



2016 Annual LFC Raleigh Newsletter



Official Liverpool FC Supporters Club (OLSC) in Raleigh-Durham, NC

Letter from the President

Members,

Thank you again for a great 2015! We had many great events last year, which this newsletter is designed to highlight. Specifically my favorite moment was getting to meet Bruce Grobbelaar for our special event back in April. I was lucky enough to play some golf with him, a moment that I will always treasure. It helped that I beat him 1-up in match play (even if he was using my backup clubs, it still counts!).



We had another great holiday party, and raffled off some incredible items for all to enjoy. Including the Grobbelaar event, I can proudly announce that OLSC Raleigh donated \$1400 to the Jamie Carragher 23 Foundation, which "gives local Liverpool kids a chance." I want to give a special shout-out to Raleigh Red favorite Chris Valentine, who has personally made his own donations to that foundation in honor of his late father. It's people like Chris Valentine that make me extremely proud to be associated with such a great group of Reds. We expect 2016 to be another great year with the club expected to head to North America for summer pre-season. As always, my door is open to new suggestions. I may not always be at the pub on matchday, but you can email me at kkendra@lfcraleigh.com. Thank you for all that you do to make OLSC Raleigh the best we can be!

YNWA,

Ken Kendra

Watching the Reds at the Pub

The best way to experience what it's like to be a Raleigh Red is to join us at the London Bridge Pub on matchday. The pub is located at 110 E.Hargett Street in downtown Raleigh. With Jurgen Klopp at the helm, the team is as exciting to watch as ever!! Get to the pub and cheer on the Reds!



Celebrating another wonder goal!



Singing YNWA after losing to United is never easy

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Bruce Grobbelaar Comes to London Bridge Pub!!!

The club was fortunate enough to have the great Bruce Grobbelaar come visit Raleigh back in April. Those that attended will attest how fantastic and entertaining the former LFC goalkeeper was! The fine people at the 23 Foundation sent us more items to raffle off, and a great evening was had by all!!!



LFC Raleigh Holiday Party!!!

LFC Raleigh hosted our second annual holiday party with a potluck lunch on Dec 22 at the pub. The team played West Brom to a 2-2 draw with late heroics from Divock Origi's deflected shot in the 5th minute of stoppage time to equalize. The food was once again incredibly delicious, and a great crowd was on-hand to enjoy the morning.



Once again we were able to secure some great raffle prizes from Jamie Carragher's 23 Foundation. Jeff Carroll won the jersey signed by multiple members of the 2005 Champions League winners, while Moira Newns took home the signed portrait from that same squad.

LFC Raleigh Scarves

For the new season, we went ahead and ordered new scarves and slap koozies for members to enjoy. All that you need to do is visit our website and become a premium member to get your own! These scarves are the first ones to be made with the new OLSC logo, and supply is limited. So don't delay with your order!!!



In all, LFC Raleigh were able to sell enough raffle tickets to donate \$1,000 to the 23 Foundation. Great job, Raleigh Reds!!!!

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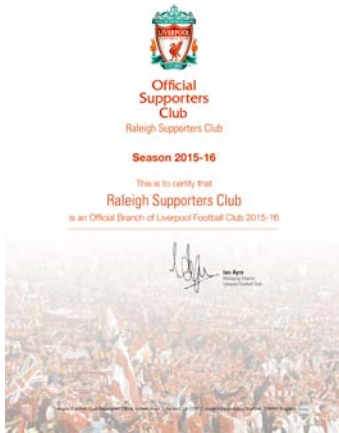
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What Does 'Membership' Mean?

Anyone that has been around us long enough understands that membership can mean two different things. First, there is LFC membership. This is from the parent club in the U.K. direct and it offers a wide range of benefits. In order for us to maintain official branch status, we need at least 15 official LFC members. As of this writing, we have 25.



Membership is also required if you want to take advantage of ticketing opportunities through our club. Visit <http://www.liverpoolfc.com/membership/home> if you want more details about how to join and what specific benefits you get. LFC Raleigh is the local club for fans that support Liverpool in the Raleigh-Durham area. Membership dues will be owed before the next season kicks off. For more details please visit our website or contact us by email at membership@lfcraleigh.com.

Social Media

Join us on our Facebook page by requesting permission to join "LFC Raleigh" and enjoy the forums with other Raleigh Reds. For up-to-the-minute news updates, follow us on Twitter @LFCRaleigh. And as always, go to our website <http://www.lfcraleigh.com> and stay connected with email.

Walking Through The Storm

Here is the selfish plug. I have decided to take time off from blogging to write my first book about visiting various LFC supporters at their pubs across North America documenting their story while watching the club play. It's been an incredible experience with trips to LA, Denver, NYC, Miami, Atlanta, Charlotte, and Richmond already in the books. Visit the website:

<http://lfcraleigh.com/walking-through-the-storm/>

Please like my Facebook page "Walking Through The Storm" and follow me on Twitter @Walking_Storm.

Anfield Ticket Opportunities

Did you know that as an official member of LFC Raleigh and LFC that you can have the opportunity to request tickets for league home matches at Anfield?



Last year David Sullivan and Virginia Sauls took advantage of this opportunity and witnessed Stevie Gerrard's final game at Anfield against Crystal Palace in May. These memories will last a lifetime!! You *must* be a member of both LFC (not international) and LFC Raleigh to participate. Contact us if you are interested to learn more!

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Magic Moments at Anfield



In addition to David and Virginia taking advantage of the ticket process, another LFC Raleigh member Kevin Espinoza took his wife and son to Anfield for their first match. Little did they know about the club's "Magic Moment" program. Magic Moments are where fans are randomly selected on the day of a match to enjoy a surprise experience, such as placing corner flags, watching the players warm up pitch side, getting an upgrade to their ticket to watch the match from box 1A or receiving instant giveaways. Kevin Espinoza and his family were selected and got to go pitch side and watch the pre match training from the dugout.

Liverpool Returning to North America This Summer?????

That's the hot rumor!!! Nothing has been confirmed yet, but supposedly stops are being planned for Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston (of course), and somewhere in Florida (guessing Miami). If I had to guess, the match in Los Angeles will be against the L.A. Galaxy, which could present an interesting match of Steven Gerrard versus the Reds. As events get finalized, we will keep our members well-informed. Much like when the lads came to Charlotte, we should have unprecedented access to the players and will work tirelessly to try and pass that along to you. Stay tuned to our website and email for details!

Plans for 2016

- Capital One Cup Final – come to the pub on Sunday at 11:30 to watch our first Cup final in four years. Our friends at the Anfield Shop may be donating some swag for us to give away to our members, so you will want to be there for that!!
- Steven Gerrard will be playing his first full season in MLS, which means he'll actually come to a stadium on the east coast unlike last year. Plans are being discussed for a "Red Section" at Yankee Stadium when the Galaxy play NYCFC. Stay tuned to our website and email for details.
- Once again we will have another kick-ass holiday party in December, which beats any other holiday party that I've been to.

Gallery

Here are some great photos that I saw posted from our members throughout the 2015 calendar year. If you have any great photos that you'd like to share with us, please send them along to kkendra@lfcraleigh.com or post them to our Facebook page or Twitter.



Even Frosty never walks alone!

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There's only one Ryan Jernigan!



Steve Quasny – photobomb extraordinaire!



And only one Darren Bridger!!!



The Chatham County Contingent – Tom, Noel and Ken



After Coutinho's winner against Stoke in matchday #1



The LFC Raleigh crew!!!! We love you!!

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