



*"DRAGON HUNTER TOUR" – Cardiff Wales
August 21-28th, 2016*



Canada's Team

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UPDATE #3 December 2015

Last meeting Thursday November 19th 2015 - 7 PM

All Golden Oldies games and social events are in the Cardiff area

Most events are within walking distance of hotel but transport will be provided to all Oldies Events from our hotel.

Nigel Owens is one of the guest rugby celebrities who will participate in the events. Great chance for all of the referees in the crowd to meet one of the great ones.

Items included in tour package*

-**Tour Kit**, which includes

- Playing Jersey
- Tour training/trading T shirt
- Training jacket
- Tour shirt – Theme outfit
- Backpack

-**Golden Oldies Events/game admissions & transit to G.O. events** refer to Golden Oldies website for more details <http://www.goldenoldiessports.com>

- **Hotel accommodation at Mercure Cardiff Holland House Hotel & Spa** (4 Star) c/w daily breakfast

Items not included:

- Airfare/Transport from Canada to Cardiff (*note West Jet has great deal on now \$820-\$1100/pp dependent on timing recommend booking asap*)
- Personal Health/Travel Insurance
- Meals & Refreshments while off G.O. Sites
- Tours/Entertainment when not at a G.O. Event (we will organize a team trip out of Cardiff to one of the other rugby communities on one of our off days)

TOTAL TOUR FEE is **\$2600/P CDN**

- **1ST DEPOSIT \$400 June 15th***
 - **2nd DEPOSIT \$400 Aug 15, 2015***
 - 3RD DEPOSIT \$800 Jan 31, 2016
 - FINAL PAYMENT \$1000 April 30, 2016
- ***1st & 2nd deposits are fully refundable until January 15, 2016 by written request. After that time, refunds will only be offered if another player/tourist is available and willing to pay and take your place.***





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NEXT STEPS & follow-ups from Nov 19th Meeting:

Players

- ***Need 7 – 8 additional players to sign up before end of January 2016 and their guests, as we would like to have a minimum-playing roster of 28 players as there are 3 games in 5 days.***
- ***28 players & guests paid to date -39 on interested list***
- ***Everyone*** needs to run the trap lines and contact their old mates to ensure that we have 28 Antediluvians on the ground in Cardiff. Arnie will send formal invites to Williams Lake Rustlers, Cold Lake Penguins, Ft McMurray Knights, Red Deer Titans, and the Saskatchewan Rugby Union before Christmas

Sponsorship/Patronage solicitations – require 12K\$ + to offset currency fluctuations, and other team ground activities not covered in G.O. package are fully funded. ***Funds raised/committed YTD are 5 K\$ Need to raise an additional 7 K\$. The Sponsorship request letter is on the Antediluvian website, and request that everyone on tour contact at least one business for potential advertising & sponsorship.***

Follow-ups

- ***Arnie will follow up with DG to review tax status for personal donations.***
- ***Andy McKechnie has volunteered to coordinate the commercial sponsorship fund raising activities***
- ***Ryan Thomas will organize a social fund raiser game night to be held in February-March***
- ***"Dragon Hunter theme is official and now we have to finalize the tour kit including: playing jersey, Tour Shirt, Tour T-Shirt, Training Jacket, Back pack. The opening parade theme is a trapper/ logger style with fur caps, suspenders etc.***
- ***Off day Team Tour – pub-crawl with lunch & to one of the port towns. Get out of Cardiff for the day. Arnie has sent a request to Penryn Distillery (Welsh Whiskey) to requested their financial support for our off day tour out of Cardiff. Suspect that if they agree that we will have to stop by their distillery for a tour & sampling of their Single Malt Welsh Whiskey.***

Thank you to Davie Graham & Ron Allen for hosting our November 19th tour meeting in the Bear's Den. Your hospitality was greatly appreciated by all in attendance.





