



Edinburgh University Basketball Club

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Alumni Newsletter

A biannual newsletter to keep you updated on all aspects of EUBC



Men's Second Team vs. Men's First Team

Dear Edinburgh University Basketball Club alumni, current members, and other basketball enthusiasts,

This year the EUBC is hitting a huge milestone, we are turning 70 years old. In these long amazing years we have had some great times together: big wins, fierce competitions, lifelong friendships... and now is the time to celebrate!

Last year was yet another successful one for the books. Moreover, the club is on the verge of some big changes and improvements. So keep reading to find out how the club is doing and how the alumni can get involved this year.

Yours truly,

Kai-Brith Kalda (Alumni Officer)

Nikki Sutton-MacGregor (Publicity Officer)

Achievements and big events

This has been another exciting and competitive year for EUBC. All of our teams did an amazing job and their hard work paid off to achieve some fantastic results.

Our Men's Teams had a successful year with both our first and second teams competing in BUCS 1A and the third team competing in BUCS 3A. The firsts not only finished first in the league, but also remained undefeated in the league. They made it to Round 3 of the BUCS Trophy. Our seconds had a considerable amount of success considering they were the only second team competing in this league and finished fifth in the league. Our thirds worked hard throughout the season and finished third in their league and made it to Round 4 of the BUCS Trophy, the furthest any EUBC team made it last year.

Our Women's Teams also had a fantastic year with all three women's teams making it to Round 3 in the BUCS Trophy. Our first team finished second in BUCS Premier North. Like our men's firsts, our seconds remained undefeated in league play and finished first in BUCS 1A. Our thirds finished first in BUCS 3A and have since moved to Scottish 2A this year.

Many of our BUCS players also play on National League teams. Our men's national league team finished 9th and our women's national league finished third and won the Scottish Cup Final as well as the Play-Offs.

Social Events

The social aspect has always played an important role in the club as it brings all of our teams closer together and creates a tight knit community of players. In addition to team bonding nights, socials, and a commitment to watch all our teams play, there are three big social events throughout the year. These are the 3v3 tournament, the Christmas Dinner, and the End of Year Ceilidh.

The 3v3 tournament has become one of our most popular events bringing new and returning club members together in a friendly competition. It has also proven to be one of our biggest fundraisers which helps promote the awareness of the club among students. This year we have expanded it to include alumni, which we hope you all take part in, to make it the biggest event yet.



Winners of this years 3v3 tournament

This year our Christmas Dinner was held at Three Sisters and was a great chance for all the teams in the club to reconnect and celebrate the holidays before returning home at the end of the semester. It was such a great chance to see everyone and take a break from studying for exams.



Christmas Dinner at Three Sisters

The end of year ceilidh has always been such a fun way to end the season and this year was no different. One of our alumni and now W3 coach, Sam, was the caller and lead an amazing ceilidh that everyone who participated loved. It was a great way for our international players to learn some traditional Scottish dances and for all of the players to celebrate the end of their seasons.



Some players posing for a photo before the ceilidh began

How can alumni get involved this year?

Alumni Day

This year we are introducing a new tradition that will hopefully become an annual event: the Alumni Day.

All current members, alumni, and other basketball enthusiasts are invited to this year's Alumni Day on April 6th, 2019.

The day will start off with a 3v3 tournament - an event that has been a significant part of every semester's EUBC social calendar. This spring it will be bigger than ever. So get your pals together and show everyone else how basketball should be played. The winning team will get an exciting prize.

Between the tournament and the ceilidh there will be time for dinner where you can catch up with all your friends from the university times at your favourite pub or restaurant.

In the evening everyone will be welcome to attend the EUBC end of the year ceilidh. Bring out your best dancing shoes and fancy dress and come celebrate with your fellow basketball mates. It is an event you do not want to miss!

If you are interested in receiving further information about the Alumni Day, then please let us know [here](#). Leaving your information does not oblige you to anything, it just gives us an opportunity to contact you again. You will be able to withdraw from the mailing list at any point.

Financial help

EUBC would greatly appreciate any financial help you are able to give. Your donation can help the club grow and improve, offering the current members experience of the lifetime. You can make a donation [here](#).

Thank you!

Getting to know the club...

We interviewed a few key member of EUBC community to give you a small insight.

You can find the interviews with the current president of EUBC, the Head of Performance Basketball and the former coach from the EUBC [website](#).

Sneak peek

In the spring edition we are looking to include the favourite EUBC memories of current members and alumni. You will be able to read about how successful our teams were this season and get an overview of the main social events.

Please feel free to send your best memories and photos from your university times to basketball.alumni@ed.ac.uk and do not forget to sign up for mailing list [here](#) to receive further information about the Alumni Day.

We would also appreciate any comments and ideas. What would you like to read about in the next issue?

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