

GREETINGS FROM CALEY CLUBS TO JACK NIXON

on the occasion of his 80th birthday – 19 June 2020

"What can you say about Jack? He is stalwart supporter and promoter of the club game in Scotland. Over some 24 years as the P&J's "rugby man" he has visited more than 50 grounds to report on matches and he still gets asked back! From the players, coaches and administrators at Aberdeen Grammar Rugby and all the other Caley District clubs, we extend very best wishes on reaching 80. Thanks for your service to the game. You are a legend in our area" – **Gordon Thomson, Chairman and Director of Rugby, Aberdeen Grammar Rugby** (and SRU Council Member)

"Congratulations and best wishes on your 80th birthday from your friends in the REAL North!" - **George Sinclair, President, Caithness RFC**

"I have personally known Jack for 36 years as I played rugby with his son Graeme at Ellon and Aberdeenshire Colts. Happy 80th Birthday Jack, from all at Aberdeenshire RFC" – **Colin Bell, President, Aberdeenshire RFC**

"It's been great seeing Jack down at Kellands covering our games and promotion/relegation battles. Great to hear you talking about working with your son and grandson recently" . – **Dave Duguid, Garioch RFC**

"Happy Birthday and many happy returns from all of us at the Aberdeen Medics RFC. Looking forward to seeing you back on the sidelines again soon.

We attest to how impressive and appreciated all of Jack's efforts to spread the word of the game in the area are. He has a fantastic way with words and has always been brilliant to speak with at the sidelines. His commitment to cover games from all levels of Caledonia rugby from North 4 all the way to the Prem is fantastic and it definitely brings a lot of excitement for players and rugby fans alike." - **Jeremie Juan - AMRFC President (Aberdeen Medics)**

"Happy 80th Birthday Jack from all at Fraserburgh RFC, thank you for all your support!" - **Dean Underwood, Club President**

"Lochaber RFC would be happy for its name to be included on Jack's birthday card" - **Stewart Sandison, Hon Secretary, Lochaber RFC**

"Happy birthday Jack, from all at Ross-Sutherland RFC. When we made it to the Bowl Final in 2018, Jack thought he could maybe have done more to cover our journey to Murrayfield. So he offered to make up for it by donating a trophy for our player of the match (of course he had to choose who won!). Just with the way things went on the day we weren't able to do the presentation so kept it secret and awarded it at our end of season dinner. The recipient was thoroughly chuffed with

the recognition and quite humbled by the fact it came from someone who has watched and reported on rugby for so many years. It speaks volumes for how much Jack loves the game and the high regard that he is held in." -**John A Scott NSch, President RSRFC**

"All the best Jack from your friends at Mackie. Jack has always been a very positive supporter of Mackie and whom always gives a fair hearing".- **Neil Foster, Mackie Academy FP RFC**

"Wishing you health and happiness from all your friends at Deeside Rugby. Jack's name will not be forgotten at Deeside Rugby, he kindly donated a trophy to us a couple of years ago after he had been at the Club a couple of times during one season that he came and presented for the first time in person. He has left it in perpetuity to be handed out at the president's decision to the Club member that has added most to the development of the Club in that year. - **Ian Finlayson President, Deeside Rugby**

"Highland RFC, the premier team in the North, are happy to be associated with Jack's birthday. Greetings, very many happy returns on your 80th birthday, Jack, from all at Highland" - **Graham Findlater, President, Highland RFC**

"Congratulations, Jack on your 80th birthday. We'd never believe you are that age! It has always been a pleasure to welcome you at Mayfield and to benefit from your wide knowledge of the Caledonia game and your most pleasant company. Sincere thanks from Dundee Rugby for all your contributions to the game. Have a great day!" – **Derek Black, President, Dundee High Rugby**

"Jack's dedication and support for the club game is a beacon in an era when professional rugby, marketing and money have come to dominate. Week after week he travels to games in the District from Caithness to Dundee. He is a familiar figure trudging across the pitch at final whistle to grab a coach or player to get some insightful quotes to add to his already comprehensive match report. Then, after his call round on Sunday, when we open our paper on Monday, there are the match reports and scores from all over the circulation area. Best coverage in Scotland! Big thanks to you, Jack. It has been an honour to bring the Caley Clubs together , as one, to celebrate this memorable milestone. A 25th season?" – **Jim (James M) Rae, Immediate Past-President, Aberdeen Grammar Rugby** (and longstanding chum)