

The 2012 Stanley's Cup World Peace Tour

The Peace Tour – A History

As some of you may or may not know, Stanley's Cup is a symbol of peace around the world. You may think that Stanley's Cup is only beloved in our small city of Windsor but you are mistaken. For the longest time, the "Cup" has made its way around the globe promoting the very ideals of our very own Junior. Those being, fair play, peace and a nice piece of ass.

So, as most of you are relaxing in your pools eating your pistachio ice cream during the offseason, be reminded that the Stanley's Cup does not get a vacation. It is bringing joy around the world.

As a lot of people do not know of the tour, the board of directors thought it would be prudent to show some of the interesting journeys the Cup has had in its lifetime.



The first known photo of the Stanley's Cup peace tour was taken at around 12:25pm on November 22, 1963 in Dallas, Texas. Unconfirmed reports were that the CIA didn't like the idea of peace being so openly displayed by the cup and sent a shooter to take it down. Unfortunately, the shooter's aim was one that resembled the Rake and missed the Cup by 4 feet and hitting JFK instead

In January of 1998, Pope John Paul II was sent as an emissary to meet with Cuba's Leader Fidel Castro. This was a pastoral pilgrimage aimed at strengthening the Catholic Church in Communist Countries. As a symbol of peace the Pope brought Stanley's Cup to show what Cuba's people were missing out on by remaining Communist. Castro was quoted in the Cuban Examiner newspaper as saying "When I'm not smoking a long stick in my mouth, I'm holding a long stick in my hands, dreaming of the day I can play for the Tomcats. I deny my people many pleasures of the foreign scum, but one thing I will not deny them is the excitement of watching the Stanley's Cup tournament."

The tournament has become an unofficial national holiday in Cuba with a reported 75% of its population watching it on pirated satellites across the country. It was stated that the number of people who attempt to flee Cuba jumps 30% after they watch the tournament.



In February 2010, Stanley's Cup was brought to peace talks between North Korea and Japan. Here we see North Korea's president Kim Jong Il raising his hand above the cup with Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda. The cup brought a smile to Kim Jong Il's face (as seen here). He was overheard saying to the Japanese Prime minister afterwards "lets go grab some beer and forget what just happened out on the floor."

There was controversy during this meeting. Kim Jong Il wanted to raise the Cup over his head, but was quickly informed that only those who win Stanley's Cup can raise it above their head.



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The 2012 tour started off in Mogadishu, Somalia. Here it is seen with some Somali Freedom fighters. One fighter stated that it brought him so much joy to see the Cup that he would only cut off the hands of maybe one or two people that day.

**of note women were not allowed in the picture as it is forbidden in this region for women to be so close to an object that emits the sensual aura of the Cup. These men wanted their faces covered because they were afraid their blushing faces would be visible.



In this unscheduled stop along the Madinah Al Munawarah highway in Saudi Arabia, this passing family pleaded to have their picture taken with the cup. They say they have been watching the tournament for years on Al Jazeera and couldn't pass up a chance for the picture.

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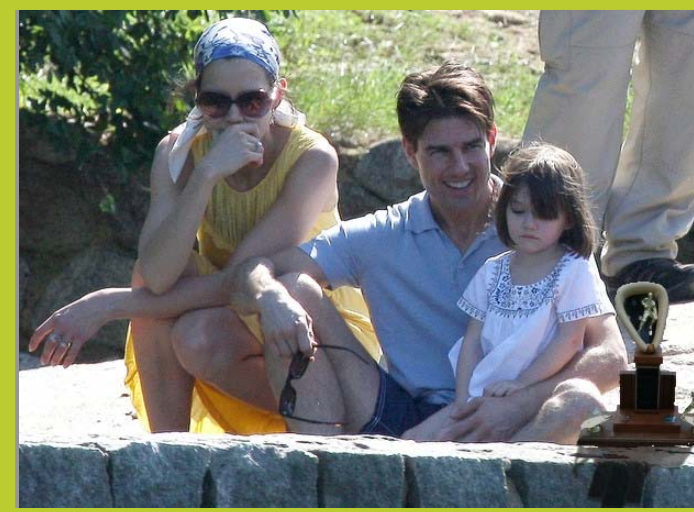
Hubaysha Mohammed, Hoor Mohammed, Safa Mohammed, Abdul Baseer Mohammed, Humayl Mohammed, Sa'd Mohammed, Mika'il Ja'woriwsky Mohammed, and little Johnny Smith.

Here Stanley's Cup is being guarded by the elite Indian Army during the Holi Celebration. Holi is a two day festival that also celebrates the victory of good over evil, as well as the abundance of the spring harvest season. It's commonly referred to as the "Festival of Colors". People exuberantly throw colored powder and water all over each other, have parties, and dance under water sprinklers. *Bhang* (a paste made from cannabis plants) is also traditionally consumed during the celebrations. Holi is a very carefree festival that's great fun to participate in if you don't mind getting wet and dirty. When asked why Stanley's Cup was brought to the celebration Snow Pants responded "there's a festival here?..I just came to drink and eat my Bhang"



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After a long needed vacation back in North America, Stanley's Cup continued on its travels. Below we can see Tom Cruise, Katie Holmes, and their daughter Suri enjoying some time with Stanley's Cup. Source reports suggested that Tom Cruise became so smitten with Stanley's Cup that he started to miss scientology meetings which caused family trouble at home. Holmes became so fed up of "Stanley's Cup this....Stanley's Cup that...." That she left Tom. She was last seen doing Hurricane Hann searches on google.



