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Third straight win for the Men's 1s as they maintain their 3 point gap at the top of the table!

Crucial game for the Men's 1s away at second-placed Exeter this Sunday!

Plenty of Colts action to catch up on!

Men's Conference West 2012/13										
			P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1		Guildford	14	9	4	1	37	16	21	31
2		University of Exeter	14	8	4	2	41	18	23	28
3		Cardiff & UWIC	13	9	1	3	26	19	7	28
4		Team Bath Buccaneers	14	8	3	3	40	23	17	27
5		University of Birmingham	14	4	4	6	25	28	-3	16
6		Havant	14	4	4	6	24	29	-5	16
7		Fareham	14	4	4	6	29	37	-8	16
8		Whitchurch	13	4	2	7	18	28	-10	14
9		Cheltenham	14	3	5	6	26	37	-11	14
10		Bristol Firebrands	14	0	1	13	16	47	-31	1

300 Club Winners!

This month's prizes	£70	£46	£23
This month's winners	F McMillan	J Holt	E Austin

GUILDFORD HC RACE NIGHT

30th MARCH 7pm

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Easter weekend is soon up us, and so it is time to dispel a few biblical myths:

- Bread and wine were not served at the Last Supper, rather Red Rum and Black Caviar.
- James and John were bookmakers, not fishermen.
- And Gethsemane is not a beautiful garden in which to prayer, but a much-frequented racecourse popular with Jesus' disciples.

With this in mind, Guildford HC would like to invite you all to our highly-praised race night. Featuring awfully-punned horses such as Arkle Angel, Son of One Man, and Pontious Seabiscuit; the heavenly delights of Chef Dave Hall's cooking; an array of miraculous prizes; and a fully stocked bar (no need to turn water into wine here!) - the night promises to be the highlight of the Easter weekend.

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This week's home fixtures:

Saturday 2nd March

WATER BASED

13:30 – Guildford Ladies 1s vs. East Grinstead Ladies 1s

15:00 – Guildford Men's 2s vs. Bromley and Beckenham 3s

SAND BASED

13:00 – Guildford Ladies 3s vs. Barnes Hounslow Ealing Vets

14:30 – Guildford Ladies 4s vs. Richmond Ladies 5s

16:00 – Guildford Men's 4s vs. Horley Men's 1s

Sunday 3rd March

WATER BASED

11:00 – Guildford Girl's U14D vs. Reading Girl's U14 Dev.

12:30 – Guildford Boys Mavericks vs. Richmond Boys U14D

SAND BASED

10:30 – Guildford Girl's U10 vs. Woking Girl's U10

10:30 – Guildford Girl's U10 vs. Richmond Girl's U10

12:30 – Guildford Boy's U14 B vs. Old Kingstonian Boy's U14

FIXTURES

All of the Guildford Hockey Club fixtures are available through the following links:

MEN

Team	Role	Name/E-mail	Telephone	League	Link to results, tables and fixtures
1st XI	Manager	Tony Hall	01483 768832	National West Conference	1st XI
	Coach	Ian Jennings	07802 886000		
2nd XI	Captain	Tim Darke		London League Div 1	2nd XI
3rd XI	Captain	Tom Pollard		London League Div 2	3rd XI
Shadows	Captain	Steve Morris	07788 784143	South League Surrey Div 3	Shadows XI
4th XI	Captain	Robert Leonard	07796 400450	Surrey Open Div 1	4th XI
Pilgrims	Captain	Mark Lenel		Wessex Masters Div 1	Men's Vets
Gondoliers	Captain	Andy Roberts	01483 271206	Wessex SuperVets	Men's SuperVets



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LADIES

Team	Captain/Email	Link to results, tables and fixtures
1st XI	Kate Hutchins	http://www.guildfordhockey.co.uk/ladies1.html
2nd XI	Tracey Henderson	http://www.guildfordhockey.co.uk/ladies2.html
3rd XI	Karen Faulkner	http://www.guildfordhockey.co.uk/ladies3.html
4th XI	Beth Fantastic	http://www.guildfordhockey.co.uk/ladies4.html
Fireflies	Clare Edgington	http://www.guildfordhockey.co.uk/fireflies.html

... also see The Surrey Hockey Association Ladies League www.surreyladieshockeyleague.co.uk

The latest 1st XI League Tables can also be reached via <http://www.southleague.org.uk>

MATCH REPORTS

Don't forget to send any match reports from the weekend to andymatfield@gmail.com by Tuesday evening.

