

## **Alan Sharpley, Candidate for Texas Rugby Union Senior Club Congress Representative**

### **Rugby Resume**

- **Playing career**
  - Austin Blacks (1973-94)
  - Texas RU Select side (1978-88)
  
- **Coaching career**
  - Head coach, Austin Blacks (1982-92)
  - Head coach, Univ. of Texas Men (1981-83)
  - Head coach, Texas RU Senior Men's Select-side (1986-2002)
  - Asst. coach, West TU Senior Men's Select-side (1985-86)
  
- **Rugby Administration**
  - President, Austin Rugby Club (1990-present)
  - Texas RU Director of Competitions (1986-2011)
  - West TU Vice-President and Competitions Manager (2006-present)
  - Member, USA Rugby Congress (2006 - 2013) Recognized by USA Rugby for Outstanding Service to USA Rugby Congress for 2010-2012 term
  - Chair, USA Rugby Competitions Committee (2000-2011)
  - Chair, USA Rugby Club Strategic Committee ( 2011 - present)
  - Member, USA Rugby Executive Rugby Committee (2011-present)
  - Chair, Red River Rugby Conference Competitions Committee (2013-present)
  
- **Work, Education, Family**
  - BA, University of Texas (1968); MA, University of Texas (1971)
  - Founder and Partner, Dynastat, Inc., Austin, TX (1974-present)
  - Captain, US Army (1969-74)
  - Rapporteur, International Telecommunications Union, United Nations sub-committee, Geneva, Switzerland (2010-present)
  - Married to Ann for 19 years
  - Father of two (Michael and Kristin) and grandfather of two (Jacob-13 and Kindal-8)

### **Statement**

I have been a member of the Austin Rugby Club (aka, the Austin Blacks) for more than 40 years and involved in virtually every role in the game, including player, coach, referee, and administrator. The Congress position for which I am a candidate is specifically a representative of Senior Clubs from the Texas GU. The Collegiates and Youth/High School sectors have or will be electing their own representatives to Congress. The Senior Club Congress member is meant to be an advocate for the interests and issues that specifically face Senior Clubs in the game of rugby. As the President of a Texas Senior Club for more than 25 years, the oldest rugby club in Texas and in the Southwestern US, I feel that I am uniquely qualified to address the issues important to Senior Rugby Clubs in the Texas GU. My rugby resume, shown above, lists the various positions I have held over the past four decades at the local, state, territorial, and national levels. Few in USA Rugby can match the depth and level of experience and knowledge that I have accumulated in serving the Austin Rugby Club, the Texas Rugby Union, the Western Rugby Union, and USA Rugby. It has been suggested that perhaps I am involved at too many levels of rugby governance, competitions, and administration -- but it is exactly that level of involvement and the contacts and alliances that come with it, that will make me an effective and powerful advocate for the interests of Senior Clubs in the Texas GU. I have the time, the energy, the enthusiasm, and the respect of leaders in the USA Rugby community to be front and center in promoting and advancing the game of Rugby Football in the Great State of Texas.