



## January Newsletter

Happy new year to one and all. Trust you all had a good Christmas and those who attended the Ladies' Christmas Dinner and Festive Fixture are still ringing the bells and beating the drums! Eee Aww ☺

### TRAINING & SELECTION

We're back to training fully refreshed and ready to fire on all cylinders this Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7pm sharp. Our first matches in the second half of the season start on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January, so please ensure your captains and managers know your availability. The Ladies' First XI will be back to outdoor training on 18<sup>th</sup> January. Please will any 1<sup>st</sup> XI players available to play for 2<sup>nd</sup> XI or assist with umpiring, get in touch with Allie, Steve and Jo Remfry or Nikki Robinson to let us know.

### MATCH PLAY

Outdoor state of play can be viewed on Fixtures Live via the eghockey web-link. However, it is pleasing to note that all teams are doing well in their respective leagues, with the Ladies' 1's sitting top of the table as we turn the corner for the home straight. Well done to everyone on managing this so far. Let's keep up the momentum.

Indoor season has been in full swing with our Juniors taking part in their tournaments and doing very well despite several injuries. Unfortunately they have been knocked out of the table, but have represented EGHC with good spirit and done us very proud. Our Ladies' 1's squad will be off to Birmingham this weekend to take part in the first rounds of the Maxifuel Super Sixes Championships being held at Cocks Moor Woods Leisure Centre, Alcester Road South, Birmingham, B14 6ER. The schedule of EG's matches is transcribed below. EG gained promotion to Division 1 last season and therefore expect to face much tougher competition this time round. If you are able to get up to Birmingham your support will be very much appreciated.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2012

11.30 EG vs Sevenoaks

15.30 EG vs Olton & West Warwicks

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2012

09.00 EG vs Ipswich

13.00 EG vs University of Birmingham

### COACHING

We are pleased to welcome Brian Humphreys to assist Chris Wilson with 4<sup>th</sup> XI and Bluebirds coaching sessions on Wednesday evenings.

The Ladies' have a cohesive training strategy. We have qualified coaches, team managers, team captains and age-group squad managers in place to facilitate it's implementation. As such, while we appreciate encouraging support, we would ask parents and supporters on the side-lines not to shout out match play instruction during the game. This only serves to distract players from their objectives and undermines their confidence. We do however appreciate feedback on match play and ask that this be submitted to the team captain after the match, to the appropriate coaches at training or to Allie Poole.

Please ensure that you (and your parents) are aware of the Club's policies, available on the website [www.eghockey](http://www.eghockey), particularly those pertaining to codes of conduct for spectators and parents.

## SOCIALS AND FUNDRAISING

Debbie Guiver has confirmed the booking for our annual, highly competitive **Race Night** on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2012**. If you would like to buy yourself a horse or sponsor a race for this fantastic evening's entertainment please do so soon to avoid disappointment. We will also be running a tombola, so any spare goodies (or hooch for those with resolutions to uphold) left over from Christmas will be appreciated.

The Club will be running an **Olympic Ticket Lottery** for all members. Further details will follow shortly and be posted on the website. However, if you haven't yet paid your subscription to EGHC you will not be eligible to participate in the chance to win a pair of tickets to the Olympics.

We have received an invitation to join Grossflotbekker and Rouen in Hamburg for this year's Easter **Jacques Paloumé Tournament**. We will be flying out on Good Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April, returning Easter Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Tournament fee is £130 plus air ticket and tournament kit. Lottie Gregory ([peanut\\_lottie@hotmail.com](mailto:peanut_lottie@hotmail.com)) is collating the Ladies' teams and Adam Woodley ([adam.woodley1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:adam.woodley1@hotmail.co.uk)) the Men's. Please get in touch with them or Allie Poole if you are interested in participating.

Book these dates in your diaries now:

7/8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Ladies' Indoor Birmingham  
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4<sup>th</sup> Feb – Race Night  
4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 18<sup>th</sup> Feb, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> March – Ladies' 1<sup>st</sup> XI home matches  
19<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> March – Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI home matches  
6-9 April Easter – Jacques Paloume, Hamburg  
27<sup>th</sup> April – Ladies' end of season campfire and BBQ  
19<sup>th</sup> May – EGHC Awards Night

Wishing you all a very prosperous and successful 2012.

Allie Poole  
EGHC Ladies' Captain