



Club Newsletter – Issue 2

Discover the latest news and highlights!

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An incredibly Happy New Year to all our members

2024 offers an action-packed year and we hope that we can continue to assist our members and their families. We have supported The Army Rugby League teams with appeal for their Interservice campaign and the Interservice Player of the tournament.

Army Rugby League News

2023 Inter-Services - The senior team get beat by the RN however the women had a clean sweep. Brig Mike Taylor MBE will be handing over as Chairperson and we wish him all the very best of luck. The Army will start their Betfred Challenge Cup Campaign against Fryston Warriors on 13/14 January and hopefully will move onto round 2 facing Hunslet ARLFC 27/28 January. We wish all players and support staff the best of luck and will continue to support Army Rugby League during 2024. Great news for Major Dave 'Spud' Williams who receives an MBE for services towards Army Rugby League.

Wheelchair RL News

Steve Samper and the team take on Wales, Soldiers League will be backing our wheelchair veterans and will be there to add our support on the day. Wales are preparing for their tour of the USA and will play against the team on **Sunday 14 January at Cwmbran Stadium – kick off 1:30pm**



James Simpson who played in the England World Cup winning squad has been awarded an MBE for his services to wheelchair rugby.

Soldiers League are proud for James to be part of our squad and he is busy coaching Leeds Rhinos winning his first six games of the season to put them top of the Wheelchair Super League

Key dates for your diary

Soldiers League AGM Saturday 24 February 2024

Betfred World Club Challenge Wigan v Penrith –

DW Stadium Saturday 24 February

Soldiers League Road to Wembley Dinner Friday 7 June Victory Service

Club London. Followed by Betfred Challenge Cup final Saturday 8 June

Wembley Stadium (Tickets go on sale Monday 26 February)

Soldiers League - Scott Stevenson Memorial Trophy

Inter Service Player of the Tournament 2023

James Tilley RN



Scott's Mum & Dad Donna & Steve Stevenson where able to award the trophy on our behalf.

Bradford Bulls Foundation



In October 2023 Soldiers League donated £1000 to the Bulls Foundation and were delighted to attend there awards night and meet with some of their volunteers who make a different to their community, we look forward to developing this relationship in 2024.

(Ryan Swindale making the presentation on behalf of Soldiers League to Chris Chamberlain Bradford Bulls Foundations Chief Executive)

Finally – We welcome back to the UK Sean Fanning and Brian Stow from their overseas adventures and wish them the best of luck in their new careers. Some members may be aware not everyone is in good health and our thoughts are with them and their families. We are always looking for ideas to rise funds and keep supporting our community throughout 2024.

Soldiers Leagues is committed to supporting our members and veterans if you know of a worthy cause or need assistance, please reach out to us and we will take each case by case in order to support the welfare of our members.