



## The White Hart Marauders Rugby Football Club

### 'The Thoughts of Chairman Billy – 2010'



Well, last year I started my thoughts with a statement concerning the drive to get Rugby Sevens included in the Olympic Games and here we are a year later with that heady thought having been achieved. The Rugby fraternity is delighted that 2016 will see the game being played at the highest level, and we are proud that our efforts, on and off the pitch, have helped to achieve this.

My best memory of 2009 has to be our visit to Twickenham at the Middlesex Sevens and for us to beat the current holders, Harlequins in our first match. My main thought here is to use those two little words that golfers and rugby players use extensively. 'If only' we had not had so many top players injured in our first two matches we would have been challenging for the honours.

Unfortunately due to the short notice that all the Invitational sides were given, your Chairman was sunning himself in Crete when the event took place. Not only that, but having driven round the island for two hours on the match day to try to find a bar, restaurant, or friendly local Cretan who had a Sky contract, I eventually had to admit defeat and drown my sorrows. Anyway the DVD of the match was good to watch when I got home, so congratulations to Howard for another great display of rugby, and leadership on the field.

It was also good to see the Marauders Academy having such a successful first season, reaching 7 semi-finals, 2 plate finals, and a quarter final. I am positive that this year will see their first win. Well done Henry, keep the lads going!

In addition, the Marauders Vets went all the way to the finals of the World Masters Tournament in Sydney, where they won the Silver Medal. I urge you to take a look at the Vets page on our website and click through the photographs of this tournament. As you will see the standard of this event was world class and the Vets, led by 'Lofty', did us proud.

So in closing, congratulations to Howard, Henry, and Lofty for giving us another great year of Rugby, and good luck to their squads as we head into 2010. With the launch of the new National Sevens Series this will be the most exciting year yet for Rugby Sevens and the White Hart Marauders.

**Billy White**  
**Chairman**

**"The World Famous Marauders"**