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Day 0 Travel to Cardiff (recommend arriving in Cardiff area on Saturday August 20th)

Day 1 – Sunday 21st August

- Settle into accommodation (*Cardiff Holland Mercure Hotel & Spa*)
- 1st and only training session/get to know your teammates event
- Opening ceremony and Parade of Nations
- Welcome party at Millennium Stadium

Day 2 – Monday 22nd August

- First day of Rugby

Day 3 - Tuesday 23rd August

- Mid Week Picnic Day @ Cardiff Arms Park (famous home of many Welsh International matches)

Day 4 – Wednesday 24th August

- Second Day of Rugby

Day 5 - Thursday 25th August

- Day at leisure *** optional tour

Day 6 - Friday 26th August

- Third day of Rugby
- Antediluvians Team Dinner

Day 7 – Saturday 27th August

- Day at leisure *** optional tour
- Grande Finale Dinner & Awards Function (transfer to Millennium Stadium)

Day 8 – Sunday 28th August

- Departure to home or beyond

Scenes from the Antediluvians Oldies 2014 event in Argentina

Some of the Boys getting ready for the Opening Parade

1st Game Action vs. Argentina





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New Team Grades and Categories

The Golden Oldies office, in partnership with the Welsh Rugby Union, is delighted to announce that the 21st celebration will have a few additions to the Festival. At the request of a number of teams, we have established new team gradings that recognize the age, agility, ability and experience of teams and players.

There will be the opportunity for teams to play full World Rugby (formerly IRB) rules. A number of teams have requested that they play 'true' rugby rules. The grade, which will be called *Golden Masters*, is planned for younger teams who wish to still play relatively competitive rugby.

- *Golden Masters* (World Rugby Rules) will be offered for teams of players aged 35 years up and for teams of players aged 45 years up. Teams will not be mixed and women will not play in the *Golden Masters* grade.
- Teams will be requested to provide a spread of the ages within their team and an estimate of the average age of the players. We recognize that many teams have a wide range of ages and all we are requesting is to have as accurate as possible estimates so that we may adequately ensure teams are matched in similar age groupings.

Teams will be asked to grade themselves into one of the following:

1. Golden Masters 35+, men only
2. Golden Masters 45+, men only
3. A) Semi-Competitive 45 average B) Semi-Competitive 55 average
4. A) Once-Were-Competitive 45 average B) Once-Were-Competitive 55 average
C) Once-Were-Competitive 65 average.
5. A) Social 45 average B) Social 55 average C) Social 65 average

Details to be provided as team entries are received.

Note:

The Edmonton Antediluvians RFC will determine Team Grade/Category once player age/ability & interest is confirmed.

Have no fear. We will NOT REGISTER for a playing level above our capabilities.

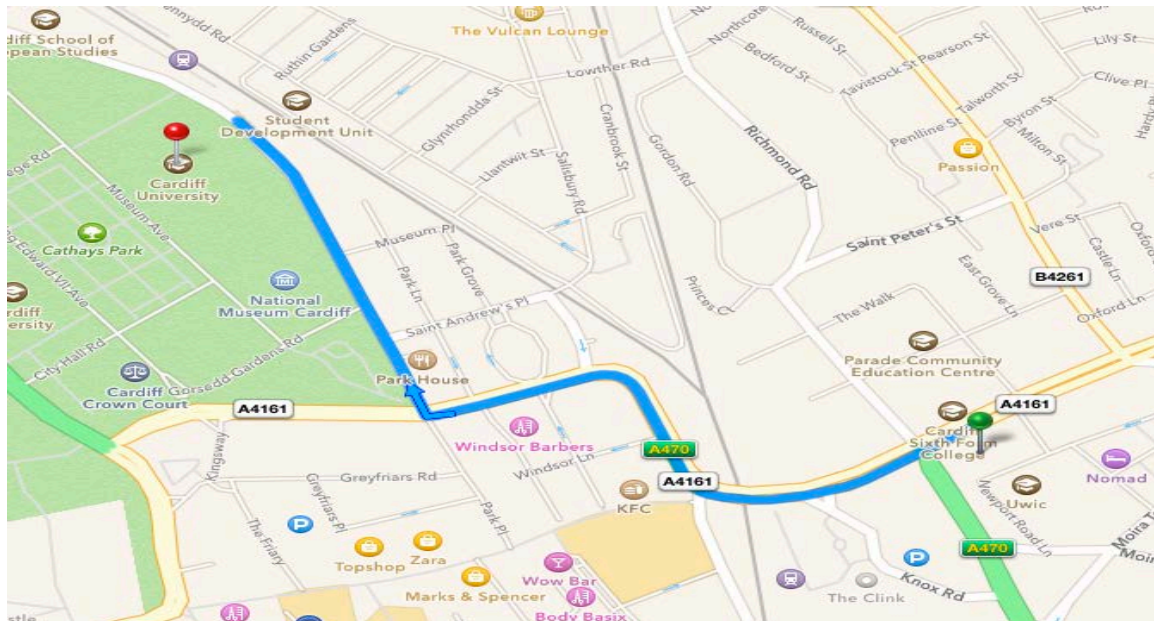
Our primary goal is to have fun while being competitive on the pitch.





