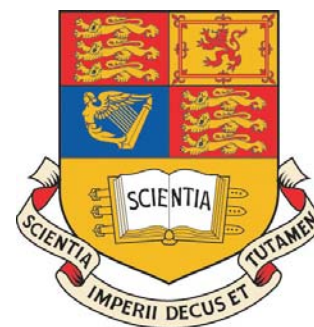




IMPERIAL COLLEGE HOCKEY CLUB

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Alumni Newsletter 2009



President's Comment, Mark Robertson



Welcome to the 2008/9 newsletter! As we are well into my second season as President of the Club I am pleased to report that it is in great shape – you will see later in the newsletter that we are having some great successes on the pitch, we are able to invest in the Club's future with the very generous sponsorship of Merrill Lynch, and the social side of the Club is very strong and has been boosted by a great intake of Freshers this year (which I witnessed first hand as my wife allowed me to go on Freshers' Tour!).

I am also pleased to report progress on the two initiatives I discussed in last year's news letter. The Alumni Fund has been set up (thanks to Claire Lambert nee Penketh and Eric Wratten who are my fellow Trustees) and we currently have annual contributions of £220 committed by Alumni to support the Club

when times get tough and to develop links between current members and Alumni. We also had a very successful President's Day this year – a new and more inclusive tournament format as well as some really great food and free beer meant that around 70 people turned up. We hope to build on this by getting more alumni to attend and I encourage you all to mark the date in you diary – it's the 30th May 2009.

Enjoy the newsletter and please feel free to get in touch with me personally if you wish to find more about the club or have ideas about how to improve the links between Alumni and the Club (president@imperialhockey.co.uk).

Dates for your diary!

More details can be found on www.imperialhockey.co.uk closer to the dates, or contact the person in charge!

Annual Dinner 20 th March 2009	Mixed Tournament 22 nd March 2009	President's Day 30 th May 2009	Summer Tour 27 th June – 11 th July 2009
As usual the annual dinner will be held in a prestigious hotel in close proximity to South Kensington. Cost will be approximately £40 for alumni.	A social, easy going Sunday at Harlington with beer and food available. Cost will be minimal, fun will be maximal...get your 7-a-side teams together now!	The format has changed slightly for President's Day in recent times...however the rivalry remains strong. Promises to be bigger and better than ever!	This year we are going to India! The dates are approximate but we will be flying on these weekends. Want to join us in Delhi and beyond? Get in touch!
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Money Matters, Rob Weinert-Aplin

Financially, the club is in a strong position this year, after having set up a sponsorship agreement with Merrill Lynch for £6000 for this year, with the possibility of further sponsorship (not necessarily from Merrill Lynch) for summer tour. The money will be spread across the club to cover this year's significant coaching costs, freshers' and summer tour, annual dinner, new club kit and keepers kit and will ultimately keep costs to members as low as possible. We are in the process of applying to Harlington Trust for further funding towards keepers kits, as we are aiming to replace all the keepers kit, some of which is 5 or 6 years old.

We have provided Merrill Lynch with a significant number of promotional opportunities, including a careers talk, advertising on shirts, email lists, X'mas Lunch, flyers around college and a banner at Harlington. The sponsorship agreement was initially for a period of 3 years and we are still looking to renewing this deal next summer, although the current financial situation may affect this.



Social Highlights, Jess Poore



Ladies from the 1st and 2nd teams enjoying the Christmas Dinner

With this term's socials, we wanted to help our large number of new freshers integrate into the club. To this end, we have had a couple of four-team curry nights, mixing ladies' and men's teams, in addition to the regular fixtures of pub golf, and ACC bar nights. Another highlight of the first term was this year's Freshers' tour to a rather cold and rainy Brighton. In preparation for Sunday's hockey back in London, Saturday night was spent out for a meal on Brighton's main 'strip', followed by a bar selling funny coloured shots, and a surprisingly classy-looking club. Fish and chips, and a paddle in the sea were also enjoyed, before our return to London to triumph in our mixed game.

Team Progress

The following brief descriptions have been written by the respective team captains!

Men's 1st XI, Jack Cornish

After a hugely successful season under the command of Krusty last year, the new season was full of promise. Trials brought new legs into the side giving the squad some formidable strength and depth. Date.R. chose carefully and with a strict training regime and tactics from coach Avtar the team got off to a winning start. The highlight match was early in the season against Canterbury who IC have not beaten in four years, but this year a 2-0 deficit did not put us off! 4-2 was the final score and has left the elite Men's team top of their BUCS league. Unfortunately a poor performance mid-way through the term against UCL saw the team knocked out of the BUCS cup, but will be hoping to take revenge in the ULU cup next year. Furthermore the team has been led exceedingly well by Stumpy in the bar! Diana and Shippo have provided the 1s-1s loving we all admire and the freshers are now fully fledged ICHC legends on and off the pitch! Keep up the good work boys!

Men's 2nd XI, Mark Sheppard

With a lot of fresh faces added to the team this year our first match was always going to be tough and it turned out to be. We lost to Queen Mary's. However, after this match the team started to gel and with regular fitness sessions we started to play in the 2s manner. Victories came left, right and centre, with an incredible win against Brighton 2s, who are two leagues above us in BUCS. We ended the autumn term strongly and hope to carry it on next year with our defence of the ULU cup and hope to achieve promotion in ULU and BUCS league.

