



# Ebb Tide 2017 Japan Tour Newsletter

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Number 1

## Early days

Here we go again. For those readers who have been on a tour to Japan, enough said. For those who haven't, it's a tour like no other. For those who have never been on an Ebb Tide tour, here's your chance.

We're just getting started, and there's a long time to go, but a lot of work has already been done, and you'll hear about it in future newsletters. We plan on five of these things altogether: one every 14 weeks from now to the tour date.

We will keep you updated on who has signed up, what's happening, and when you have to write a cheque. We'll offer travel advice, facts about the cities we'll be visiting (if you're a museum buff you'll want to know about Osaka, and you will), and all sorts of other things, including the customs, protocols and the intricacies of Japanese subways.

Stay tuned!

### NEWSLETTERS

This is newsletter number one: we plan on five *in toto*. The aims are first, to keep you informed; secondly to offer advice from veterans to rookies, and thirdly to encourage club members to join the tour.

Suggestions and submissions gleefully accepted, and will be paid at the same rate I'm getting.

Ian Cameron (Ed)

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### Who's going?

#### Sign ups at the time of printing:

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| 1. Mike Saroziak | 1. Lori Butler    |
| 2. H. Butler     | 2. Norma Flach    |
| 3. D. McMordie   | 3. Sue Rudiger    |
| 4. M. Edgington  | 4. Heather Butler |
| 5. G. Okrainetz  | 5. Anne-Marie     |
| 6. E. White,     | 6. Lisa Hansen    |
| 7. T. Walshaw    | 7.                |
| 8. Shane Muldrew | 8.                |
| 9. Rick Kotzian  | 9.                |
| 10. Dave Knox    | 10.               |

### "From the Tour Chair"

The Ebb Tide has a long standing tradition of games with Japanese clubs. It was the visit by the Wak Wak club of Osaka and the game on October 5, 1972 which heralded the formation of our club in 1972. Since that first visit from the Wak Wak, the Ebb Tide have hosted Japanese clubs in Victoria more than 27 times and have toured Japan 6 times, the last being March 2006.



In October 2012 at our club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, the Ebb Tide hosted the Gentlemen from Osaka and the Old Bears from Tenri in games at Royal Athletic Park. At the dinner banquet following these games the Gentlemen presented the Ebb Tide with a Japanese samurai helmet as part of a samurai suit with the challenge that the Ebb Tide would have to travel to Japan to collect the balance of the suit. So we're going.



Our last Japanese game was against the Gentlemen of Osaka on May 7, 2015 at Windsor Park, followed by a Banquet at the White Eagle Polish Hall in James Bay. This banquet was attended by almost 100 Ebb Tide members and partners and for our newer members it was their first taste of Japanese hosting.

The Ebb Tide will be continuing this tradition and friendship with Japanese rugby clubs with our 7<sup>th</sup> tour to Japan in May 2017. It will be 11 years since our last visit and none too soon. A meeting was held on October 26<sup>th</sup> to form a tour committee to address all the aspects of arranging this tour. As was mentioned and agreed at the last AGM, I have accepted the position of Tour Chair. I have taken on the role of Japan liaison and travel arrangements and have been ably joined by the following tour committee members (role): Glen Okrainetz (club gifts), Shane Muldrew (player gifts), Jim Capron (treasurer), Dave Valentine (equipment), Harold Butler (General), Vahid Bossi (player cards), Ian Cameron (Newsletter) and Rob Phillips (tour program).

This tour is an important step for older players to maintain the Ebb Tide's relationships with Japanese clubs and players and for newer players to carry the torch in future years and continue those connections. Our preliminary plans are for an 18 day trip visiting 5 Japanese cities and playing 5 games as follows: Tokyo - Fuwaku ; Nagoya – Tuwaku ; Osaka – Gentlemen ; Tenri – Old Bears ; Fukuoka – Meiwaku.

