



GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB

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AGM 2022 – Director of Hockey Report

2021-2022 Hockey in Review

2022 has been an amazing year at Guildford Hockey Club. As the 2022 season drew to a close the club is able to celebrate nine teams finishing in promotion spots, a junior national title (and a runner-up medal), the Over 45s National Tier 2 Cup, and a season with record numbers of people playing hockey at Guildford Hockey Club and beyond.

Starting with the adult teams, the Women's 1st team wrote their place in the history books with Guildford's first ever promotion into the National League, and they did it in style scoring 132 goals in 22 matches. Meanwhile the Men's 1st team secured their place back in the National League in equally impressive style, albeit scoring just(!) 127 goals. Neither side has lost a match all season.

Perhaps the most convincing promotion claim goes to the Men's 2^s who won 21 out of 22 games and scored an average of seven goals per game. Further promotions for the Men's and Women's 4s, Women's 5s and 7s, and the Cavaliers capped an amazing year, supported by fantastic coaches, the tireless work of captains and, of course, the effort and skill of the players across the club.

2022-23 looks set to be an exciting year on the pitch for both Men's and Women's sections. Should you be interested in summer hockey we have Wednesday evening mixed 7 aside adult hockey, numerous junior hockey sessions and holiday camps, and summer league fixtures available. See Teamo for details.

Alongside our adult teams are 826 young players who train and play through the week and over 1500 other children at local schools are coached by Guildford coaches. The standout performance in the junior section came from the U16 Boys, who reached two national finals at A and B team level.

The A-team 6-1 win over Repton in the National Final at Lee Valley demonstrated the players' superb teamwork and enormous potential, whilst the B team's feat of reaching their own national final on the same day demonstrated the age groups strength in depth.

Across all our junior teams the club relies on an army of volunteer coaches, team managers and umpires, to whom we are enormously grateful.

June at the hockey club is coaching month, whereby professional and amateur coaches alike will have the opportunity to upskill themselves at a variety of coach and umpire development sessions.

As the club emerges from two years where we haven't been able to fully enjoy the socialising in the clubhouse, I am especially pleased to have been able to welcome back the End of Season Celebration. Over 140 people attended the evening; the awards presented on the evening are listed below:

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AWARDS 2022

WOMEN'S PERFORMANCE
PLAYER OF THE SEASON

LUCY WOOD



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MEN'S PERFORMANCE
PLAYER OF THE SEASON

JAMES BENNETT



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WOMEN'S GOLDEN
STICK

JACKIE SLATER



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MEN'S GOLDEN STICK

ROSS FERGUSON



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TEAM OF THE YEAR

MEN'S 2ND XI



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OUTSTANDING JUNIOR
IN ADULT HOCKEY

WILL PORTER



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OUTSTANDING JUNIOR
IN ADULT HOCKEY

BEN GAZE



GUILDFORD HOCKEY
CLUB AWARDS 2022

OUTSTANDING JUNIOR
IN ADULT HOCKEY

STEPHANIE SMITH



GUILDFORD HOCKEY
CLUB AWARDS 2022

CLUB PERSON OF THE
YEAR

MIKE FITTER



2022-2023 Hockey in prospect

The coming year looks exciting all-round as the club builds on the strong foundations that have been laid over the last five years and the substantial growth across the club.

Men's and Women's adult hockey:

Provide an excellent experience for adult hockey players

- Retain and recruit talented coaches
- Provide additional training opportunities for all adult players
- Provide varied playing options for adult players, including mixed, 7 aside and summer hockey
- Rebuild the social offer available to club members

Create successful, sustainable National League hockey teams

- Create a meaningful matchday experience for the whole club with opportunities for supporters and junior members to be inspired by National League hockey.
- To recruit and retain top class hockey players and provide the training and match environment for outstanding players to play and train.



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Junior Hockey:

- To continue our push towards a great experience for every junior player at GHC
- To build on the initial success of our Talent Programme including the introduction of a Talent Academy at Guildford Hockey Club.
- Lead the development of hockey in the local area as a hub for hockey in South-West Surrey and Hampshire.
- To maintain the success of our club hockey camp offer.

Community Hockey:

- To strengthen the links with the 22 schools that we have worked with over the course of 2021-22.
- To ensure the long-term success of links with partner schools with whom we share facilities and coaching resources.

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