

Dear VPs

Welcome to the March edition of the CHC newsletter for VPs. If you have any news to include in the next one, please send it to chicken@freerangemarketing.com

More and more, we are relying on electronic communication to distribute news to our members and VPs. If you are able to receive this newsletter by email, please email chicken@freerangemarketing.com

Happy reading!

PS – If you don't have access to email, please call Rachel on 01242 519 184 / 07788 567 604 with any questions or suggestions.

**VP DAY
& DINNER
DANCE**

Saturday 4th April

As last year was such a success, we have decided to host the VP Day on the same date as the annual Dinner Dance. Coincidentally, the Ladies 1s and 2s are playing at home that day, which should provide added entertainment. The itinerary has yet to be confirmed, but is estimated to be:

- 11am: Last league game for Ladies 1s Vs Taunton Vale
- 12.30pm: Last league game for Ladies 2s Vs Devizes
- 12.30pm: VPs meet at the Clubhouse for a buffet lunch and a chance to catch up with familiar faces
- 2pm: VP XI Vs Presidents XI

The Dinner Dance will take place in the Regency Suite of the Queens Hotel, Cheltenham, on the evening of Saturday 4th April 2009. Ticket price will be just £25.00 and will include a 3-course meal with disco. We have also negotiated a reduced room rate for CHC members, at £89.00 B&B per room. It would be fantastic if this year's more central location might encourage a number of VPs to attend the event.

Please register for the VP Day by emailing chicken@freerangemarketing.com
If you are interested in playing in the "friendly", please contact David.Fielding@thales-ts.com

To book your Dinner Dance tickets, please email sophyj@hotmail.com

VP PROFILES

We would really like to encourage our VPs to complete a Player Spotlight form here: <http://www.chelthockey.org/spotlight/submit.php>. A few brave VPs have done so, which can be viewed by clicking here <http://www.chelthockey.org/vice-presidents.php> and selecting "VP List". Those VPs whose names are underlined, have submitted a player profile. Please join the fun!

SUCCESS!

Men's 3As

Congratulations to the Men's 3As who have secured promotion into the league above, even though the season is far from over. Great effort!

<p style="text-align: center;">LATEST LEAGUE POSITIONS</p>	<p>With the season nearly at a close, CHC is, on the whole, doing well this year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's 1s – sitting in 6th place (of 12), having played 18, won 8, drawn 3 and lost 7 • Men's 2s – sitting in 3rd place (of 12), having played 18, won 11, drawn 4 and lost 3 • Men's 3s – sitting in 2nd place (of 12), having played 18, won 14, drawn 1 and lost 3 • Men's 3As – sitting in 1st place (of 12), having played 18, won 16, drawn 1 and lost 1 • Castlers – sitting in 11th place (of 12), having played 18, won 3, drawn 1 and lost 14 • Ladies 1s – sitting in 6th place (of 12), having played 14, won 7, drawn 1 and lost 6 • Ladies 2s – sitting in 3rd place (of 12), having played 15, won 10, drawn 1 and lost 4 • Ladies 3s - sitting in 3rd place (of 10), having played 15, won 9, drawn 1 and lost 5 <p>Don't forget that you can view full results on our website: www.chelthockey.org</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TWITTER</p>	<p>For those who can't get enough of technology, CHC is now on Twitter. Sign up on our home page today!</p> <p>For those not in the know, Twitter is a social networking service that allows its users to send and read other users' updates (known as tweets), which are text-based posts of up to 140 characters in length.</p> <p>Updates are displayed on the user's profile page and delivered to other users who have signed up to receive them. Senders can restrict delivery to those in their circle of friends (delivery to everyone being the default). Users can receive updates via the Twitter website, SMS, RSS, or through applications such as TwitterMobile, Tweetie, Twinkle, Twiterrific, Feedalizr, Facebook, and Twidget, a widget application.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CHC 100 CLUB</p>	<p>Thanks to everyone who is taking part in the CHC 100 Club. It's set to raise at least £300 for the club this year!</p> <p>The draws for October and November were done at the race night in early November. The draws for December and January were done on 24th January, and the February and March draws will take place at the club social on 7th March. The April and Jackpot draw will take place at the Dinner Dance.</p> <p>October Winners: Paul Holbrook, Chris Hoskins, Kim Cook November Winners: Frankie Mayes, Taran Evans, Izzy Shayle December Winners: Lucy Cape, Sue Bayley, Neil Stewart January Winners: Chris Hoskins, Simon Padley, Corrie Farrel</p> <p>There are still some numbers available, so if you would like to get involved, click here: http://www.chelthockey.org/cheltenham-100-club.php</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CHC IN THE PRESS</p>	<p>You will notice that thanks to a concerted effort from all of the teams to submit a match report, CHC is well represented in the hockey section of the Echo every Thursday. If you missed it, the enlightening, long-winded and usually very entertaining match reports can be found in the news section of the website: www.chelthockey.com/news.</p> <p>Also, please note that www.southwestsportsnews.com has really increased its hockey coverage and regularly features CHC. Log on as often as you can, as this will keep hockey on the front pages of this news portal.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BAR MANAGER</p>	<p>Due to work commitments, Pete Hay has had to step down from his position as bar manager, and the committee would like to thank Pete for all of his hard work. In the meantime, Daisy Noble is caretaking the position, however we urgently require a new bar manager. Do you have the skills and desire to manage the CHC Bar? If you are interested in this position, please contact ddnoble@hotmail.com</p>

