



GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB

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There is a very full programme at Broadwater on Saturday, as this is one of the weekends when the RGS have the afternoon slots. So PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE ON TIME SO THAT GAMES START ON TIME.

Physio at the Club; Adrian Jenkinson's clinics at the Club on Tuesday's at 7 have restarted.

MEN NEEDED !!!! - sorry guys - we only need your ability to blow a whistle.
We have several boys colts games coming up over the next weeks where we will need to provide both umpires. If you're reasonably competent with a whistle please look at the colts fixtures on the website (colts homepage, then boys fixtures) and volunteer for something. Matches are predominantly Sunday morning games either at 10am or 11.30. You don't have to be qualified umpire for these games but the more experience the better. If you can offer to help please contact Maggs Kyte on maggs@thekytes.com asap.

Opportunity to help yourself, your team and the Club. There are still vacancies on the the Umpires course in January in the clubhouse, Jan 22 and 29 with test on Feb 5. Those interested contact Karen Atkinson or Peter Gordon email intouch@guildfordhc.com.

All results, league tables full fixture list can be found through website.

Men's fixtures for next two weeks

Jan 19 th			
2 nd	Bromley & B	H	1100
3 rd	Bromley & B	A	1145
Shadows	Woking	H	0930
4 th	Goan	H	0930
Pilgrims	Salisbury	H	1230
Gondoliers	Winchester	H	1100

Jan 20th

Gondoliers/Pilgrims	Tring	H	1430
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Jan 26th

2 nd	Reading	A	1200
3 rd	Reading	H	1230
Shadows	Reigate Priory	A	
4 th	Thames Valley	A	1200
Pilgrims	Alton	A	
Gondoliers	Woking	A	

Ladies Fixtures for next two weeks.

Jan 19th

1 st	Chichester P	L	H	1230
2 nd	Tulse H & D	L	A	1100
3 rd	Camberley & F	L	A	1000
4 th	Cranleigh	L	A	1100
5 th	No game			

Jan 26th

1 st	Wimbledon	L	A	1200
2 nd	Wimbledon	L	H	1100
3 rd	Oxted	L	H	1230
4 th	Merton	L	H	0930
5 th	tbc			

Mens Reports

National Indoor Div 1.

No wins in 8 matches left our indoor team at foot of table, with probable relegation next season.

Surbiton 2nd 3 Guildford 2nd 2 (Tom Griffin, Adam Jolly)

Over the past couple of years trips to Surbiton have resulted in some heavy losses for Guildford 2s, this was no to be the case on this visit. After knocking Surbiton off 2-1 at Guildford earlier in the season the Guildford boy's had some new found belief. Surbiton started applying the pressure early on which resulted some great saves from the Puma's (AKA Greg Lewis). The old man in the cage has come to life over the last couple of weeks with some great performances. Along with Puma, Gill & Alan stood up to Surbitons' strong start and with Allan Jolly bombing 50yard lobs down the pitch. This lead to the first decent Guilford attack, which resulted in Dave Usher going one on one with the keeper, the ball clipped the keepers pads and shot out for a long corner. Our second big chance came with some cunning play by Usher. The lanky Australian (with an apparent bad back) was locked in and chasing down a long ball with a surbiton defender, as the defender coaxed the ball over the back line, Usher lunged forward and hit it back on to his foot, the resulting Jolly short corner narrowly missed to the glove side.

Surbitons' first goal shortly followed our attack as they intercepted a stray pass which lead to a one on one at the other end. Puma did well to get some pad on it but the Surbiton player made no mistake finding the target. Guildford fought on and with newcomer Chris Bird putting in a strong performance at wing forward, we created a few more chances which resulted in another couple of short corners, only for the boys at the top (you know who you are) to miss the trap. Surbiton then broke down another one of our attack's which again lead to another one on one, this time Puma made no mistake clearing ball and player I may add, 1-0 at the break.

As the second half started, one of the Surbiton defenders had a brain freeze and passed the ball to Chris Bird. Somewhat bemused as to how he got the ball in the first place, he fumbled this opportunity. Then Aussie Tom was sent off for a mandatory 5min rest for an over 'enthusiastic' tackle, to which he pleaded 'it's was a men's game were playing here.' Guildford battled hard not to concede to a resurgent Surbiton at this time, but minutes after Aussies return to the pitch, the score line went 2-0 from a short corner strike which puma got his foot too, only for it to hit the post and go in. Sadly, 3-0 followed shortly after with a great trap and strike from their centre forward from a narrow angle off a long corner.

Guildford didn't give up. We felt we had been in the game all afternoon and continued to attack, which soon lead to a shot from the top that Aussie should have buried, but it went wide. He didn't make the same mistake twice when slipped a ball from Sheepy (Stuart another Aussie making an appearance for Guildford) 3-1.