Men's 3rd XI, Andy Bromfield

Some fantastic freshers this year have provided the club with a strong membership, and the third XI is no exception. Having picked up about ten of them, we have a squad of over 20 players this season, and have had excellent turn out on and off the pitch. Bum tablet and Bum brush have been getting on well, despite this however, we have had mixed results so far this season. Having won three of our seven games, and lost two (including a 17-2 defeat in the cup), we are looking to continue our current winning streak by beating the 4s next week. It has taken us a while to get into rhythm, and Duck, Star Trek and Towel Boy are all yet to score goals up front, however luckily for them friendly fire has been doing plenty. With Sieve finding unprecedented form away from the goal and in the midfield, overall we are looking good. We have a good chance in BUCS (currently 2 pts behind 1st place with a game in hand) and our boat race team remains undefeated for this season too.



Graeme 'Dennis' Ridler shows off some superb skills

Men's 4th XI, Elliot Dye

This year we have probably had the largest squad the DelViants have ever had, with 16 players at almost every game. We have played six matches, with two very different halves, the first three being at home and all ending in defeat and the last three being away where we are unbeaten. We conceded 5 goals at home against both RUMS 2s and Portsmouth 4s, both of whom are near or at the top of our ULU and BUCS leagues respectively. In between we had a cup game against Reading 1s, which is not a regular fixture in the 4s fixture list. It probably wasn't a shock that this game ended in defeat but what did make people double check the 11-1 final score was the fact that we scored a goal and that when the 2s lost to them in the following round the result was 7-2.

Since then we have drawn against Brunel 3s and stuffed George's 2s, always a momentous occasion, with parts II and III of the George's trilogy to come next term. We also won away at Portsmouth to leave us in 3rd place in BUCS at the half way point, 3 points off top. We have also arranged 4s tour to Florence at the end of January and had several new bar names, such as 'easy access' and 'stubble rash' but I will save the explanations for another time.

Women's 1st XI, Sarah Clayton

The Ladies 1s season did not start out with much promise considering I only had 7 players. Thankfully the Freshers this year have been fantastically enthusiastic so we are now a squad of 14. This is the largest squad that the Ladies 1s have had in living memory!

So far we have mixed success. This is mainly due to the fact we are such a new team and I

have high hopes for next term. We are the only team in the hockey club to still be in BUCS cup and I see no reason why we shouldn't be in the ULU cup final again this year, hopefully to win back our title. Socially we are all very active team with a great team spirit.



Ladies 1st XI pose after another victory!

Women's 2nd XI, Izzy Smith

This season started off with many new additions to the ladies two's team. Some of which were complete beginners, some of which had played quite a bit, but all were enthusiastic both on and off the pitch. We did not however have the best start to the season. So far we have only had one win, were knocked out straight away in the BUCS cup, and worst of all lost to the medics 0:7. Numbers attending training however have increased and team morale is still high.

I am optimistic about next term, as many of our games were very close and we seem to have been plagued by illness so are going to make a miraculous come back both in ULU and BUCS.

Club-Captain's Comment, Chris Baker-Brian



The 2008/2009 hockey season got off to a fantastic start back in October with a record turnout at our freshers' trials, thanks to the hard work of the exec and captains in recruiting some awesome new talent at freshers' fair. On the field, ICHC continues to go from strength to strength. Increased membership numbers and a new international level coach working with the Men's 1s, 2s and Ladies 1s has already started to produce some great results against the top teams in London and the South-East.

We have been particularly lucky to gain some significant sponsorship from Merrill Lynch for the current season. They have been very generous in organising a free Christmas lunch for our members, as well as keeping the cost of freshers' tour and general club activities as low as possible. I would personally like to thank them for their support and look forward to working with them in the future.

Particular highlights on the social side have been our annual "freshers' tour" to Brighton (well attended by both new and current members) where President Mark entertained the freshers with his dancing skills. Pub Golf and Curry Nights have been well attended by everyone in the club and the prospect of an epic tour to India in the summer of 2009 has got everyone talking!

I hope you have enjoyed reading more about your previous teams and keep those dates free for president's day, mixed tournament and the annual dinner – I hope to see you there!

Imperial Hockey Club Alumni Fund

What is it?

The ICHC Alumni Fund is a means for Alumni to support the Club and promote connectivity between Alumni and current members through small annual contributions.

Club finances are always tight and extremely sensitive to small changes in circumstances, for example this year the club was unable to attract sponsorship which meant reducing coaching and other important expenditure which has an impact on performance. Moreover, over the years, connectivity between current members has waned, and this has been a priority for the Club to address through the appointment of an Alumni Relations position on the Executive committee, but there is still more to be done.

The Fund has been established to help address both of these issues. A small committee has been put together to run the Fund and important principles have been established.

What are the principles?

1. Departing members of the Club and Alumni will be invited to set up annual direct debits for the 1 July every year for £20 (leaving students will be able to defer the first payment until the following year)
2. Funds will be spent that satisfy the following criteria:
 - i. Must be spent on activities that benefit all Club members (e.g., the fund will not subsidise tours that only a subset of members attend)
 - ii. Existing sources of funding have already been pursued by the Club
3. Funds may also be used that act as a catalyst to promote connectivity
4. The Club will apply formally for consideration by the committee for funds
5. Contributors to the Fund will receive annual accounts, details of expenditure and other benefits to be determined (e.g., reduced annual dinner tickets)

Who is on the committee?

Eric Wratten [Chairman] – Club Captain (1996-97)

Claire Lambert [Treasurer] – Fixtures Secretary (1996–97); Qualified accountant and Director of Deloitte

Mark Robertson [Secretary] – Current ICHC President; Club Captain (1997-8); Mens 1st XI Captain (1996-7)

What to do next?

1. Fill in the form on the next page (please use your surname as the reference)
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Imperial College Hockey Club Treasurer

c/o Student Activities Centre

Imperial College Union

Beit Quad

Prince Consort Road

London

SW7 2BB

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