

Michael Bartone Memorial
Sixteenth Annual Rugby Event
“Scrum for #6”
Player Sponsor Information Sheet

Michael Bartone lost his life in March 2002, during his battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. ALS, or Lou Gehrig’s disease as it is more commonly referred to, affects 5600 new Americans every year. It is estimated that as many as 30,000 Americans have the disease at any given time. Twenty percent of patients diagnosed die within three years of their diagnosis. The Michael Bartone Memorial is dedicated to continuing his battle through contributions to the ALS Association for the purpose of researching a cure for this faceless killer.

As a part of that dedication, in 2003, the first Scrum for Six Rugby Event was held in Michael’s honor. This year, our tradition of Rugby continues as we hold our Fifteenth Annual Scrum for Six on May 12, 2018. Our Rugby Events have raised over **\$208,700**, with **\$156,500 donated** to the ALSA and **\$41,950 in Scholarship Funding**. Over **\$20,500** has been contributed to the **Club** for Tournament expenses.

Michael graduated from Downingtown High School in 1981. Throughout his school years he excelled at football, little league baseball, and wrestling. He was an active boxing enthusiast as well. During his senior year in high school, he served as co-captain of the football team.

After his graduation from high school, he attended Thaddeus Stevens University, once again excelling on the football field. He was also a member of the wrestling team. He graduated with a degree in carpentry, following in the footsteps of his grandfather.

His love of sports continued after his graduation. Michael stayed active in community sports until his body would no longer allow. He helped to lead championship winning flag football and rugby teams. His association with the Brandywine Rugby Football Club held special meaning for him. And each year, the Scrum for Six holds special meaning now for the mates & foes that shared the pitch with him during his playing days as they return for the day. Perhaps more inspirational is the dedication of a host of young players who never knew Mike, but join his battle nonetheless.

As mentioned, in addition to a donation to the ALS Association made in Michael’s name, each year an area high school senior planning to attend Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology is awarded a scholarship. In total, **\$57,600** in scholarships have been awarded and funding is available for the next twenty years. To date, **\$555,555** has been given to the ALS Association. These funds include the proceeds of the annual golf tournament and dinner dance as well as the Rugby Event.

As a player in the annual event, we would like your support in our efforts to accomplish our goals. While it is not a requirement for your participation, we ask that you solicit sponsors in support of your play. The suggested minimum total raised for each **PLAYER** is \$50.00. In consideration of your sponsors’ generosity, the attached Player/Sponsor sheet, will be placed at the pitch visible by all attendees. Please bring your Sponsor Sheets to the Pitch and turn them in at the Player Check-In table.

Thank you for your kind consideration and support.

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“His battle is not lost unless we quit”

Proudly Presents

Sixteenth Annual Michael Bartone Memorial Rugby Event

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***May 12th, 2018
11:00 First Match***

*Brandywine Rugby Club Home Pitch
East Marlborough, PA*

*Brandywine Old Boys vs Lancaster Roses Old Boys
(Roses featuring special guest Mike Deeley)*

Brandywine RFC vs Philly Gryphons RFC

Brandywine Women RFC vs South Jersey Women RFC

Admission \$5.00 per person/\$10.00 per family

Directions to the pitch at 1844 Howell Moore Road, West Grove, PA: From West Chester, take Route 202 south. Turn right on Route 926 for 13.5 miles. Turn left onto Howell-Moore Road. Pitch is ½ mile on the left.

All proceeds benefit the Michael Bartone Memorial Fund in support of the fight against ALS (Lou Gehrig’s Disease) and annual scholarship fund