Guildford won the ball back quickly from the restart and this attacking move resulted in another short corner. This time it was successfully trapped and Adam Jolly duly dispatched it into the top right of the goal, 3-2 – hold your breath, we might just get a point here. Surbiton were rocking and they knew it. But the clock ran out resulting in our 3-2 loss. In reality Surbiton could have run away with this one but we can be proud of our effort. We have a must win game next week at home against mid table Bromley and Bechinham. Up the Ford!!!

Man of the Match – Puma Greg (Aka Dick) with his shiny new Goblin Helmet

Greg (aka Dick) of the Day – Aussie Tom

Guildford 3rd 2 St Albans 4

Old Cranleighans 3's 2 Shadows 4(Ben G pf, Alex Roberts 3)

Following-on from last weeks heated contest against Sanderstead, also known as "Battle of Broadwater 2008", where we came away with a 4-5 defeat, we ventured into the lovely, calm surroundings of Old Cranleighan Hockey Club in Thames Ditton.

Sporting a new astro (thank God!), where a "plop" noise could be heard as the ball attempted to bounce (a complete contrast to our game on the water earlier in the season), the teams began to spar with neither side gaining anything of note in the opening exchanges. Having conceded 3 goals in 15 minutes at the start of our previous game, we were in buoyant mood until we earned a free-hit on the edge of their D 10 minutes in. We gave the ball away, and within seconds they had scored. I can't accurately describe the goal as I was still somewhere on the edge of the D, and I don't have go-go gadget glasses, but the blur appeared a tad messy with "forcing

the ball in" a fair description. Guildford continued to play not particularly well, and to be fair nothing really happened until a delightful touch from Ben split the defence and the Weeman was through with the keeper to beat but was annihilated by the on-rushing bulldozer in pads..... he nearly passed out from the lack of oxygen he was sent so high in the air, but somehow managed to land safely enough and regain consciousness to see the resultant flick sail high to the keeper's right for 1-1. With only a couple of minutes remaining in the half, a shorty was rocketed in by Mr Roberts to sneak a 2-1 advantage going into the break.

Hmmmmm, we've been here before. The Shadows leaked a shorty at the start of the second half as the OC striker was allowed time to dispatch his drive, via a deflection, into the goal for 2 each. A few more scary moments occurred, they had a rasping drive from a shorty hit the left post and rebound out to nearly the halfway line, but a shorty of our own was won, and converted with Al flicking the ball in to claim his second of the match to restore a goal advantage. From here, we started to dominate and bagged another as some good work by Robbie led to him drawing many fouls, and another shorty. From this, the Weeman had the keeper on the floor, and the goal at his mercy, but tapped it square to Alex for the easiest goal of the season and his first Shadows hat-trick. Final score 4-2, which leaves us 3rd in the table with a game in hand.

Guildford 4's 3 (Smith, Connor, Moody) Spencer Quins 0

The Mighty 4's put their previous weeks awful performance well and truly to bed with a convincing victory over a resilient Spencer side. Games with Spencer are always entertaining, end to end affairs and this one was no different but on the day it came down to some clinical finishing from the home side alongside a solid defence and a great performance by Stu Brown in goal.

Goals from the excellent Will Smith, the hard working Chris Connor and Mr Reliant, Tom Moody did the damage though each player should be congratulated for a job well done. We look forward to more close tustles with the Quins next season.

Pilgrims 0 Andover 3

Gondoliers 1 Woking Pitts the Younger 4

Against a younger and skilful team destined for a higher league next season, the Gondoliers did well to keep the score down. 2 Penalty corners and an opportunistic goal gave Woking 3-0 lead at half time. The second half was an honourable draw with Richard Gordon throwing himself about in goal to keep Woking out and John Bigos finishing a good move to score from close quarters.

Ladies Reports

Guildford Ladies 2's 0 Purley 0

When it comes to writing the match reports, the way I go about it is to ask each member of the team for something to write straight after the game. This week I had two words said to me by many different players: "CHAOS" and "MADNESS"

So not much else to say really. The game was utter Chaos. The Purley keeper in my

mind was worth her weight in gold, and if I had a pound for every goal she saved I would be rich! There were shots going in left right and centre! The post was hit as well at one point, but alas, the ball didn't manage to get into the net!!

It was a lovely day and the sun was shining, but it also meant that in the second half the sun was directly in our eyes, so we relied on people talking to us to let us know where the opposition were! Guildford had the majority of possession, so much so when I asked JoeLee, our GK for something for the match report she said she was lonely and chilly!!

I think we thought we were playing golf some of the time, and we had some amazing golf shots! The ball was flying through the air, both our balls and theirs. So many people got hit by flying balls it was untrue! Scotty managed to save a short corner from a flying ball with her knee at one point, so well done Karen!!

Many people played well which made it extremely hard to pick a MOM, for me if I could have chosen her it would have been the oppositions GK!! But instead we all voted for someone on our own team and there was a tie between 3 people, Stringers, Charlotte and Myself (Sal). But well done to all the team. We were all great!! Just a shame the score line didn't reflect that fact!