Men's Section

Sunday 24th February

Guildford Men's 1s 5 – 3 Bristol Firebrands

Guildford, for the third week running secure a 3 point win over the Bristol Firebrands, on a nippy Sunday at midday, with contrasting displays of both brilliance followed by average play put on display for the home crowd.



The game opened spectacularly, with the ball seemingly glued to the end of Guildford sticks as it was passed around the pitch with purpose and pace. It was not long before Guildford's pin-point passing was rewarded. It seemed like the opening whistle had barely finished, before Will Blockley, pirouetting neatly on the spot smashed the ball through a crowd of motionless defenders to find Paddy Harman with his stick down, hungry for another goal. He then deflected it calmly into the bottom right hand corner of the goal. Enlightened by their early success, Guildford pressed on

in the same manner and before ten minutes was up another two goals, first from Matthew Wood on six minutes and then from Jonny Haynes on 9 minutes, had hit the backboard.

However, following this early lead momentum seemed to drop and although good goal scoring opportunities were created, the ability to finish that Guildford had shown so convincingly in the opening stages of the game disappeared, leaving a trail of unfortunately squandered opportunities, allowing the Firebrands to recover from their early shock and begin to get back into the game. Another goal from Jonny Haynes on the 20 minute mark put Guildford 4-0 up, but this time the Firebrands had an answer, 10 minutes and a diving deflection late, it was 4-1 and remained that way until half time.

The second half was to be a complete contrast to the first section of the game, the Firebrands began to put more and more pressure on the Guildford defence. A flurry of cards for both teams then followed, Jonny Haynes and James Ferguson both receiving yellow cards for swinging stick tackles.



Some momentum had been lost and the six midfielders lost composure on the ball, unable to pick out the precise passes they had previously done, due to some technical aspects of footwork and positioning. Fortunately, it was not all bad news in the second half, the forwards nimble hands winning a number of short corners, and had these been capitalised on the score line could have been very different, possibly putting 7 or 8 on the board.

Following a couple of Bristol goals, the team found a pocket of form for a brief time, allowing the midfield and forwards to combine nicely for Chris Boot to tuck away the 5th and final goal for Guildford.



Despite a greatly disappointing second half in comparison to the opening twenty minutes, let's not forget the important 3 points taken from the game, securing Guildford's place at the top of the table for another week. Consistency is crucial for success as a team and should this be found Guildford are in a superb position to push on through a series of tough fixtures and win the league; fingers crossed it doesn't come down to goal difference.

Saturday 16th Feb

Guildford 3s 3 – 4 Indian Gymkhana

Hard to know what to say about this result. After no wins in the last 5 games, a home game against the 'Gym – whom we had beaten away and who are notoriously bad travellers – seemed like the perfect way to get the season back on track. IG had told us during the week they were bringing 15, and combined with the fact they were still not clear from the relegation zone meant that this was never going to be a walkover, but a very winnable game nonetheless. So winnable even Bungle could be guilting away from a day at home in front of the rugby to resume the unfamiliar role of 'hockey player'.

After snowfall during the warm-up the game began slowly, both sides sizing each other up and with both defenses fully on top as both sets of forwards struggled to make inroads. Indian Gym, as ever, had their strongest players in the middle of the park, shoring up the middle of the park and directing all their most dangerous play through their slow but alarmingly skillful bald veteran up front. Guildford used ace-in-the-hole Handsome Bob to neutralise the hairless general, and made decent attacking inroads into the oppo half, although without having much success inside their D.

Halfway through the first half, Guildford's slight dominance in territory and possession was converted into a slim lead when a Handsom's crash ball into the D was deflected by Nick high into the net. The funny sounding lad is making a late charge for the team's top scorer with only a few games under his belt! We controlled the play nicely for the rest of the half after this, working the ball nicely around the solid back four with Deano on the right and Iain on the left having storming first halves.

