The Argonaut

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Mens 1st VIII in Zagreb for European Universities

Hello and a warm welcome to all friends and alumni of GUBC and GULBC. This is the start of what we intend to become a regular newsletter sent out to everyone to keep you informed of everything going on at GUBC.

with this we also hope it to be the beginning of increased and better relations between the current members of GUBC and all of you who have been associated with the club in some way shape or form in the past. What follows is a short summary of how GUBC got on last year and an overview of what the Club intends to achieve over the coming year.

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Last season saw the return of George Warnock (fellow Argonaut) to the coaching setup at Glasgow University. The year began with strong results through the winter head season across all squads. These results culminated in GUBC winning the Scottish Universities Winter League.

The spring saw two crews going down to WEHORR and three to HORR, results were not as great as we would have liked and the Easter break saw all squads looking to find something extra for the sprint season. This included the ladies squad heading over to Berlin to train at a club member's home club for the week.

The summer arrived and the BUSA regatta over the May Day holiday saw GUBC holding their own on home water, with the regatta being held at Strathclyde Park. There was success in the Men's Junior IVs and Quads with Silver and Bronze medals won respectively. But the highlight came on the Sunday with the Men's VIII getting Silver in the Championship VIIIs.

This success subsequently led to the VIII getting invited to row for GB Universities at the European Universities Rowing Championships in Zagreb, Croatia.

The following weekend was our annual Boat Race against Edinburgh where the achievements of BUSA were drawn on for the guys to win a ninth successive race in a row, here's hoping for 10 this season. This was backed up by two further wins and a victory in the overall fixture by 3 to 2.

The end of the Scottish summer season saw multiple victories at the Scottish Championships including the Championship VIIIs and IVs.

Ladies 1st VIII Racing at this years's Boat Race

This form was then taken down south to Metropolitan Regatta. The Saturday saw an outstanding performance from the top IV in S1 IVs finishing 3rd in a time of 6.33.71. Sunday also saw a strong IVs performance with the 3rd IV getting to the final of S2 IVs and beating Edinburghs 1st IV .

1st IV in Action at Met

With encouraging results hopes were high heading down to Henley Royal Regatta, with the IV as the top boat in the Prince Albert and the remainder of the squad making a Temple VIII. With the IV pre-qualified it was the VIII who went down on the Friday to try and qualify. With conditions very unfavourable and a bad row the boys missed out on a place in the Regatta.

Despite this disappointment everyone stayed around to cheer on the IV for the week, and it seemed to work. The boys made easy work of their first two races, including a winning verdict of easily against Edinburgh, to earn a place in Saturday's semi-finals.

A much bigger stronger Newcastle crew coped better with the conditions and won the race and went on to win the event the following day. Two of the successful IV and their cox were in action again later on in the summer after being selected for Scotland at the Home International Regatta.

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The Future

Last year saw great success across the board and we all want to see that continue this year. George has agreed to stay on and coach and he has brought in Fergus Walker to assist with the ladies squad.

This weekend saw the first of the many races of the winter head season and with it good results for many crews. With many athletes staying on from last year and a new crop of novices coming through, there are encouraging signs for the year ahead for all squads.

As far as bringing new blood in to the club goes, novice recruitment was made top priority at this year's freshers fayre and already there seems to be strong competition for places in both the male and female squads.

Relationships with the University Sports Association (GUSA) have been getting stronger and this year they have agreed to buy a new coxless four/quad and scull along with new sculls.

This is all part of a five year equipment replacement plan to overhaul the fleet. This is fantastic news and a step in the right direction; however the University can only assist so much due to financial restraints.

It is GUBC's intention that by building stronger links with its alumni it can move towards fundraising events and an agreement whereby the Argonauts can assist in the continual development of the club.

This already happens to an extent and all at the Club are extremely grateful for this support, but for GUBC to continue achieving this support needs to grow.

In return for a small contribution to the Argonauts, who will put all these funds towards GUBCs development, you will be kept up to date with our activities and successes while also invited to attend all Club events throughout the year.

This starts with the upcoming Club dinner on Saturday 22nd November at 6.30pm in the Glasgow University Union. We hope as many of you can come and join us while also using it as an opportunity to catch up with old friends. For more details please see **www.glasgowubc.com** or call Gordon Du Cane, Club Captain, 07809 897 437.

GUBC Do Inverness!

Results

Saturday 1st November saw GUBC out racing for the first time this season. Conditions were ideal with flat water and clear skies. A strong performance from the Mens 1st IV saw them bring home victory in Mens R1 in a time of 18.40. GUBC Ladies had a good performance, finising a respectable 4th in Womens R2.

Notable mention must go to the novice guys however, first time racing and all subjected to two 5k races despite never venturing beyond the 2k bridge previously!

All managed to complete without equipment failure, all looks good for the trip up north to Inverness next weekend. GUBC were also winners of the overall University prize son well done all who competed.

GUBC made the long trip up north to Inverness this Saturday (8th November). Upon entering the Highlands we were blessed with blue skies and sunshine all day. The Mens Open 4+ (Graham, Bloomfield, Thoms, Croll, Templeton cox) successfully defended GUBC's title and with it the prized Antlers, awarded for the fastest coxed four of the day. The Ladies squad also managed 2nd in Women's R2 and Novice classes.

The racing also saw all novice crews get out racing and encouraging performances were had by all, despite fending off attacks from other less sporting Universities the Boys all came away with respectable results while the Ladies had great performances including one boat holding its own despite being put in WR2.

CLUB DINNER

The GUBC Club dinner is here, and you are all invited. This year it will be held on 22nd November at 6.30pm in the Glasgow University Union. We will of course be having a three course sit down meal, this will then be followed by a speech from our Guest of Honour for the eveing, Dr. Kenneth Grossart, a GUBC member from the late 1930s and 40s. Along with this we will be having the usual prize giving, raffle and puch cermony as well as a ceilidh. Tickets cost £27 and can be paid for on the door but If you are planning on attending you must inform us before hand so we can confirm numbers. Please contact either:

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