MOM - Stringers, Charlotte, Sal

TFC - Charlotte for wearing inappropriate underwear - enough said, I'm not going to expand!!!

Guildford 3 XI 1 (Glam) Bank 1 0

Firstly I have to point out how truly unfair I think it is that I got DOTD (and the job of writing the match report) all because I didn't touch the ball once during the match... and to whoever referred to me as a "lazy cow" in their vote... watch your back, I'm not afraid to run out of the goal and down the pitch to do a sliding tackle on my own team mate!!!

But seriously - having been all the way to Battersea last week only for the oppo not to turn up I think there were a few butterflies before this game, we had been doing so well before Christmas, would our form continue??? It didn't take long to find out. Guildford dominated the majority of the game camping out in Bank's half of the pitch. There were a few new faces in defence this week - welcome back to Ali and some blonde bint who we found wandering aimlessly by the pitch (probably looking for the bar)!!! This gave us a strong basis combined with Kathryn, Jane and Jo to push forward and keep the pressure on. As ever the midfield, made up of Tricky, Manchie, Glam, Kate and George worked superbly well with excellent passing and creating plenty of opportunities for our forwards. Chloe, Helen, and Phyz up front piled the pressure on but it was Glam who broke the deadlock and put us ahead. We went into half time one nil up and that is how it stayed for the second half.

Bank did have a late surge at the end but we held strong. As ever our thanks to Martin for umpiring, George for captaining and me for turning up to do nothing but get abuse and be awarded DOTD!!!! But hey I'm not bitter :-) Man of the Match went to Glam for her goal - nice one mate, and we have now climbed up to 3rd place in the league... promotion is still possible if we continue with our current form.

Guildford Ladies 4s 6 Wanderers Ladies 5s 1

Team- Ruth, Katy, Stringers, Harriet, Chelle, Anna, Sonja, Suzanne, Katharine, Fin and Fi.

First game back and I think everyone was feeling the effects of Christmas over-indulgence. To make matters worse, we were without our usual midfield crew (as no Claire or Charlotte) but thankfully Stringers and one of the fireflies, Suzanne played for us. We were pretty dubious about our chances of winning as they play in the league above us and their warm-up was pretty intense. However, the game started well with Guildford getting an early goal courtesy of Fin polishing off a superb cross from Sonja.

The lead didn't last for long- they had some nippy forwards and some lax marking meant it was 1-1 soon afterwards. However, some silky play up the right led to an attacking short corner, which Sonja capitalised on. Fi then scored two goals from open play, leaving us 4-1 up at half-time. After the break, they came back at us hard but the defence worked the ball out well and there was some fantastic link-up play on played the rest of the game with 10 players. There was no stopping us though and Stringers scored two great individual goals to finish the game off.

After the game, we all said goodbye to Sonja (who is leaving for South Africa next week) and Maggs made another legendary cake. We will all miss you loads, Sonja and wish you all the best with your course. Comes back and play for us next year!!
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Man of the match- Anna for her non-stop effort in attack and defence.

Reading 2 Fireflies 3

This was a late start, but it was well worth the journey to Reading to play on their water based pitch. It is probably the best pitch I have ever played on! We arrived with nine players so Reading very kindly lent us Mary and Blanche. Then Laz, who had been playing in goal in the previous game, noticed that we had no keeper, so having obviously heard what a great side we are, he literally begged to be a part of our team and play in goal for us! How could I refuse! We were a tad short of defenders, so Jules helped us out at the back and made some vital interceptions. Despite this, we went a goal down early on when one of Reading's youngsters had a one on one with Laz, calmly drawing him one way and slotting the ball the other way into an empty net! Soon after that, it happened again!! We were 2 – 0 down despite getting off to a good start and looking strong on the ball. Sally then arrived to take over at centre mid and was instrumental in our comeback. We started to string some attacking moves together and were awarded several short corners. It was Blanche, the Reading player, who scored our first goal after some good work on the right from Kellett. We took control of the second half and played some magnificent hockey. Jules and Blanche combined well in the build up to our second goal to draw level. We then kept up the pressure until Jules managed to sweep our third goal into the net after it came back off the keeper – much to the delight of Laz, who hadn't appreciated being beaten twice by a youngster in the first half! A well deserved win, a great game and sausages and chips for tea. What more could you ask for?! Thank you to Dan Burgess for umpiring.

Colts Report

Guildford U14 Development Team v Teddington

Result: Won 2-1

Scorer: Frazer Groom (2)

At the start of the match, Teddington dominated possession, but did not score. Guildford started to play through the middle of the pitch, making some good shots on goal. Half time score 0-0. Teddington snatched an early goal in the second half. Guildford spread the play to the wings, giving chances. Then 2 goals in quick succession by Fraser, gave Guildford a 2-1 win away.