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UoM Ultimate Frisbee Club | Semester 1 11/12

Tom Coxon 11/12 President



The first semester of 2011/12 has proven to be yet another successful one for Halcyon. As well as achieving top 5 finishes at both Mixed and Open Indoor Nationals, the club has recruited a healthy number of promising and eager beginners who we hope will sculpt the club's future. We have also unveiled a new online shop, in partnership with Onlinekit.co.uk, which allows members to purchase leisurewear items year-round. Finally, our new playing kit, designed by Scimitar Sports, should be arriving imminently.

Here's to hoping that 2012 continues where 2011 left off.

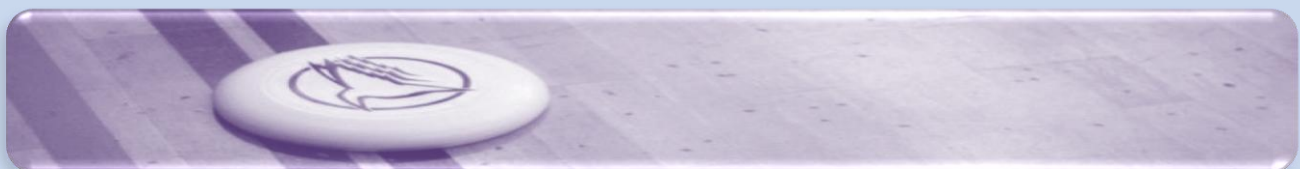


Jake Aspin 11/12 Captain



So the university season kicked off again with the usual hustle and bustle of indoors. After losing a lot of key figures from the previous year we wondered how we were going to cope with the ever growing standard that is university ultimate. We had a great run up to nationals with everyone picking up our style of play very well and narrowly lost out in the final of open nationals to Uriel (Exeter). But overall we played some wonderful frisbee and having taken 2 silvers and a bronze from our last 3 outings to indoor nationals this makes us one of

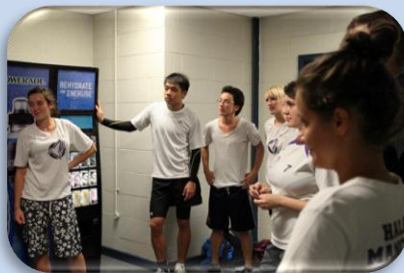
the most consistent teams in the country. The outdoor season will be very exciting and I think we are in with a great chance of winning and hopefully getting a halcyon best - finishing above 7th! Our open squad has been picked and I'm looking forward to the challenge of trying to control the rabble that is our men's squad.



Avi Walerius
11/12 Open Coach



This year's indoor season has matched our most successful ever in terms of silverware which has been a fantastic achievement for the squad. I don't think it's too insulting to say that our team this year is not quite as talented as last and yet we still did better than them! This is down to the hard work the squad put in week in week out at training and warm-up tournaments. We really pushed each other to improve all season and it showed on the pitch at nationals. Lateness to training was virtually eliminated (unless you were Danbot) due to the infamous "black mark" system. The more positive "win marks" were hotly contested between Jack Noble and Coddy, really the only thing we learnt from them was that Coddy was much better than Matt at winning training games. Let the record show that as per the agreed deal between the squad, Danbot (most late) needs to dress up in women's clothing and present an award to Coddy (most winningest). I hope Danbot is not so conveniently absent from the end of year party as he was for the Christmas one and can perform his duties like a man.



With at least 10 beginners starting this year and 6 girls coming from a year in America, Halcyenne now have a very impressive 30 girls! A quiet first semester led to a very busy first two weeks in the second semester. In January we took a team to Club Nationals to warm up for Uni Regionals last weekend. Impressively, we were the only team in northern regionals (and probably England) to enter 3 teams into this tournament. With the first team coming third after losing their semi final to the eventual tournament winners and so qualifying for nationals and the second and third team improving incredibly throughout the weekend, it was a brilliant weekend for everybody. With indoor nationals in March and the outdoor season approaching, Halcyenne have a very busy few months ahead!



Emma Parle
11/12 Women's Captain



Matthew Codd
11/12 Women's Coach



This year promises to be an exciting one for Halcyenne. With more training time and fitness than previous years, the experienced girls show no sign of stopping - and I'm staggered each week by the beginners' progress. After an annoying close loss in the regionals semi-final (we've all been there), squeezing in more work in the next few weeks means the girls should be going to nationals very hopeful indeed. What's more, the current work rate and amount of time before outdoors adds up to an exceptional strong and large outdoor squad; the strength in depth this year is incredible.

Halcyon has enjoyed a good first semester with regards to practicing the art of being social. September was chock full of socials, from the bumper 5th Anniversary party to several AU trips and 5th Ave visits in September. These all succeeded in incorporating a strong cadre of beginners into the club. The Christmas social was held at the Oxford followed by a night at Sankeys, and proved to be a massive success. However, I failed to pick up the number of socials as I had promised in the previous newsletter and at the AGM, but this will hopefully have changed in the coming months with nights out to Parrswood and our final AU amongst other events that are planned. In conclusion this year's cadre of beginners have once again proved to be the lifeblood of the club's social scene, and with more socials planned up until the end of term, hopefully Halcyon will once again enjoy a great period in the club's history on and off the pitch.



James Lawlor 11/12 Social Sec.



Will Pett 11/12 Treasurer



So far this year has been fantastic on the pitch but also off the pitch. Big thanks to all those who volunteered their time to sell AU tickets last semester, not only has it helped raise funds for the club but it also made our AU nights bigger and better! Despite a few people being (very) late with membership fees, generally people are keeping on top of what they owe which makes my job a lot easier. Special mention, however, must go to Mr David Todd who last semester was the most punctual member in terms of paying fees. He receives the all-new 'Treasurer's Prize' for 2011 and wins a handshake with President Coxon.

Beginner's view

Anthony Lock
11/12 Beginner



After starting Frisbee in September I have found a new sport to love. Not only is it a fantastic sport, the people I have met are amazing. The first semester for me included learning how to play the game and some local beginners tournaments and playing in the 3rd team at regionals. These tournaments were definitely the highlights so far, the combination of playing this new sport and some very fun nights out, what more could you want?



Recap: what's new?

Starting with the design and order of the '5th anniversary' discs at the end of summer, the committee then went on to unveil a new online leisurewear shop (Onlinekit.co.uk), open to the members all year-round. But the most important novelty is probably our new kit, designed in partnership with Scimitar Sports. The club is developing rapidly, but there is still room for new ideas. Would you like to get involved? Have you considered applying for a committee position? Stay tuned, as the date of our AGM will be announced shortly!



2nd Semester – Outdoor season – key dates

10-11 March: **Open Outdoor Regionals**

17-18 March: **Mixed Outdoor Nationals**

31 July – 6 April: **I Love Tour**

21-22 April: **Open, Women & Alumni Outdoor Nationals**