	DEP	S	RSV Funds in	Emergent	R	60.00
			S00	Dues:Blackwater	R	362.50
			F99	Dues:Blackwater W	R	362.50
			Don Bridges funds in	Emergent	R	500.00
1/24/00	549	USA Rugby	RSV Out (Registration)	Emergent	R	(25.00)
1/24/00	550	RSV	Pass through	Emergent	R	(35.00)
1/31/00		Interest Earned		Misc	R	8.21
2/1/00	551	Postmaster	Mailings	Handbook	R	(6.60)
2/13/00	552	Treasurer of Virginia	Incorporation Fee	Secretary	R	(25.00)
2/13/00	553	Jim Booker	Attorney fee for services	Secretary	R	(50.00)
2/24/00	DEP	S	S00	Dues:Raleigh	R	362.50
			F/S 99/00	Dues:Mary Wash Men	R	725.00
			F/S 99/00	Dues:W&L	R	725.00
2/29/00		Interest Earned		Misc	R	5.67
3/10/00	554	Reyn Kinzey	USA meeting	Officer Travel	R	(784.17)
3/18/00	DEP	S	S00	Dues:Newport News	R	362.50
			S00	Dues:Blacksburg	R	362.50
			S00	Dues:Norfolk Blues	R	362.50
			S00	Dues:VA Beach	R	362.50
3/22/00	555	Jeff Anderson	Spring Newsletter	Newsletter	R	(179.88)
3/31/00		Interest Earned		Misc	R	7.01
4/3/00	556	Va Tech Men	Playoff grant	Grant to Club	R	(500.00)
4/3/00	557	U of Virginia Women	Playoff Grant	Grant to Club	R	(500.00)
4/3/00	558	Radford U Men	Playoff Grant	Grant to Club	R	(500.00)
4/8/00	560	S MARFU	2nd and last dues installment	MARFU	R	(4,800.00)
			MARFU costs for Internet site	Internet Site	R	300.00
4/9/00	561	Brett Burdick	Balls	Coaching Coord	R	(107.40)
4/27/00	DEP	S	S00	Dues:James River	R	362.50

		S00	Dues:Blackwater W	R	362.50
		S00	Dues:Roanoke	R	362.50
		S00	Dues:BRATS	R	362.50
		S00	Dues:Norfolk Storm	R	362.50
		S00	Dues:Virginia Collegiate Men	R	362.50
4/28/00	Interest Earned		Misc	R	5.56
5/7/00	Intrnl S	Credit for Youth Clinic	Dues:BRATS	R	40.00
		Credit for Youth Clinic	Dues:JMU Women	R	40.00
		Credit for Youth Clinic	Dues:Norfolk Blues	R	40.00
		Credit for Youth Clinic	Dues:United	R	40.00
		Applied credit expense	Youth	R	(80.00)
			High School	R	(80.00)
5/13/00	562 Network Solutions	Yearly domain registration	Internet Site	R	(35.00)
5/30/00	DEP S	S'00, F'00	Dues:United	R	725.50
		Longwood W Match Cancellation	Fines	R	100.00
5/31/00	Interest Earned		Misc	R	4.87
6/15/00	563 VServers	Annual Hosting Fee	Internet Site	R	(660.00)
6/21/00	564 Jeff Anderson	Summer Newsletter	Newsletter	R	(61.33)
6/25/00	565 Don Patton Fund (ODU)	Charitable Contribution	Emergent	R	(100.00)
6/30/00	Interest Earned		Misc	R	5.08
7/31/00	Interest Earned		Misc	R	4.82
8/3/00	566 Navy Federal Credit Union	Memorial Contribution (Godek)	Emergent	R	(100.00)
8/13/00	567 David Chapman	Software upgrades	Internet Site	R	(163.45)
8/13/00	568 Carl Schmitt	Clinic expenses (upfront)	Coaching Coord	R	(598.00)
8/13/00	569 Kambeth Kelly	MARFU W v NE W	Women's Selects	R	(50.00)
8/13/00	570 Dana Kuchta	MARFU W v NE W	Women's Selects	R	(50.00)
8/13/00	571 Jessica Dunne	MARFU W v NE W	Women's Selects	R	(50.00)
8/13/00	572 Katy Jackson	MARFU W v NE W	Women's Selects	R	(50.00)
8/14/00	Interest Earned		Misc	R	4.39
8/23/00	573 Chris Porter	MARFU 7s at ITTs	Men's Selects	R	(50.00)
8/23/00	574 Ed Stockunas	MARFU 7s at ITTs	Men's Selects	R	(50.00)
8/26/00	Intrnl S	Credit from Coaching Clinic	Dues:Radford Men	R	50.00
		Credit from Coaching Clinic	Dues:Raleigh	R	50.00
		Credit from Coaching Clinic	Dues:Roanoke	R	50.00
		Credit from Coaching Clinic	Dues:VA Tech Women	R	50.00
		Credit from Coaching Clinic	Dues:Virginia Men	R	50.00
		Credits for attendance	Coaching Coord	R	(250.00)
8/31/00	Interest Earned		Misc	R	4.59
9/10/00	575 Jamie Burke	USA U-23s v Ottawa	College W Slcts	R	(150.00)
9/12/00	577 Carl Schmitt	Clinic expenses (final)	Coaching Coord	R	(706.93)
9/14/00	Interest Earned		Misc	R	8.98
9/26/00	DEP S	From MARFU to NCB for 7s	Emergent	R	168.00
		F/S 00/01	Dues:VA Tech Men	R	800.00
		F/S 00/01	Dues:VA Tech Women	R	800.00
		F/S 00/01	Dues:Virginia Women	R	800.00
		F 00	Dues:BRATS	R	285.00
		F 00	Dues:James River	R	400.00

