

INTERNATIONAL LEGENDS HONORED AT NEW YORK CHARITY DINNER

Some great names of international rugby (see photos) were honored in style by the events company Captain's Knock with a "Rugby Legends Dinner," held at the New York Athletic Club in early December. Presented by HSBC and British Airways, more than 300 people attended the dinner that benefited three charities: The St. George's Society (a fellowship organization that gives aid to New York area residents of British or Commonwealth heritage), Sparks (a UK-based charity that funds pediatric medicine research) and Play Rugby USA (a New York-based non-profit that "Develops Youth Through Rugby" by running flag rugby programs in inner city schools). Play Rugby was recently featured in the September/October 2009 issue of *Rugby Magazine*.

Among the honored greats were: Dinner host Jeremy Guscott, former England and British Lions international Mike Catt, who earned 220 caps in a 12-year career with Bath and who currently plays with London Irish; Scott Gibbs, who played for Wales and the British Lions, and who was considered "the fastest prop in world rugby"; Michael Lynagh, who won a World Cup with Australia in 1991 and was considered one of the greatest flyhalves; Justin Marshall, the most capped scrumhalf in New Zealand All Blacks history; Jason Leonard, England's most capped player; and Scott Hastings, who won 65 caps at center for Scotland from 1986-97.

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With the Big Apple skyline as a backdrop, some international rugby greats had a terrific time being honored at the recent Captain's Knock Rugby Legends Dinner at the New York Athletic Club. Left to right: Richard Sexton (Captain's Knock event organizer) with ruggers Jeremy Guscott, Mike Catt, Scott Gibbs, Scott Hastings, Michael Lynagh, Damian Cronin (back row), Jason Leonard, Justin Marshall and Terry Wright.

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The legends speak (left to right): Jeremy Guscott, Mike Catt, Scott Gibbs and Justin Marshall engage the audience during a question and answer session at the charity dinner.



More than 300 rugby aficionados watch a special "Year in Review" video produced by the media company Setanta especially for the Rugby Legends Dinner in New York.

