



GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB

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Both ladies and mens 1st teams draw this week. Both teams are still waiting for those elusive 3 points.

Congratulations to the Fireflies for actually securing 3 points!

Mens 1s play away at Stourport this Saturday. Come and support the ladies 1 who play Maidenhead at 1:30pm at Broadwater school.

Roman Night was a success! See the report below.

Row to Rome; thanks to organisers and 121 participants. So far we have raised £18000 for club and charities. If you are one of the 15 people yet to return sponsorship money, please put in box behind bar. Also we have received 42 sponsorship forms; if you have not returned one, it would be very beneficial to do so as we can claim tax back.

Fixtures for the month ahead_

For away venues and times, check through fixtures page on website.

Mens Fixtures for Month ahead

Coming soon...

Ladies Fixtures for Month ahead

Date	Team	Opposition	L or F	H/A	Venue	Time
03-Oct-09	1st	Maidenhead 1's	L	H	Broadwater Water	13.30
"	2nd	Wimbledon 2's	L	H	Broadwater Water	15.00
"	3rd	Woking vets	L	A	Goldsworth Park Pitch 2	10.00
"	4th	Merton 2's	L	H	Broadwater Sand	14.00
"	FF	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
10-Oct-09	1st	Wimbledon 1's	L	A	Kings College, New Malden	13.30
"	2nd	Woking 2's	L	A	Goldsworth Park Pitch 2	11.30
"	3rd	Wimbledon 3's	L	H	Broadwater Sand	12.30
"	4th	London Edwardians 3's	L	A	Streatham & Clapham high school	11.00
"	FF	Maori Vamps	F	H	Broadwater Water	13.30
17-Oct-09	1st	Eastcote 1's	L	A	Eastcote hockey club	12.00
"	2nd	Cheam 1's	L	A	Nonsuch School, Cheam	13.00
"	3rd	UCL Adademicals 1's	L	H	Broadwater Water	15.00
"	4th	University of surrey 1's	L	H	Broadwater Sand	11.00
"	FF	Windsor Vets	F	H	Broadwater Sand	12.30
24-Oct-09	1st	Henley 1's	L	H	Broadwater Water	13.30
"	2nd	Wimbledon 1A's	F	H	Broadwater Sand	11.00
"	3rd	Reading 3's	F	H	Broadwater Sand	14.00
"	4th	tbc	F	H	Broadwater Sand	15.30
"	FF	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
31-Oct-09	1st	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
"	2nd	Merton 1's	L	H	Broadwater Water	13.30
"	3rd	Walton & Weybridge 1's	L	H	Broadwater Water	15.00
"	4th	Cheam 3's	L	H	Broadwater Sand	11.00
"	FF	Haselmere 1's	F	H	Broadwater Sand	14.00

Mens Reports

National Conference West

26/09/09

Guildford 1 - 1 Havant

Guildford hosted a new team to the Western Conference, Havant, following their relegation from the Premier League the previous season. The game promised to be exciting with a large crowd having turned out to watch the 4:30pm Saturday push back. Guildford welcomed two more new players to the 09/10 squad: Will Blockley, and the return of Rory Marsh to the side.

The game started off quite fast paced but lacked control from either side resulting in constant turnovers from both teams. Eventually Guildford began to establish control and won their first short corner midway through the first half. Debutant Will Blockley scored his first Guildford goal with a powerful drag flick sending the keeper the opposite way to take Guildford to a 1-0 lead. Guildford's fitness began to show and this reflected in the dominance in possession however they were unable to convert in the final 3rd. Havant had a few breakaways and occasionally looked to pose a threat, but this was quickly snuffed out by defence led by the experienced Dan Emery and Simon Mason.

Going into half-time this looked to be Guildford's game with many of the Havant players not being able to keep up with the pace of the game. Unfortunately, Guildford began to take their foot off the pedal and allowed Havant to regain momentum. Missed Chances came for both teams however a miscommunication from the Guildford defence led to Havant being able to claim a scrappy equaliser.

Following this goal Guildford were determined to get ahead and threw everything at the Havant players who managed to hold the game out for a draw. This was a disappointing result for Guildford who travel to Stourport this Saturday with their sights set on nothing short of 3 points.