Our goal is to take a tour party of 50 comprising 40 players and 10 partners on a first pay, first reserved basis. To this end we are requesting a \$100 refundable deposit per person to reserve your spot. At the time of printing this newsletter there are 10 members signed up. There will be subsequent payments required and you will be notified of their dates in due course. I would like to encourage all members to "talk up the tour" and garner as much interest as possible to meet our goal numbers. I welcome your feedback and comments as we progress towards May 2017.

As this newsletter is being published in December, I would like to wish all Ebb Tide members a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year 2016 and look forward to travelling with many of you in 2017.

Dave "Knoxie"  
2017 Japan Tour Chair

**FIRST DETAILS**

- Target cost: \$4,000
- Coach = maximum 50 persons;
- Target numbers: 40 players + 10 partners;
- Reserve participation with \$100 refundable deposit commencing immediately – first pay, first reserved to Jim Capron;
- Increase deposit to \$500 (+\$400) by May 30, 2016 – now nonrefundable;
- Final payment due (when Airfares have to be paid) – likely Jan 2017;
- Order of participation:
  - First Ebb Tide members (by May 2016);
  - Then Powell River and past players (by Sept 2017);
  - Then PNORU.
  - We will prepare a waiting list for non-Ebb Tide members for anyone interested.

**Who to blame**

Chair	Dave Knox
Japan Club Requests	Glen
Tour Manager	TBD
Japan Contact	Knoxie
Travel	
a. Canada	Knoxie
b. Japan	
Finance	Jim Capron
Fundraising	Lori
Tour Equipment	Dave Valentine
Club Gifts	Glen
a. Main	
b. President	
c. Captain	
Player Gifts	Shane
Newsletter	Ian Cameron
Tour Program	Rob Phillips
Player "business" Cards	Vahid Bossi



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**525 days to go**

**-.....and counting**

Proposed Ebb Tide Japan Tour 2017

							May 12 - 28/29, 2017		TOURS	
No	date	time	place		transportation	note	Incoming	Outgoing		
1	12	Fri	morning	Vancouver	leave		Leave Canada			
2	13	Sat	noon	Narita Tokyo	arrive arrive	Bus	Evening Free			
3	14	Sun		Tokyo		Bus	Game vs Fuwaku R.F.C.	1975 1981 1983	1974 1979 1992	
4	15	Mon		Tokyo			Sight seeing day	1988 1992 1996	2008	
5	16	Tue	morning noon	Tokyo Nagoya	leave arrive	Bullet Train ( 2hours)	Travel to Nagoya Bus to Hotel			
6	17	Wed		Nagoya		Bus	Game vs Towaku R.F.C.	1988	1979 1983 1992 2008	
7	18	Thu		Nagoya			Sight seeing day			
8	19	Fri	morning noon	Nagoya Osaka	leave arrive	Bullet Train ( 2hours)	Bus to Hotel Travel to Osaka			
9	20	Sat		Osaka		Bus	Game vs The Gentlemen R.F.C.	1984 1989 1993	1983 1992 2008	
10	21	Sun		Osaka			Sight seeing day	1996 2012 2015		
11	22	Mon	evening	Osaka Tenri	leave arrive	Bus	Sightseeing (from Osaka to Tenri, 1.5 hours by Bus)			
12	23	Tue		Tenri		Bus	Game vs Old Bear R.F.C.	1980 2015	1974 1979 1983 1992 2008	
13	24	Wed		Tenri			Sightseeing day			
14	25	Thu	morning noon	Tenri/Osaka Fukuoka	leave arrive	Bus and Bulet Train ( 5hours)	Travel to Fukuoka Evening Free			
15	26	Fri		Fukuoka		Bus	Game vs Meiwaku R.F.C.	1983 1989 2002	1974 1983 1992	
16	27	Sat		Fukuoka			Sight seeing day			
17	28	Sun or Mon	morning noon noon morning	Fukuoka Narita Narita Vancouver	leave arrive leave arrive	Bus to Airport	Arrive home			