		F 00	Dues:Raleigh	R	400.00
		F 00	Dues:Roanoke	R	400.00
		From MARFU for U23	College W Slcts	R	75.00
		From MARFU to NCB for 7s	Emergent	R	75.00
		F 00	Dues:Norfolk Blues	R	360.00
		F 00	Dues:VA Beach	R	400.00
		F 00	Dues:Newport News	R	400.00
		From USAR for 8/00 Coaching Clinic	Coaching Coord	R	1,405.00
10/5/00	578 Jeff Anderson	Fall Newsletter	Newsletter	R	(150.01)
10/17/00	579 Roanoke RFC	MARFU/VRU/Norfolk/Roanoke	Emergent	R	(243.00)
10/24/00 DEP	S	F/S 00/01	Dues:ODU Men	R	800.00
		F/S 00/01	Dues:W&L	R	800.00
		F 00	Dues:Blacksburg	R	400.00
		F 00	Dues:Virginia Men	R	400.00
		F/S 00/01	Dues:JMU Men	R	800.00
		F/S 00/01	Dues:VMI	R	800.00
		F/S 00/01	Dues:H-S	R	650.00
		F/S 00/01	Dues:JMU Women	R	760.00
		F 00	Dues:Blackwater	R	250.00
		F 00	Dues:Norfolk Storm	R	400.00
		F/S 00/01	Dues:Radford Women	R	800.00
		S 00 F/S 00/01	Dues:Radford Men	R	801.00
		F/S 00/01	Dues:W&M Men	R	800.00
		F/S 00/01	Dues:W&M Women	R	625.00
10/27/00	580 Kris Kabza	Invitations to Reception	Ed Lee Cup Exp	R	(54.09)
10/27/00	582 Corned Beef and Co	Pres Reception	Ed Lee Cup Exp	R	(411.22)
11/21/00	583 Dana Kuchta	MARFU W at ITTs	Women's Selects	R	(50.00)
11/21/00	584 Katy Jackson	MARFU W at ITTs	Women's Selects		(50.00)
11/24/00	585 Carl Schmitt	Various	Men's Selects	R	(614.47)
11/24/00	586 Jeff Hollier	Mileage	Men's Selects		(67.20)
11/28/00 587	S Navy Federal Credit Union (for K Kabza)	Inter-LAU Competition	College Selects	R	(375.74)
		Inter-LAU Competition	College W Slcts	R	(225.99)
11/30/00	Interest Earned		Misc	R	12.65
12/6/00	588 Reyn Kinzey	USA BOD meeting	Officer Travel	R	(586.00)
12/8/00 DEP	S	S'01	Dues:United	R	357.00
		F/S 00/01	Dues:Virginia Collegiate Men	R	800.00
		F/S 00/01	Dues:Mary Wash Women	R	800.00
		F 00	Dues:Blackwater W	R	400.00
		F/S 00/01	Dues:U of Richmond	R	800.00
		F/S 00/01	Dues:Longwood Men	R	800.00
		F/S 00/01	Dues:Longwood Women	R	800.00
12/9/00	589 Carl Schmitt	Travel to MARFU Mtg	Officer Travel	R	(48.00)
12/21/00	590 Jeff Anderson	Winter Newsletter	Newsletter	R	(197.83)
12/21/00	591 Dave Smetzer	Hotel room	Men's Selects	R	(153.00)
12/29/00	Interest Earned		Misc	R	14.26
12/31/00 592	S David Chapman	Meeting	Officer Travel		(36.00)
		Phone, mailings	Treasurer		(95.52)

12/31/00	593 Chesterfield Graphics	Youth manual copies	Youth	(54.60)
TOTAL 1/1/00 - 12/31/00				7,608.96
BALANCE 12/31/00				23,650.10

