Remembering Dr. Doug Malpass (Grad ’82)

In February 2015, Dr. Doug Malpass lost his courageous battle to cancer. Many people in the Victoria area knew Doug as a really good Dentist, following in his father’s footsteps by setting up a practice here in town. Several people also remember Doug as a great basketball player, playing for the Mt. Doug Rams and being selected to the city 1st All Star team in 1982, the same season our team won the Vancouver Island Championship. But a few of us lucky ones also have the privilege of remembering Doug as an excellent friend!

As a tribute to that friendship, as well as Doug’s days with the Rams, several people have honoured Doug’s memory by raising much needed dollars to support the current Mt. Doug’s boys’ basketball team. About the time of Doug’s memorial, Les Bryan, a Mt. Doug Alumni Director and long-time friend of Doug’s, learned that the current basketball team was in need of funding to purchase new uniforms. Les called me, and I put out a challenge to Doug’s friends, including several former teammates, and within days the majority of the funds needed were collected through the Mt. Doug Alumni website – with the donations being targeted for use to buy uniforms in the memory of Doug Malpass. The uniforms were purchased through a fellow ‘82 alumni, Randy Haggstrom of “Out of the Blue Designs” and below the neck on the back of each jersey, there is a “DM” to honour Doug.

Les and I also asked Randy to make a special #10 jersey, with “Malpass” on the back, to pay homage to Doug.

In memory of Doug, Les and I encourage everyone who knew him, and even those that did not, to join us at the boys’ home basketball game against Oak Bay on Tuesday, December 22nd at 7:00 PM and check out those new uniforms! (Doug and I loved beating Oak Bay – and we did – a lot!!).

In addition, I would like to thank the Mt. Doug Alumni Association for providing an avenue through their website to allow the friends of Dr. Doug to support the current student athletes in this way, and in doing so, honour a friend at the same time. Doug will be missed!

Chris Mosher
Lifelong friend!