<h2 style="text-align: center;">UMPIRE LIAISON OFFICER</h2>	<p>I would like to introduce you all to Darren Artus, our club Umpire Liaison Officer. You can contact Darren on darren.artus@gmail.com</p> <p>Over the coming weeks Darren will be in touch with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the club's qualified umpires to get their umpiring availability - people who are in the process of qualifying as an umpire, to help you get qualified - those who have shown an interest in umpiring in the future <p>If you don't hear from Darren, but are interested in umpiring or learning to umpire, please contact him directly.</p>
<h2 style="text-align: center;">FIXTURES</h2>	<p>All upcoming fixtures can be found here http://www.chelthockey.org/fixtures.php however for your convenience, here are a list of upcoming home fixtures:</p> <p>Saturday 07 March 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's 1sts v Exeter University A, Premier Division, 2:00pm Balcarras • Ladies 1sts v ISCA Dragons, Premier Division 1, 11:00am Balcarras • Ladies 2nds v City of Bath, North Division, 12:30pm Balcarras • Men's 3As v Hereford B, Hereford and Gloucester 2, TBD St Edwards • Men's Castlers v Winchcombe, Hereford and Gloucester 2, 3:30pm Balcarras <p>Saturday 14 March 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ladies 1sts v Lansdown, Premier Division 1, 11:00am Balcarras • Men's 2nds v Bristol and West A, North Division, 2:00pm Balcarras • Ladies 2nds v Colwall and Malvern, North Division, 12:30pm Balcarras • Ladies 3rds v Wotton-Under-Edge, Severn Division 2, TBD Somewhere • Men's 3As v Lansdown B, Hereford and Gloucester 2, 3:30pm Balcarras <p>Saturday 21 March 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men's 1sts v ICSA, Premier Division, 2:00pm Balcarras • Ladies 2nds v Team Bath Buccs 3, North Division, 12:30pm Balcarras • Men's 3rds v Cleevillians, Hereford and Gloucester 1, TBD St Edwards • Ladies 3rds v Cirencester 2, Severn Division 2, 3:30pm Balcarras • Cheltenham D v Men's 3As, Hereford and Gloucester 2, 11:00am Balcarras • Men's Castlers v Cheltenham C, Hereford and Gloucester 2, 11:00am Balcarras <p>Saturday 28 March 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chelt Boys Badgers v Wotton-Under-Edge, Badgers Circle, 2:00pm Balcarras <p>Saturday 04 April 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ladies 1sts v Taunton Vale, Premier Division 1, 11:00am Balcarras • Ladies 2nds v Devizes, North Division, 12:30pm Balcarras
<h2 style="text-align: center;">CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES!</h2>	<p>CHC is targeting local businesses to get involved in the CHC website. If you know of a company who would like to be listed in our 'Preferred list of local suppliers' page, please email chicken@freerangemarketing.com</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold - £100: Includes company description, contact details and weblink. Plus become key sponsor of one of our monthly newsletters. Plus opportunity to offer discount to CHC members • Silver - £50: Includes company description, contact details and weblink. Plus opportunity to offer discount to CHC members • Bronze - £25: Includes weblink and opportunity to offer discount to CHC members <p>Please note that larger sponsorship packages are available. Please contact chicken@freerangemarketing.com for more information.</p>