Don Bridges Fund		Charitable Contribution Fund	
VIGRX		VFINX	
Value reported last AGM (01/00)	\$9,236.08	Value reported last AGM (01/00)	\$12,729.82
Value (as of 01/12/01)	\$7,472.63	Value (as of 01/12/01)	\$11,566.60

Referees Society of Virginia

The Referees Society of Virginia provides coverage to Virginia Rugby Union matches and, when resources permit, to other rugby unions on an invitational basis and reciprocal basis. Because of the distances that the members have to travel on a weekly basis, only two meetings are held/year: the Fall Season Annual General Meeting in August and the Spring Season meeting in mid-February. Both are used to discuss seasonal assignments and law interpretations.



Each club must submit their schedules to the Scheduler of the Referee's Society; **the deadlines are August 1 for the Fall Season and February 1 for the Spring season.** If a club fails to submit its schedule by these dates, referees might not be assigned to that club's matches. The club's match information should include the time and date of the match, directions to the home pitch (even when it is well known to all), and telephone numbers of one or two club officials (daytime and evening hours).

Teams must consult the on-line schedule and contact the assigned referee(s) with full details (time, directions) at least three evenings prior to the date of the match (e.g., by Wednesday evening prior to a Saturday match). If the contact is not made, the referee is subject to being re-assigned with no coverage to the unconfirmed game. If notification is late and the match is covered either with or without the originally assigned referee, an additional \$30 assessment will be added to the RSV fee.

A few things of current interest:

Recent law interpretations are now on-line at <<http://www.rugby.org/referees/usarrainterps.html>>.

In accordance with Law 4.6, shoulder pads, headgear and chest pads worn by players must bear the authorized mark of the IRB to indicate that they conform to the Law of the Game. No black headgear is allowed.

"Blades" (boots) may be questionable; it all depends on their shape. The only advice we can give is that you'll be dependent on the referee of the day.

The RSV encourages club members and senior rugby players to consider refereeing as a part of their rugby commitment. The RSV can sponsor certification clinics for potential referees during the year to discuss the laws of rugby. There is a tremendous shortage of referees in the VRU, MARFU, USA and worldwide and the problem seems to be growing. New members to the "club" are always welcome! Regardless of the current shortage, the RSV and VRU have a policy of zero tolerance for referee abuse; this includes both on *and* off the field behavior.

Each RSV referee is evaluated by his peers to encourage the individual improvement and promotion within the referee ranks. They are frequently asked to call important inter-union club and union select side matches.

The RSV and the VRU annually honor the clubs for the best jobs done in their interaction with the referees and contribution to the quality of rugby in Virginia. It is hoped that these awards will encourage improvement in the administrative caliber of all clubs with the VRU. The annual award winners are announced at the VRU Annual General Meeting (and will be done so in a few minutes).

In addition, the RSV honors a single club for sportsmanship during the Ed and Sandy Lee Cup for their contribution to the quality of rugby in Virginia. The Mary Washington College Women's Rugby club was selected as the annual award winner at the conclusion of the 2000 tournament.

For more information about joining the RSV, send us an Email at ref@rugby.org or talk to any of the RSV referees when you see 'em!

David Chapman
Interim President, Referees Society of Virginia

Virginia Rugby Union

<http://www.rugby.org>

Internet/Website - 2000 Report

We had **34223** visitors (home page) from January 1, 2000 through until December 31, 2000 (not too bad for a site with a limited audience!). In comparison, we had **31469** visitors (home page) from January-December 1999, **20845** visitors (home page) from January-December 1998 and **5852** from January-December 1997.

We currently house:

- The Seasonal Schedules
- The On-Line Version of the Handbook
- The Newsletter
- The Addresses of Officers and Clubs and other Contacts
- Links to Club Web Sites
- Program Compliance
- Forms
- General Announcements
- Link to the MARFU Site (housed at rugby.org)
- Links to USA Rugby
- Men's Club Divisional Play
- The Regional Calendar
- Minutes of Meetings
- History
- ...and Other Stuff!

Provide us with a permanent point-of-contact with an Email address and we'll provide (for free) an alias that uses the rugby.org domain.

For example: norfolkblues@rugby.org is set to point to davide@infi.net

(This is not "free Email" this is just a pointer that provide (at no charge) some identity for your club; one caveat: one alias/club, please!)

Provide us with your club's web address and we'll provide (for free) a pointer that uses the rugby.org domain.

For example: <http://www.rugby.org/united/> points to <http://www.geocities.com/Colosseum/Court/6118/zunited.html>

If you'd like more information, simply send an Email message requesting the service to: rugby@rugby.org.