Ladies Reports

Teddington 2 – 2 Guildford 1s

The first game of the season saw Guildford travel away from home to play Teddington. The sun was out and both teams seemed keen to start the season at a high intensity. Despite some initial end to end play Teddington were the first on the scoreboard from an aggressive first strike from their centre forward. Guildford were quick to react, stepping up the pressure and some slick passing involving Kate Hutchings & Zoe Wimshurst saw Jade Redfern released up front to tuck away Guildford's first goal in South Div 2. High on their success Guildford continued to push forward and were shortly rewarded with a 2nd goal, a cross from Charlie Kendall slotted home by Kerry Mills.

Guildford, although having to work hard in their defensive D, appeared to control the 2nd half and will be disappointed that they did not manage to reward their efforts with another goal. This was to be the theme of the half but Teddington did not give up and continued to press forwards right until the dying moments. This rewarded them with a controversial short corner on the final whistle and a diving deflection saw the final score 2-2. The re-match is set to now be very interesting.

MOM – Chip

DOD – Kirsty for trying to get in the shower with Jade

Ladies 2's 1 – 2 Oxted (A)

We traveled over to Oxted for our 1st league match of the season, hopes were high after 2 successful friendly games in the weeks prior.

As the match got underway we quickly realized that it was going to be a tough match as they were in the league above last season. However we did start with the majority of play in their half, really putting them under pressure. Oxted had a few long balls that we couldn't stop from getting through, but the defence had them covered with some great tackles and even better saves by Jo Lee. Just before half time Guildford had another short corner and a great strike by Gem's hit the post and deflected away from the goal.

After an insightful team talk at half time we took to the pitch with more drive and hunger to win. It wasn't long before another short corner which Gems struck wide on the right post for Louisa to deflect into the top of the goal! Oxted 0 Guildford 1!

Oxted came back at us hard and fast and it wasn't before long that they managed to drive down our left into the D and score on the far post. The challenge was on and the whole team worked hard to get the win. We had a number of close opportunities but just weren't able to capitalize and with a couple of injuries the tide was turning in Oxted's favour seeing them driving at us with force through our middle. They had a couple of shots which miraculously Jo managed to spring to save them to keep us level. Unfortunately they won a short corner and managed to deflect it in not long before the final whistle. Oxted 2 Guildford 1.

There are some great positives we can take out of the match onto our next game against Wimbledon at home.

MOM – Clare Dodd for some excellent defending!

TFC – Hannah (I think it was just because she is off to Uni this weekend!)

Guildford 3's 1 - 1 Mid Surrey 1's

The game commenced with the home team showing off their strength and confidence with lots of speedy passes and great communication. We kept the visitors under pressure threatening to break through and score goals from the off. After 20 minutes a hard pass from Slick on a 16 made its way to Vicky O up front, which was quickly off loaded to Vicky R who was able to take it into the D and score a cracking goal!!

More great passing and hassle from the home team kept the opposition under pressure. We put into practice our strong vocals on the pitch with plenty of communication, not to mention the side line supporting cheers from Cas vocal as ever!!

With a dramatic dive from Captain Slick and a 'don't mess with me' punch on the nose from Kirsty the defence weren't letting the visitors get close to the goal. However some unlucky / poor decisions from the earplug wearing umpire meant that Mid Surrey were able to take some free hits direct into the 'D' resulting in the equalising goal in the last few minutes of the match.

Man of the match went to Kate for her general amazing play! But nominations were wide spread highlighting the good teamwork and high standard of play from the 3rd team. Dizzy of the day could have gone to Manchie for putting her hockey skirt on inside out but was

beaten in the tie break stone paper scissors by Kirsty for the accidental fist in the oppositions face!!

