

COTTENHAM ROLLER HOCKEY CLUB SPRING 2017 NEWSLETTER

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Spring Term

We're half way through the season and there's been a lot of action in all the leagues. Here's a quick round up of this term's events and some dates for your diary for next term.

Dates for your diary

30 Mar 2017 – last session this term

18 Apr 2017 – Back to training

13 July 2017 – Final session

No training in half term

Under 11s

8 Apr – Soham

10 June – King's Lynn

24 June - CRC

Under 13s

7 May – NHLC

25 June – King's Lynn

Under 17s

6 May – Peterborough

24 June – King's Lynn

EC Div 1

4 June – King's Lynn

ND1

9 Apr – CRC

14 May – Maidstone

11 June – Herne Bay

25 June – Herne Bay

Inter-Regional Competition

29/30 April

EC Cup Qualifiers

28 May

EC Cup Final's Day

8 July

The ND1 team after their successful first tournament. Well done to all!



Team News

Under 11s

As we are a new team, we have been developing our skills in team playing and strategy, and so far, I think we have played really well together in the last 2 tournaments in October and January. Coaches from other clubs have commented how well our players pass the ball to each other in a game, a skill that is quite difficult for a team to develop at this early stage! In our last tournament in January, Jem scored a couple of cracking goals against King's Lynn, which was fantastic!

I look forward to some more good team playing and more goals at our next tournament in April! (Monica Musgrave, Manager)

The U11 team in action at Peterborough.



Under 17s

The U17s finally started their season on 29th January. The opening game was against a very strong Grimsby team consisting of 4 players in the England reduced squad. Cottenham finally overcame their "problem" of being slow starters to record one of their best ever victories and beat Grimsby 5-4. They then had the return match on 4th February when unfortunately, Grimsby got their revenge. Both Grimsby and Cottenham have only lost 1 game this season so it looks like it could be a tight finish at the top of the league. (Stuart Goodchild, Co-Manager)

EC1

Spring is here, a time for new shoots and green grass. We have now completed three tournaments, still no points on the board, but we are getting closer with every game. I'd like to take this opportunity to praise the whole team for their conduct this season. Every game you have given me 100% effort combined with a never give up attitude. You have all been a credit to Cottenham Roller Hockey Club with the way that you have fought till the very end of each and every game. We have a great team spirit which shows in the way you work hard for each other on the rink and the way you behave off the rink. You should all be very proud of yourselves. Keep it up, two more tournaments to go. This puts the club in an excellent position for next season when you will have gained valuable experience at this level. Thanks from me for the help and advice from Lucy and a special mention for Jeremy and Jon for refereeing for us.

(Andy Smith, Manager)

ND1

The ND1 team were the last to get their season started, finally playing on 12 March and what a fantastic start it was. The day started with a draw against the U17 Project team and wins against Farnham and Herne Bay United. Two wins and a draw is a phenomenal set of results and everyone should be extremely proud. Andy's view was that the last game against Farnham was probably one of the best games of hockey he had ever seen.

Training

We are pleased to welcome some new players into the Tuesday sessions with Willoughby, Oscar, George and Louis all joining the club recently. The Tuesday coaches are all really pleased with how well these players have settled in and their progress so far.

We are delighted that Carlos Amaral, the England coach, will be coming to train the Tuesday group for the first time on 28th March. We hope that he will be able to do this at least once per term in the future. Please do try to be there!

A big thanks to Jake and Lewis who have been regularly helping out with Tuesday training. We are pleased that Matthew and Blaise have now joined the ranks of Junior Coach and will be helping along with Lucas as they all work towards their Duke of Edinburgh awards. Robert's continued help on Tuesdays in coaching the goal-keepers is also greatly received.

Thanks must also go to Ed and Mark who have both started helping out with the 6pm session on Thursdays.

Those who attend Thursdays will have noticed that we have re-jigged the timings for some players to help with their continued development. We hope that you are all enjoying the new times and if you have any questions about this please do not hesitate to speak to one of the coaches.

Inter-Regional Competition

Cottenham will be well represented again in the Inter-Regional Competition with a host of players going into the trials at various ages. Best of luck to Joss, Oli, Sam, Tristan, Sasha, Peter, Robert, Josh, Lewis, Jake, Ella, Ed and Mark.

England U17's

Congratulations to Josh Barker and Lewis Cakebread for their selection into the England U17 Reduced Squad for this year. Good luck boys!!

Cup Finals

Cottenham already have a team in this year's EC Cup Finals!

The U17s are straight through to the final and will play either Peterborough or Sudbury.

The U13s will take part in the Cup Qualifiers on 28th May.

Remember!

If unable to make a training session, please email:

crhc.coaches@gmail.com

Please also make sure you check the parent helper rota for Tuesdays and Thursdays. 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?

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

Away from Hockey

Congratulations to the Borrells who triumphed at the FIRST LEGO League UK and Ireland competition and will now be representing the UK in the world finals in America in April.



Facebook

Have you seen the club's 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 the Easter Break!