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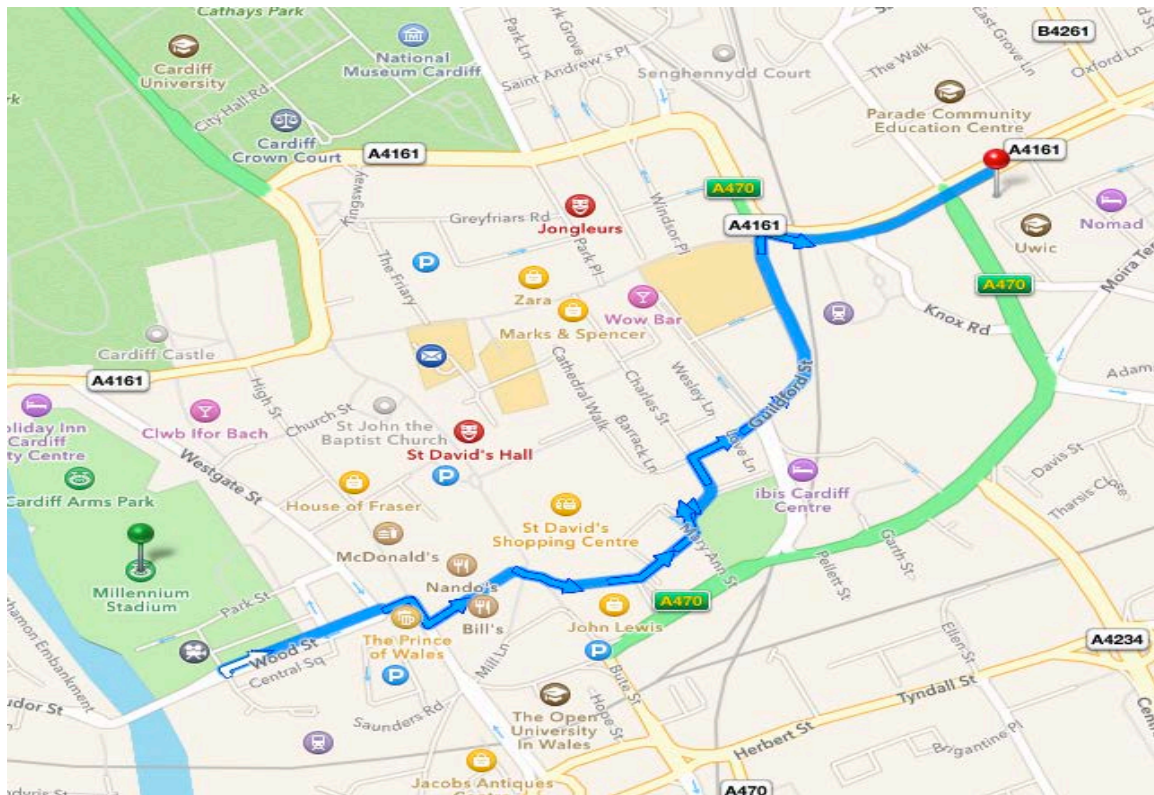
FROM HOTEL TO UNIVERSITY PLAYING FIELDS
14 minutes (1.4 kms) walking IF YOU MISS YOUR BUS





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HOTEL TO MILLENIUM STADIUM (OPENING PARADE/RECEPTION & CLOSING DINNER)
21 MINUTES WALK 1.6 KMS



Mercure Holland Hotel & Spa is 16 minutes walking distance from Cardiff Castle & about 3 minutes from major shopping





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