Going into the second half we were confident that we could keep things tight and slowly but surely stretch out the lead for a comfortable win...when one of the most disastrous halves of hockey of our entire season slowly and nightmarishly unfolded. First off, the skipper's ploy of swapping a centre back and central midfielder backfired badly when the stand in defender was robbed by general shiny-top, who took the ball straight into our D almost unchallenged and levelled the game with a classy finish.

Despite the setback, Guildford raised their game and scored...Ryan got it, again continuing a good run of scoring form, details remain sketchy. Even Ryan still thinks it was a dream.

The lead can't have lasted more than 5 minutes however as the same smooth-domed renegade playing up front for the 'Gym struck again. From their first short corner of the game he stepped up and crashed one so hard Andy was still halfway through logging when the ball pinged off the backboard. Diabolical turned to calamitous shortly afterwards as more suspect defending coughed up possession and another break by the visitors, ending with a Guildford chest stopping a shot on the line. A flick, and I didn't see, but I would put my house (if I could afford a deposit) on it being the same venerable hairless one who stuck it away.

Great work from Ryan, providing yet another assist this season, then found Nick unmarked at the top of the D, who controlled and finished outstandingly well to again make the game level at 3-3. As IG turned up the pressure and Guildford's fleeting composure melted away the visitors poured forward and, aided by a liberal dose of interesting decisions from the grumpy visiting referee, were all over the hosts for the rest of the half.

As if it couldn't get any worse, Matfield then got the yellow card he has deserved all season for his angry-man buffoonery, and he was swiftly followed into the bin by Handsome Bob, apparently for a dangerous tackle. As soon as Matfield was back on the pitch the comedy of errors continued as he found himself the wrong side of a windmilling IG forward and took a stick full on in the face. No sooner had he wandered off the pitch and IG took the lead with another rocket short corner from the visitors baldy baldy goal machine...having an absolute field day.

The game lurched to its inevitable conclusion with the IG boys celebrating the win that sees them safe for another season. Nothing else to say apart from...what a shocker.

Guildford 4's 0 – 3 Leatherhead 1's

Someone remind me why do we play a winter sport? Saturday morning was a very winter day, lovely to look at through the window but to play hockey in it, well needs must. Meeting in Leatherhead at the schools parking lot, snow drifting down upon us set the scene for the day ahead. The first few arrivals found a tea shop and bought a cup of tea, before hitting the pitch, for a warm up.

We were graced with the appearance Hamish, Alex the U16 who made us look bad and Dave.C's mate (Dave get him to join Guildford, we need a striker), even our skipper with his dodgy foot (so he says), stepped onto the field. We had 11 players, a keeper and umpire (the gorgeous Genie); we had a game on this wintery day.

We played well in the first half and linked some lovely passes, using the back pivot and swinging it around the pitch. Unfortunately they had some quick forwards and outnumbering us at the back got through to score a goal. We came back and scored from a shortie or thought we did, for some reason it was disallowed and our heads did drop a bit.

Second half again we had control of the ball, there were some silly mistakes but we kept it together only for them to get another one through, it was a good goal. So the mighty fours came out, like a badger defending its set. We scored, so we thought, again it was disallowed! Unbelievable I know, but it happened. Bit our heads dropped again and this might have been the final nail in the coffin.

They scored another to end the game.

We played well and there were some lovely goals scored by us, even if they didn't count. Some great 1-2-1 passes, Sergeant (Chris) being his usual one man army. Gordon getting stuck in as perusal and a mention to Dave.C for some good saves. See you boys next week.

Man of the match: Alex U16 (great game)

DOD: David Barnardo (for helping Hamish up)

Ladies' Section

Colts' Section

Sunday 24th February

Under 12 Boys host tournament of thirteen teams from across the Region

For the second time in two weeks, the Under 12 Boys invited clubs from far afield to brighten up another freezing cold day with some exciting 7-a-hockey at Broadwater, in two concurrent tournaments.

On the Sand, 8 teams competed in two pools:



Pool 1	Pool 2
Guildford Gorillas	Guildford Gibbons
Guildford Goeldies	Havant Hares
Marlow B	Aldershot & Farnham B
Havant Tigers	Barnes

This tournament provided spectacular evidence of just how well the Guildford players' skills and teamwork have developed during the season. The C D and E teams in the Guildford age group were playing skilful fast hockey and winning against the visitors' B teams.