London Wayfarers 5's 6 – 1 Guildford 4's

It was an early start for the first league game of the season, and with just one substitute who was roped into playing at 8am that morning (thank you very much Roz!) we set off to Kingston. When we arrived we realised we were in for a tough game, their 15-strong team looked super-fit! We started brightly and the first 10 minutes was evenly played with goal scoring opportunities at each end of the pitch. Unfortunately they were the first to strike and with a goal in hand they seemed to gain in confidence. Our defence worked hard to keep them at bay but a well-taken short-corner put them 2 up. By half time our heads were down and it was 3-0 to Wayfarers, so we decided to try and switch it up. We started brightly again in the second half with some great through balls from the defence, and the attack was back on. The higher we pushed up the pitch the faster on the break they became, and before we knew it they had scored again. The Wayfarers superior fitness began to tell as we tired, they continued their pressure on and off the ball and another short-corner and a well worked attack resulted in another couple of goals for them. Maggs decided enough was enough and pushed forward, inspiring the rest of the team, and after an excellent spell of pressure from our forwards and midfield we earned a short-corner, which Maggs put in the back of the goal! Feeling more energised after scoring we were back on the attack and playing much better hockey, earning another short-corner which once again Maggs put in the back of the goal except this time it was just above the back board and didn't count. We ended the game more positively than we started it!

Man of the Match: Claire Huntley

Fireflies 4 – 0 Burnham Vets

Scorers: Ko-Ko Jules 2, Calamity Sals 1 & Helen "Hunter" C 1

Yeaha let the show begin..

What a glorious day for a show down, the fireflies were in high "Yeaha" sprits, thanks to the "young guns" Helen, Rohanna & Abi who all played a solid supporting role and put some of us "old saloon dancers" to shame!!

Firelies were dominate throughout the game, with "Ko-Ko Jules" getting on the "hay barn" score sheet 1 & 2 with some great passing from the defence through the midfield, Ko-Ko took on the keeper "pistols at dawn" with Burnham's keeper diving and Ko-Ko chipping the keeper to find the net..great goal!

Burnham continued to fight back hard, but the "rangers" in defence kept a cool head, with Ali "Major" Moody, Ali "Razor" Barratt, Texas Ranger Jacqui, Young Gun Helen & Buffolo Freda working hard, Burnham were unlucky not to score.

Firelies midfield were all over the range attacking from all sides of the field, The General (Mel) would have been proud of the troops; as **Cyclone Jo**, young gun Sundance Abi" & Calamity worked hard in the heat mounting the attack on Burnham.

The 3rd goal came from a short corner, Edge" Bucking bronco" injected the ball for Ko-Ko to stop for Calamity to fire the ball at the speed of lightning (okay, okay... I've seen tumble weed move quicker!

Butch "Cas"sidy made a guest appearance to strengthen the defence when Texas Ranger took a bullet for the team – well she twisted her knee, although she fell in slow motion that was worthy of the Oscars, as we thought Texas had been shot..hope you are fully recovered in time for our next wild west performance.

The final sunset goal came from Helen "The Hunter" C, when the ball was fired into the D for Calamity to smash away, but only to miss (I'd like to say this was intentional but it was a complete "gravedigger" moment) for the ball to end up on the "hunters" stick to be slotted in-between the posts!

Thanks to Finn for umpiring (at least we are all clear now on the new rules!!) and to our supporters who were in good voice, "get a move on No. 13" – ah that will be Calamity then!)

3 special" Yeeha's" for the Young Guns for being the tornado troops.

The troops consensus is that Calamity should be "wanted dead or alive" for being awarded "Gravedigger of the match" (for hitting the post more than once and for dreaming up this random wild west theme – sorry!)

Colts Report

Social Report



Roman Night

The first club social of the season looked set to be a cracker with the Mens 1s pulling a large crowd to the broad water amphitheatre and delighting all with a performance of gladiator style proportions. A spectacle of blood, sweat & drag-flicks.

Once the crowd had dispersed the elite Romans donned their togas, tucked in to the banquet & prepared themselves for the challenge ahead. 100 shots of beer in 100 minutes. Who would conquer the centurion?

Armed with a gong to mark the minutes, some dodgy rules, and a jug each of their chosen beverage, the challenge began. The details are hazy but special mentions should go to: Alan for eating an entire plate of salad with no hands, Booty for clearing up after him & Batch for donating his back as a public whiteboard.

A big thanks to JB for the music, to Kitkat, Theiks, Kerry & Emily for helping set up & Rohanna & Helen for their sterling work behind the bar. See you all at the next one!