<p>WEB UPDATES</p>	<p>Our website continues to go from strength to strength, with new information being added daily. You can track our latest fixtures and results, as well news updates from the club and recent press coverage. Please visit: http://www.chelthockey.org/</p>
<p>NEWS FROM THE WHA</p>	<p>The West Hockey Association is again seeking to appoint a number of coaches to work at the Junior Regional Performance Centres (JRPCs). The JRPCs are the regional level structures for the development of high performance in each region of England and have replaced the system of regional squads as part of the Single System for Hockey. There are two JRPCs in the West - Exeter and Bristol. For 2009 there will be four age groups – U15, U16, U17 & I8. (boys and girls) . The JRPCs and represent an excellent opportunity for all hockey coaches to work with these staff in both leading and assisting roles. Please send your expression of interest to the West Hon Sec. Val Harding at: valerie_harding@lineone.net</p> <p>Level One Coaching Assistant Award Courses May/June 2009: The programme of Level One Coaching Assistant Award courses to be held in the region at the end of this season is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 27, 30, 31 May at Bath University & Royal High School, Bath - 12, 14, 21 June at Heathfield School, Taunton, Somerset - 24, 27, 28 June at Isambard Community School, Swindon, Wiltshire - 25, 27, 28 June at Truro School, Truro, Cornwall <p>All courses cost £140. Midweek session is 6.30pm – 9.30pm and weekend days are 10am – 6pm. Closing date for applications is 6 weeks prior to the course start. Contact West@englandhockey.org</p> <p>Anyone needing to do a Safeguarding and Protecting Children, 1st Aid, Equity etc. course, check the Active Gloucestershire website (http://www.activegloucestershire.org), go to 'Courses' and the application forms can be downloaded from there. If you have recently completed a course please photocopy your certificates and give them to petermillen@blueyonder.co.uk.</p>
<p>NEWS FROM THE HA</p>	<p>The England Hockey National Awards Dinner takes place on Saturday 16th May. Please help to really celebrate our volunteers: http://www.englandhockey.co.uk/survey/survey.asp?survey=20010010. The more people who partake in voting the better! If you feel you know of someone who really deserves a BIG NIGHT OUT and a very special award, please nominate them.]</p> <p>The BBC is producing a new series, Last Woman Standing, and is looking for applications from female hockey players. Do you think you might have what it takes? Are you at the peak of physical fitness? Do you have a thirst to explore some of the most remote places on the planet? Have you a desire to live with and learn from traditional tribal communities? The selection of countries and sports will test you to the limit...If you are answering 'Yes!' and would be available from the middle of May to the beginning of September 2009, then please go to the BBC's website www.bbc.co.uk/lastmanstanding and follow the steps to apply. Good luck!</p> <p>England Hockey is preparing to welcome its 1000th member – will it be you? In special recognition, our 1000th member will receive a superb joining bonus. In addition to a year's free membership when they renew, the lucky 1000th member will be given the choice of either a £50 Barrington Sports hockey voucher or a free ticket to Hockey's Big Night Out in May! Click here for more info: www.englandhockey.co.uk/membership</p> <p>England Hockey's Directors will be taking to the road again in 2009 and will be visiting Taunton first, on Thursday, 5th March. The focus of this year's Roadshows will be England Hockey's 2009–2013 Strategy. Great Britain's Head Coaches Jason Lee and Danny Kerry will also be there, reflecting on their Beijing experiences. All members of affiliated clubs are very welcome to attend – this is your chance to voice your opinions and give us your feedback! Find out more about dates and locations by visiting www.englandhockey.co.uk/roadshows09</p>