The Gorillas and Goeldies came first and second in their pool and the Gibbons came second in their pool. The Gorillas and the Goeldies each only let in one goal in their four matches (and that was against each other for a 1-1 draw!) and scored a total of 9. The Gibbons let in only one goal to the visitors but managed to get 3 for themselves.

We do hope that the boys realise how much their hard work during the season has paid off (and to you, too, mum and dad for answering hundreds of emails and organising weekends around training and fixtures!!).

The usual huge thanks to the coaches for spending another day in the cold instructing the boys – thanks, James, Will, Martin. Also to the umpires giving up their time and risking frostbite.

And a very special thanks to Mike Cuin who was treated with a total immersion experience of a home tournament at Broadwater, pen in hand and whistle in mouth, running the timing and scoring for this event. His son only just joined and we threw him in the deep end already!! Thanks, Mike – really very much appreciated!!

On the Water, we had a round robin of 5 teams:

Guildford A
Guildford B
Marlow A
Aldershot & Farnham A
Havant A

The A team were undefeated for the second time this month (though they let in twice as many goals as last time!!) Alex, Raphael, Ollie, Freddy, Wills, Harry and Elliot

Game 1: Guildford A 1-0 Aldershot & Farnham A

The Aldershot & Farnham team started brightly and Alex did well to keep the ball out in a 1 v 1 situation with their striker. It took some time before the Guildford boys started to pass the ball around and use the width of the pitch to attack their opponent's goal. Several short corners were won without the boys seriously threatening the Aldershot & Farnham goal. At half time it was 0-0 but there were signs that the Guildford team was beginning to take control of the game.

Shortly after the restart came another short corner opportunity: Raphael injected to Freddy who sent the ball straight back to Raph who smashed it into the right corner avoiding two defender sticks for the first goal of the day. The remainder of the game was constant pressure by the Guildford boys. Freddy had two good opportunities to score: a shot saved by the keeper and he then hit the post after good work by Harry and Ollie. Guildford did not manage to score any further goals and the game finished with a 1-0 victory.

Game 2: Guildford A 3-1 Guildford B

Full credit must be given to the 'B team' who were the better team in this match for the first five or six minutes. They had several chances to score before a fine run and finish into the corner by Will F put the Bs into a deserved lead. They then forced two short corners and had several other chances to extend their lead. The 'A team' boys seemed rattled, however Ollie and Raphael began to win their tackles and the team started to get themselves back into the game. Raphael finished well to equalise and the boys began to create several chances. Elliot scored to make it 2-1 then shortly afterwards he scored a fine goal when he received a pass, turned his marker and finished into the corner to make it 3-1. The game finished without further score, the 'B team' had played extremely well and had they scored a second goal early on in the match when they had the 'A team' under real pressure then they very well may have gone onto win this game.



Game 3: Guildford A 7-1 Havant A

The close game against the 'B team' seemed to reinvigorate the 'A team' and they played extremely well in this match. They quickly took control and Wills scored twice within the first couple of minutes. Havant counterattacked and from a short corner Alex was beaten by a hard low shot into the corner of the net to make the score 2-1. Freddy then scored from the penalty spot after a shot was stopped on the line by a defender's foot and Elliot soon made it 4-1. Wills then scored two very good goals and Harry finished the score off with another penalty stroke for the game to end 7-1 to Guildford.



Game 4: Guildford A 2-0 Marlow A

In the final game of the tournament the opposition were Marlow who last year were one of the better teams in the Regional finals. In reality Guildford were much the better team in this match, scored twice but actually could have won by several more goals with Alex untroubled throughout the entire

game. After two minutes Guildford took the lead after a fine run and spectacular cross by Harry led to Elliot scoring at the far post and shortly afterwards Elliot scored again to make it 2-0. Marlow defended in depth throughout the remainder of the game and the Guildford boys were unable to add another goal to the score line. A 2-0 win was however a good result for the team and finished off a competition in which they had played well as a team throughout. Their team spirit was particularly noticeable, when they were under pressure (as in the game against Guildford 'B team') they regrouped, remained strong and continued to play good hockey.

