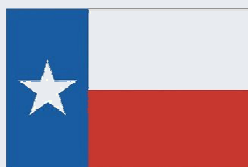




# News from the Texas XXXs Rugby Club

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## Masters Tournament in the Big Easy

The Texas XXXs are considering entering the 1st annual French Quarter Festival Master's Tournament in New Orleans. The tourney will be hosted by the NORFC and is scheduled for April 11-13, 2008. This master's event is to be held in conjunction with the French Quarter Festival which includes music, food, and beverages at Jackson Square and Riverfront Park. The Rugby complex and clubhouse is only 10 minutes away from the festival.

If you'd like to participate, send an e-mail to [PoohBah@TexasXsRugby.com](mailto:PoohBah@TexasXsRugby.com) and we'll see how much interest we have.

## Christmas Party

Blanco's, the venerable Houston dance hall/saloon, once again proved to be the perfect venue for the Texas XXXs Xmas party. A record crowd of well over 60 folks showed up to boot-scoot to the Cornell Hurd Band while enjoying cold beer, shuffleboard, and good conversation.

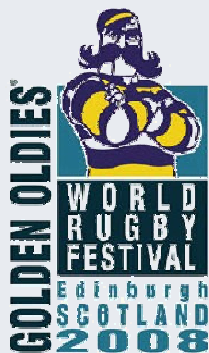
Notable this year was the turnout of quite a few of the really old guys. Well, old in that they played with the XXXs many years ago and haven't been able to participate a lot lately; guys such as Tom Kajander and Jim Johnson. Tony Trott and wife Julie, residents of Melbourne, Florida, may have technically won the "travel" trophy, but they happened to be in Beaumont and drove over. Jack and Jeannie Montgomery made a special trip in from Tulsa just for the party. (They returned just in time to lose power in the ice storm, and for Jack to undergo back surgery). Also in the crowd were a slew of new (but aged) faces, so it was also a successful recruiting evening.

We hope to see even more of you next year. At this rate of growth, we'll have to reserve the entire hall, not just a portion.

## Golden Oldies Edinburgh – 7 months to go!

The Golden Oldies Rugby Festival in Edinburgh Scotland is now only 7 months out. The the XXXs have entered two sides with 62 players and supporters signed on. The tour is from September 1st through the 8th and the games are Scheduled to played at Murrayfield and Saughton Park.

## High School Rugby Charity Match



The St. Thomas High School rugby team (Houston) will host a special event on Saturday, February 2nd as they seek to raise funds in the fight against breast cancer. Joining forces with the local Pink Ribbon Society, the team will play a charity match at 6 p.m. versus Westside HS (in the St. Thomas HS stadium). Players on both teams will wear pink jerseys which will be sold after the match.

If you haven't yet seen high school rugby in Texas, you will be very impressed. We have a number of XXX's stalwarts who are involved in the burgeoning youth rugby movement across the state. Among them are Jim Wolfinger, Bill Crawford, Anthony Mattacchione, David "Fergie" Walker, Neil Doherty, Dan O'Donnell, and Tim O'Gara ... just to name a few. It's great to see so many of our members giving back to the game.



## 2008 Six Nations Championship

It's almost time for the Six Nations Championship. Games can be seen live through Setanta Sports <http://www.setantanorthamerica.com/home.aspx>

Several of the local Pubs will be showing the games (for a fee). Here is the schedule. *(All times are local)*

### Saturday, February 2

Ireland v Italy, 14:00  
England v Wales, 16:30

### Sunday, February 3

Scotland v France, 15:00

### Saturday, February 9

Wales v Scotland, 14:00  
France v Ireland, 17:00

### Sunday, February 10

Italy v England, 15:30

### Saturday, February 23

Wales v Italy, 15:00  
Ireland v Scotland, 17:00  
France v England, 21:00

### Saturday, March 8

Ireland v Wales, 13:15  
Scotland v England, 15:15

### Sunday, March 9

France v Italy, 16:00

### Saturday, March 15

Italy v Scotland, 14:00  
England v Ireland, 15:00  
Wales v France, 17:00



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## Texas XXXs Tartan – Coming Soon

There is an official Texas kilt being woven now in preparation for the XXX's tour to Scotland. This is the authentic Texas bluebonnet tartan that will be available to anyone. You'll be able to order it direct from the manufacturer, with your own optional accessories. They have quite a selection of styles for the ladies as well. We'll pass on the order details when they become available in May.



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