

COTTENHAM ROLLER HOCKEY CLUB AUTUMN 2016 NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Welcome back to the new season of Roller Hockey and welcome to any new players and families. Here's a quick round up of this term's events and some dates for your diary for next term.

Dates for your diary

8 Dec 2016 – last training session this year

3 Jan 2017 – Back to training.

Under 11s

7 Jan – Lynnsport

8 Apr – Soham

Under 13s

14 Jan – CRC

28 Jan – Soham

25 Mar – U13 at Sudbury

Under 15s

7 Jan – div 1 at Soham

15 Jan – div 2 at Bushfields

18 Feb – div 1 at NHL

Under 17s

29 Jan – CRC

18 Feb – Bushfields

25 Mar – Lynnsport

EC Div 1

15 Jan – Lynnsport

26 Mar – CRC

ND1

12 Mar – Farnham

9 Apr - CRC

CRHC is 10 Years Old!!

The year started with our 10th Anniversary tournament at CRC. A one off tournament specially for Under 10s and Under 12s. Cottenham welcomed teams from Ely, Herne Bay, HBU, Kings Lynn, Maidstone, Sheffield and Soham.

The U10s started the tournament and although they lost their first game against Ely, they learned from their mistakes and won their next game 2-0 against Sheffield.

The U12's had a successful day, winning their games 3-0 against King's Lynn and 1-0 against Herne Bay.

The tournament was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended especially Sheffield whose team were playing in their very first tournament.

The day ended with medals given out to all and trophies awarded to Maidstone who were the eventual winners in both age groups.

Flowers were also presented to Mona and Paula who founded the club and have worked so hard to ensure the club continues to be a success. Thanks must also go to committee members and parents who helped out on the day.

It was also a chance to show off the new U13s kit – sponsored by KES Electrical. Many thanks to Paul Key and his company for purchasing the kit.



The U12 team enjoying time between matches.



The U10s

EC Division 1

Playing in a league with three premier league teams and a very strong Letchworth side this season was never going to be an easy one for our young Cottenham side. We have now played seven matches and can boast a 100 percent record (unfortunately all defeats).

I don't want to dwell too much on the scores, but more on the performances. The team have given 100% in every match so far and I feel sure if they continue with this effort they will get the results that those performances deserve. We have held our own in the first half of most matches this year, 3-2 down against Letchworth and 2-2 with Grimsby. The Grimsby coach could not believe that we were not leading the match at half time. I received numerous other comments from team coaches and supporters praising the way we played and the level of effort being put in. I couldn't be prouder of the effort and commitment shown by each and every one of the players. Let's keep it up and get some well-deserved points on the board soon.

I would like to finish with a big thank you from the team to Jeremy and Jon as without referees we couldn't play at all.
(Andy Smith – EC1 Manager)



England Successes

This summer Ed and Mark were chosen to play for England in the U17's European championships held in Mieres, Spain. Preparation had started in earnest in the summer of 2015, and over the year the boys attended many additional training sessions both in England and Portugal.

Their group matches against Spain, Switzerland, and France were tough but Mark and Ed both managed to score and the team was improving with each game. Their final group match against Israel gave the boys a much deserved win and put England in 4th place in the group.

In the final stages of the tournament England played Italy and Switzerland. This final game went to a "Golden Goal" which Switzerland eventually won placing England 8th out of 10 teams with Spain the overall winners.

The experience for both the boys and the parents was amazing and not one to be missed. The cheering from the crowd created a great atmosphere and there was as much competition between the teams of supporters as there were between the teams of players. Cow bells, drums, stamping feet and other instruments could all be heard with each country displaying their flags. (Read Debbie's full report on the website)

In October, Will Rawlinson and Will Foreman played for England in the U20's European championships in Switzerland.

Well done to all four boys!



Ed and Mark in action for England in Spain.



Results from the leagues

The U11s played at Peterborough on 8th October losing their 3 matches to Peterborough, ECU A and ECU C.

The U15s have played two tournaments so far this season, losing 6 matches and gaining a draw in 1. Better luck next year!

U13s and U17s have not yet played this season but both teams start their season with home tournaments in January – Good luck to both teams!

Remember!

If unable to make a training session. Please email: crhc.coaches@gmail.com

Please also make sure you check the parent helper rota. This is on the website.

CRC would like to request that the corridor is kept clear. Please could children attending the 6pm session change in the dugout at the beginning and end of their session. Thanks.

Can you help?

You may have noticed that the club website is rather out of date. The committee is still looking for someone who can give it a makeover and keep it up to date. Please contact the committee if you feel you could do this.

Is your child's team represented in this newsletter? If not, then please do send me some details – just a few sentences (and pictures if possible) about each tournament is needed. I can't write a newsletter without the information!

Email Caroline: goodchild21@btinternet.com

Committee News

Christmas is here already and we've had a great first term both with coaching sessions and tournaments. Just to let you know we start back at the village college on Tuesday 3rd January and at CRC on Thursday 5th January. If the players have any friends who want to try out Rollerhockey then please invite them for a free taster session. We have complete sets of pads, gloves and spare sticks so anyone can come along and borrow them. Thankyou for all your support so far this year it is invaluable. Have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. From the committee and coaches.

Can we also make a request for raffle prizes – needed for the 2 home tournaments in January. Please hand in any donations at training in the new year. Thanks.

There is a red England top at CRC that was left some time ago. If you think it might be yours please get in touch with Mona.

Facebook

Have you seen the club's new Facebook page? Do check it out! Thanks to Debbie Read for creating the page and keeping it up to date. If you have any news or photos that you would like added to the page, then please email Debbie.



Enjoy your Christmas. See you in the New Year!

