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Welcome



Welcome to the 22nd Edition of the Pipe and Ball Chronicle the E-Newsletter brought to you by the Editorial Team here at Gloucester City Hockey Club.

Many thanks to all of you for taking the time to download this E-Newsletter. We are grateful for your time and hope you appreciate this insight into the club. As usual if you do have any queries or would like to contribute to GCHC's successful Editorial Team then do not hesitate to contact Peter Tyrrell or Matthew Fairburn via the website.



As the close of the season draws in teams are all pushing for a good finish to what all in all has been a demanding season for the club. Mixed emotions in the Men's Quarters with the 1st XI unable to gain promotion to National League stunts following some unfortunate and disappointing results post Christmas break. The Men's 2nd XI, led by Derek Pittway are now certain for promotion and at time of writing lead the race for the North Division One title.

In the Ladies' arena the 3rd XI have arguably been the most successful side of the season sitting comfortably in 2nd position in the table a point a drift from leaders Dursley. The Ladies 2s and 4s both lie in 3rd position in their respective leagues. The Ladies 1s are currently sitting mid table in Premier Division 1. A more than successful season for the Ladies section.

Of course we cannot fail to mention the unarguable success of the club's Under 18 girls squad who are set to compete for a quarter final spot in the England Hockey U18 Girls knock out cup led by Dennis Wood.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the very best of luck for the remainder of the 2007/8 season and hope your constant hard work and efforts are rewarded with trophies and success!

Website Hits

Dec 07 - 17604 visits

Jan 08 - 25373 visits

Feb 08 - 18098 visits

Happy Easter,

The Editorial Team.



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Dinner Dance

The club is proud to confirm that the annual Dinner Dance and Awards Evening will take place on Saturday 19th April 2008 at Brickhampton Court Golf Course in Churchdown, Gloucester. For further details please go to www.brickhampton.co.uk

The dress code will as usual be black tie for the fellas and posh frocks for the ladies there's no excuses for not being prepared! We are delighted to confirm that the bar will be serving drinks at pub prices!

The evening will follow the usual format- food, live music from local band (May Contain Nuts), Disco, Presentation of trophies and raffle.

The Bar closes at 12.30am and your carriages should await at 12.45am. Tickets are priced at £28 and are available from Laura Bucknell, Jo Evans or Richar Allott.

Golf day

The Golf day is intended to be held on the same day as the inner Dance. This is a great day out and all abilities and ages are welcome, More information will be posted on the website nearer the time.

Club Shop

The club continues to boast an impressive range of customised merchandise. New hooded sweatshirts are now available from the Stick Club in Cheltenham priced at only £18.00

The hooded sweatshirts are grey in colour, with navy trim on cuffs/waist and are printed (in red) with club logo on the front, website address down the left arm and can be personalised to include your initials on the hood (up to a maximum of three letters).

To order, please call the Stick Shop direct on 01242 250 185 and leave your name, size and required initials. Usual turn around for this item is approximately 48 hours depending on stock. Alternatively pop into the shop located at 18 Andover Road, Cheltenham GL50 2EQ.



Mens 2s Promotion

Congratulations to the mens 2nd team who earned themselves promotion into the N4 Solutions West Premier Division 3. A great team effort and a big thank-you to all the people that helped in supporting the 2s go up this year!!

Girls U18 cup

After defeating Henley (8-0) and Worcester (1-0) in previous rounds, Gloucester City Girls U18 XI have drawn Reading away from in the last sixteen of the England Hockey Under-18 Girls Cup knockout competition. The tie will take place on Sunday 9th March 2008.

The draw in full is as follows;

Chelmsford vs. Teddington
Dereham vs. Harleston Magpies
Exe vs. Isca Dragons
Havant vs. Southgate
Kingsnton-upon-Hull vs. Belper
Leicester vs. Tamworth
Poynton vs. Bowdon
Reading vs. Gloucester City



Visit the England Hockey website for full details about the U18 Girls Cup knockout competition.

Bonus Ball

23/02/2008	Mr Porter	£50.00
16/02/2008	James Burrows	£50.00
09/02/2008	Claire Bundy	£50.00
26/01/2008	Alex Kenyon	£50.00
19/01/2008	Tina Franklin	£50.00
12/01/2008	Graham Wayland	£50.00
05/01/2008	Kris Green	£50.00
29/12/2007	Kris Green	£50.00



Again we report the latest results of the GCHC Bonus Ball scheme which has helped raised in excess of £8,000 towards club funds since its introduction in 2004. Many thanks to Andrew Tyrrell for constantly keeping us updated via the website and of course to Emma and Trevor Done for their hard work behind the scenes.

If you would like to join the scheme please contact Emma Done via the website.

Golden Stick

Goal scorers race

The race for the "Golden Stick" accolade appears to be hotting up in the Men's quarters of the club. At time of writing there appears to be a three horse race between Matthew Fairburn, Iain Pritchard, of the Men's 1st XI, and Daniel Hammond of the Men's 2nd XI. Hammond leads with an astonishing 29 goals to date. Pritchard and The Pipe and Ball's very own Fairburn lie joint-second place with a massive 25 goals a piece.



On the Ladies' front Sarah Hoefflin leads the race for the "Pink Stick" accolade with a very impressive 18 goals in her debut season for the club. Sarah plays for the 4th XI but has recently been promoted to the 3rd XI where the goals appear to have continued to flow! The Lawley Ladies, Mo and Charlotte, lie in joint-second place with 15 goals for the 2nd XI and 1st XI respectively.

Matt Green – "in the bag"

1. What stick do you currently use? (make and model)

Don't have one atm as it broke on Friday, but it was a Grays 8000 and am waiting for a Grays 6000

2. Length of stick?
37.5"

3. How long have you been using this brand of stick?
Since Christmas, used Mercian before

4. What made you choose this brand of stick?
Lots of other people were

5. What brand kit do you wear for matchdays?
Gloucester Shirt, Tk socks, TK shorts

6. Footwear?
Adidas Hockey Attaak Shoe F581

7. Gum shield? (make?)
Dentist

8. Shin pads?
Dunno?

9. Any other protective kit?
Grays international hockey glove

10. Stick bag make and model? Carries how many sticks?
Mercian SKB stick bag, can carry around 4/5 sticks

11. How many sticks do you own?
1 outdoor atm and 1 indoor

12. What is your favourite item of GCHC branded clothing? (see club shop)
Thermal Undershirt

13. IF GCHC could be sponsored by any brand, what would you like it to be?
Tempest

14. Do you have a first aid kit (or the like) in your kit bag?
Nope

15. If you could produce the next item of GCHC branded wear, what would it be?
A GCHC headband