A bitter day at Broadwater did nothing to cool the enthusiasm of Guildford B's. Henry, Quinn, Felix, Lawrence, Will F, Jack, Oliver G, Dominic

The first match against Havant A's was a close affair with Guildford battling hard and passing the ball well. They were leading 2-1 thanks to good goals by Will and Jack. Unfortunately our boys couldn't hold onto the lead and conceded a late goal – a draw probably a fair result.



In the second match Guildford B's got off to a flying start against Guildford A's with Will scoring an excellent individual goal. The B's continued to press hard for the next few minutes but as the game progressed the balance of power shifted and despite plenty of endeavour and fight they ended up conceding 3 goals. Final score 1-3.

Against Marlow A's there were plenty of goals the final score 3-2 to Guildford.

The final match against Farnham A's resulted in a comfortable win for the home side 2-0 – this despite playing with one player less. Quinn scored both goals fairly early on and the team kept the ball and kept control to hold the lead as the temperature dropped to sub-zero!



Excellent performance from the B's and victory sweets were richly deserved.

More thanks you's to the coaches and umpires who enjoyed the occasional snowflake on the Water base today: Gary, Mike, Genie and Jeremy. These tournaments wouldn't happen without you.

Under 10 Girls in second of four Sundays in a row

We can't seem to keep the under 10 girls away from the Sand based pitch for the moment. Every Sunday we have more than 25 girls coming out to enjoy the games and the cold weather.

This past weekend, the visitors were Leatherhead, who came with two teams, and Horsham, who had one. The enthusiastic Guildford girls made up three teams.

Two pools of six teams, each girl played 3 matches of 15 minutes; they learn so much about passing and positioning when playing matches.



The A team did not concede a goal – Issie and Rosie were a fortress at the back



Guildford v Guildford



Happy with that goal



Cause for celebration – the winning goal in the play-off for 1st place

There were plenty of smiling faces during and after the action (though the latter might have more to do with being able to get a warm drink from the clubhouse or blast the heat in the car on the way home).

Thank you to Maggs, James and Will for running the teams. Also to Gary, Sean and Ella's big brother Jordan for umpiring.

Girls U12 Woking Spring Invitational 7-a-side

The girls faced some tough opposition in Woking's Spring invitational tournament on Sunday 24 February, against top Surrey, Berkshire and Middlesex teams.

In the first match against Reading, Guildford started strong, but were unlucky after a penalty corner was awarded resulting in a clean strike from Reading to put them 1-0 ahead. Despite pressing hard from midfield with some great runs from Autumn we made enough chances to get back in the match but did not manage to put any away. 1-0 loss.

Next up against Sunbury. Girls spent most of the 12 minute game in Sunbury's half with some great strikes on goal from, but couldn't manage to put any away – 0-0 draw.

Thirds game against local rivals Woking A team. Girls starting to look dangerous and dominating possession but chances were not being put away. Woking countered with a strong attack from open play and scored. Guildford rallied with a great effort from midfield from Lucie, and put away by Becky. Some more great attacks on goal but failed to deliver more than a 1-1 draw.

We were drawn equal position in the pool with Woking, meaning a play off for 3rd/4th position. Flicks decided the game and unfortunately Woking narrowly won, despite some great saves from Fay.

Next up Surbiton, and the girls really started to play well with some great runs from Rosie on the left. Again we failed to deliver to convert possession to goals and a 0-0 draw meant on to our 2nd penalty flicks. Neck and neck as Fay saved as many as Alice, Eliza, Rachel put away. Finally we won this flick competition, allowing us to play off for 1st/2nd place in plate competition.

Woking pressed hard but we put up an excellent opposition. 0-0 meaning a third P flick competition. Resulting in 3-3 draw, tension mounted as we went to sudden death. Finally Woking narrowly inched ahead and ended up winning, resulting in a second place plate position for Guildford

Well done girls, only conceding two goals in 5 matches was a great defensive performance, particularly from Mia and Fay (special call up out of retirement!) – a great warm up for the Surrey tournament in 3 weeks' time, where converting some possession into goals will hopefully see us win more games outright.



Thanks to umpires, coaches and parents for all your support. Medals to follow on Friday.

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