



SSRFC Chairman's Report - 2018/19 Season

The Club has had a fantastic season both on and off the pitch and much progress has been made in moving SSRFC forward. We have had a vibrant and successful season on the pitch, with the 1st team finishing second in the Hampshire Premiership and narrowly losing in the play off for promotion to London 3. The 2nds have been a force to be reckoned with this season and have played all their fixtures bar 2 and finishing 4th in the league. There have been some fantastic games with both teams this season and I have watched some of the most entertaining Rugby I have ever seen right here at SSRFC. All the players, coaches, skippers and non-playing staff and support volunteers should be rightly proud of their achievements this season, well done.

Off the pitch the club continues to go from strength to strength, with new storage facilities, updated till systems, successful grants in excess of £10000:00, increased rental, increased income and England RFU accreditation. It has been a busy year, but also a successful one, this is only achieved by the continued hard work, dedication and commitment of a great team of volunteers. They get absolutely nothing out of this deal except for the love of the Club and a deep desire to see it succeed at all levels, I thank each and every one of you, and your families, for your contributions. A note of caution and a plea however, these are generally the same faces and people, it is a small team albeit committed. If you are reading this and would like to help in some small way, then please, please get in touch? We all have families, work and another life outside of SSRFC. I am and always have been a great believer in 'many hands make light work' so take a deep breath and get involved, it really is a rewarding experience.

I would like to publicly acknowledge the following for their hard work, determination, commitment and contribution to the continued success of the Club:

- **Graham Thomas** – President, groundsman, linesman etc
- **Simon Swallow** - Club Captain, Project Manager, sponsorship and all-round getting things done
- **Lorrain Swallow** – Treasurer, finances and keeping us on the straight and narrow, probably the hardest job in the club
- **Geoff Giles** – Honorary Secretary and grounds maintenance
- **Tommy Booth** – VPs President and Support to Vectis and youth Rugby
- **Damo Marriot** – Director of Rugby
- **Sam Flux** - 1st Team Captain, admin support, RFU Accreditation
- **Liam Little** – 2nd Team Captain
- **Zac Chiverton** and **Sam Tyson** – 1st Team Vice Captains
- **Victoria Winter** – FA, Events Manager
- **George Adams** – Communications and Principal Editor of the Hornet
- **Colin Bond** – Fixture Secretary and all-round advertiser
- **John Buckingham** – Logistics support and driver
- **John and Elizabeth Gillfillen** – Facilities management and looking after Vectis youth rugby on Sundays
- **Angie Thomas** – Supporting VP and club lunches
- **Hugh Griffiths** – Grounds maintenance and supporting Vectis on Sundays
- **Charlotte Lock-Dean** – Organising the annual awards dinner
- **Allan Whitehouse** – Match Support
- **John Coleman** – Match support
- **Ray Smith** – General support and jumping in where needed
- **Adam Tyas** – Admin support, assistant bar manager, youth coach
- **Theodora** – Bar supervisor, recruiting bar staff and washer uppers on match days

Key Achievements 2018/19

- 1st XV - 2nd Hampshire Premiership
- 2nd XV – 4th Hampshire 4
- Strong uplift in players both teams
- England RFU Accreditation (Sam Flux lead)
- Introduction of new electronic till system, stock and use of membership cards
- £9000:00 grant from Shanklin Rotary Club
- Completion of the new storage facility (Simon Swallow lead)
- £1000:00 Pitch maintenance grant (Sam Flux lead)
- £500:00 Natwest Rugby maintenance grant
- RFU first aid, safe guarding and coaching courses delivered (Victoria Winter lead)
- Improved communications (George Adams lead on Hornet, Sam social media, Tommy VPs)
- Use of club rental increased
- Income to club increased

Identified Opportunities for Improvement 2019/20 Season

- Committed pre-season training
- Identify strong, challenging preseason games for both teams
- Promotion for both teams
- Increase membership and collect fees
- Identify and recruit more Volunteers
- Have a more robust system of collecting and paying match fees
- Improve marketing of club for rental
- Improve system for individual and club sponsors
- Improve facilities, maintenance, pitch, grounds and balcony
- Appoint a Coach and Vice-Captain to 2nd team
- Continual improvement of communications
- Maximise World Cup opportunities for income

This has been quite simply a fantastic season and a great deal has been achieved, however to keep the club on a continual upward trend, we need to keep doing what we're doing, improve where we can and work together as a great team, both on and off the pitch. 2019/20 season promises to be even better, and I am convinced we will build on our success. I have been immensely proud and humbled to be the Chairman for this season and couldn't be prouder in what SSRFC has achieved.



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Chairman SSRFC 2018/19

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