At the Playboy Mansion with Heff. "Stanley's Cup is like Spanish fly" stated Heff. "Just being on my property I was able to "Junior" these bunnies, Tomcats all the way"



Royal Wedding

In March of 2012, a request was received to the Tomcats Organization from the British Royal Family. It was well known through-out the common wealth that Prince Williams was going to be marrying Kate Middleton in April. Apparently, Kate is extremely fond of the Tomcats and its players and the Prince wanted to give Kate something memorable on her wedding day so a top secret request was made to have Stanley's Cup part of the wedding celebration. Although it is hard to see, Prince William presented a carriage ride with Stanley's Cup immediately following the ceremony. Kate is looking down towards Stanley's Cup with pure excitement.

"I JUST LOVE WATCHING THE TOMCATS SWEAT IT OUT WEEK AFTER WEEK, ESPECIALLY THAT LOVIE!!! IF I CAN'T BE THERE IN PERSON TO WATCH THE GAMES, JUST HAVING STANLEY'S CUP WITH ME MADE MY WEDDING NIGHT MORE ENJOYABLE."

Individual Tour Photos by Tomcat Members



After the North American break, Stanley's Cup continued its European tour with a quick stop in Amsterdam. Here it is seen in a doorway window in the red light district. Apparently, Snowpants was conducting extensive peace negotiations with the woman in this doorway. We can only hope he was able to get the conclusion he was hoping for.

As was mentioned in Sunny's blog earlier this year. He spent some time soul searching in Tibet. Only a few knew that he was also travelling with Stanley's Cup on part of the 2012 tour. Although cameras are forbidden in the sacred city, Sunny was able to snap this gem. During their daily prayers, these Tibetan monks took the time to pay homage to Stanley's Cup by praying for 8 straight hours. You can see the look of pure pleasure on the youngsters face as he looks towards the camera.



Sunny's tour continued on into his parents homeland of Greece. Upon Stanley's Cup entering the country this summer, riots broke out. Major news agency tried to cover up the actual threat to Stanley's Cup by saying the riots were due to austerity measures being implemented but we know the truth. Everyone wants a piece of Stanley's cup. Here two women are holding up two fingers towards the cup

We weren't sure the actual meaning, but it is believed they are saying how many Tomcats they will take at once to spend some time with Stanley's Cup, or how many holes they will open up. Only in Greece! To the right, an ecstatic young greek fan does the double gun shooting dance around Stanley's Cup.





Leaving Greece, the Falcon took Stanley's Cup to the happiest place on earth. No we aren't talking about Disney, but rather the Hofbräuhaus in Munich, Germany. In this "Where's Waldo" type of picture Stanley's Cup is hiding among other cups, who aren't as famous, but just as important. Many of the fräuleins pictured here wanted to drink their sweet nectar out of Stanley's Cup but were deeply disappointed to learn the rule that only winners of Stanley's Cup can drink beer out of Stanley's Cup, and the preferred beer to be used would be MGD.

Keeping with its roots, Stanley's Cup travelled to Euro 2012 in Poland/Ukraine. During the opening parade outside of Arena Lviv in the Ukraine one over anxious fan came running towards Stanley's Cup. Here we can see Stanley's Cup security detail swoop into action to protect it. The fan was asked afterwards why he ran towards the cup and he replied "My nona Pavlovich makes perogies in the Kapusta Kow Palace, she writes me letters about the Tomcats every week. I just had to touch Stanley's cup so I could cross it off my bucket list"



Stanley's Cup was also able to enjoy some of the football matches during Euro 2012 as well. Here we see Soupy trying hard to disguise himself with glasses and facial hair and trying cover his face with his shirt (an English support shirt by the way). But when you get a chance to sit next to this bikini clad dame, who wouldn't change their team. When asked why the girls pants were undone, Soupy quickly replied "no comment..."



And of course, Stanley's Cup was invited to watch the Championship game with some of the nicest Spanish fans around. These women weren't just cheering on their team, but would spontaneously start chanting "Matador, Matador"

An in one of the all time memorable moments of the 2012 Stanley's Cup tour, the Canadian Olympic Team asked that Stanley's Cup accompany the Canadian flag during the opening Ceremonies of the Olympics. Stanley's Cup became a symbol and had a home in the Canadian Olympic Village right next to the Canadian Moose that was brought.



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Here the beach volleyball team from Great Britain uses Stanley's Cup to try and get the crowd pumped up. It was surprising how many fans came out just to see Stanley's Cup, and paid no attention to the volleyball competitors.





And if you didn't watch this sport on an HDTV you truly missed out. The Dutch Field Hockey team was one of the best looking group of "athletes" put together.

Here the Dutch team takes a moment before a match to look at the previous Stanley's Cup winners for a bit of inspiration. When asked what their favourite teams were, surprisingly most of them had the same response; "Jingles Jets" Who'd a thunk it?



Here the Falcon gives his tips to the field hockey goalie. When asked what he was teaching them he said; "I told them that you are no Razor or Bearcat, you're not going to stop that ball on pure talent like those two, your gonna have to play more like me, make those hips of yours bigger and just try to block the net with bulk and pure dumb luck. I mean really, trying to play like Razor or Bearcat?!?! Not going to happen"



Remember, Stanley's Cup doesn't rest until its sitting on your mantel above your fireplace, in your kids bedroom, or just in your closet. Hope all had a great summer!