

Welcome...

...to the Haze Christmas Newsletter. Every Semester, Haze like to sum things up for everyone in an aesthetically pleasing package. If you didn't already know this term has been pretty awesome so read on for some good memories.

A Fresh Start

This term Haze has seen its experienced players pull out some amazing performances. However, all the freshers came out all guns blazing showing they are ready to live up to the Haze name.

The team rocked up to the Bazaar with amazing fresher T-shirts courtesy of Pumba (sorry Andrew), and Squash returning with his winning charm to grab the newbies. We gained a lot of interest despite being pushed in the corner and the first training session was packed with people ready for a year of Frisbee, socials, layouts and banter. Jen started the year smiling as Women became 25% of the club and started giving the guys a run for their money. Haze had assembled for the start another great year, now it was time for us to show the rest of the country that we are the team to beat.

The first tournament of the year didn't give us much time to prepare but nonetheless CAndy and JJ took teams up to Pudding Country for Sheffield Beginners. The beginners rolled up after only a couple of training sessions but apparently Uncle Coach had done a pretty good job. After losing their first game the team went undefeated all the way up to the final. As usual the Midlands were representing hard as UBU and Haze became the teams to beat resulting in an extremely tense final. Someone told JJ to break a leg and as usual he got confused and dislocated his shoulder instead. Peps stepped in and the game went to an all beginners universe point where UBU managed to get the better of us. Not bad for the first tournament of the year. During all this beginner awesomeness the experience guys decided to lead by example and also reached the final against UBU. Again UBU managed to edge out Haze but not bad for the first tournament of the year.



Loughborough Beginners

Loughborough Beginners is one of our biggest tournaments of the year and with four Haze teams taking part, this year was HUGE! Pudding made sure the tournament ran as smoothly as possible and an army of Captains showed the beginners how Haze play and party. All the teams pulled out amazing performances and Haze 4 made it all the way to the final. It was great to see the whole club down in David Wallace, including some oldies from last year, playing and supporting Haze. A lot of the beginners started to throw solid forehands and a couple of hammers even snuck out there. However, it wasn't a weekend of all work, no play, as The Northern Alliance and Decks on Fire threw one of the best socials of the year in Cogs. Haze came dressed as Greeks, Romans, Time travellers and Cavemen with varying degrees of success and I believe there was also some drinking. It was the perfect start to the year and the future was looking bright.

Indoor Regionals

This was the first serious tournament of the year, Haze 1 were after a place at nationals and Haze 2 wanted to show they were the best 2nd team.

Haze 1: Captain Andy

Haze 1 started the day of lightly, producing some solid performances against low seeded teams. As the competition got tougher Haze continued to perform taking the top seed in their group. The start of Sunday saw Haze 1 taking on OW! to grab a place in the final. This game was so tight and the team missed out in sudden death. However, the team beat Fling and Bears to come 2nd in the tournament. Oh, and Luke may have got a layout Callahan depending on who you play for. Haze had outperformed some great teams like Aye-Aye and Strange Blue as well, making this an amazing start to the season.



Haze 2: Captain JJ

Captain JJ led a strong 2nd team to a weekend of ups and downs. The team had a tough first day having to play Bears 1 and UBU 1 but this didn't stop them giving it their all. The team lost by a point to both TNT and Fling 2 after extremely tight games. The game of the weekend though was against Bears 1 where the team only lost by 2 points. The weekend continued with a lot of tight games but Haze two definitely managed to Fuck Shit Up while Having Fun! Final place 18th.

Mixed Indoor Regionals

Haze had a lot to live up to after the performance at Open Regionals. The other teams knew we were the guys to beat now it was time to show we had the girls to beat aswell.



Haze 1: Captain Andy

Andy and Jen had one thing on their minds at this tournament and that was winning. It started well with a lot of easy wins. Medic and Ally spent a large amount of the game against Fling 2 trying to score between them. Phil was infiltrated by Caitlin, whatever that means, it managed to motivate him to score some points. Things got a bit tougher as the team lost to Aye Aye later on the Saturday. They returned on the Sunday to beat OW! in a very close game and went on to be regional champions! Yeah Haze!

Haze 2: Underground Captain Luke

The 2nd team were graced with Luke's presence this weekend as he Captained another strong team. The girls on the team were mostly freshers but Fling 1 would probably struggle to believe that after they matched them in the 2nd game of the tournament. Meanwhile Pumba ate a Toffee Crisp. After an unlucky loss to Jesters and a tough game against Bears the team finished the day 10th. The team then went undefeated on Sunday. The plate final against Demons was going to be tough but apparently the girls had it down. Katie's hat-trick and an all girls point led the team to become Plate winners.

Friendlies

After our amazing performances at Regionals the team wanted to get pumped for nationals. As a result we organised some friendlies against local teams.

Flux

This was a great chance for our Open, Mixed and Womens teams to play against a very competitive team. The open team played first and comfortably won. This game gave us a chance to try out some ISO and other ideas and was great prep for Nationals. The mixed team also performed well winning there game as well. The womens game was a much closer affair. Katie and Caitlin temporarily lost their minds and played for the enemy but our fresher women put everything they had learnt into action. Captain Jen looked proud at the end of the game despite the loss.

UBU

The Haze women had a visit from UBU and after a joint training session it was time for a game. Apparently beating UBU wasn't enough for Haze so they decided to get a tasty Bagel as well. Final score 7 maybe 8-0!

Nationals

Haze had been on fire at Regionals and now it was time for them to take on the rest of the country.



Open: Captain Andy

Haze were ready for a tough weekend and started off beating Leeds in sudden death. They then went on to top their group and after a very tight pool ended up playing for a place in the top 8. Unfortunately the team lost to Disc Doctors but with 9th place on their minds they pulled out some amazing performances. It seemed like Phil had finally got everybody wanting it. Haze managed to beat Mythago after losing to them the day before and were the only team to beat National Champions Uriel. Final place 10th! Underground Nationals Champions.

Mixed: Captain Andy and Jen

The team had to represent the Midlands at this tournament after the win at regionals and after our wins against Flux they were feeling good. Haze started with some dynamic ISO which resulted in them trouncing UCL 12-3. Despite great D a layout from Squash didn't stop a slightly over confident side losing to Cork in the 2nd game. The team pulled all the stops out for the rest of Saturday. Luke got a massive piece allowing Jen to score a Callahan and then Caitlin and Phil threw some huge hammers to the endzone. Jen then decided a Callahan wasn't enough and got a layout score aswell! On the Sunday tight D from Rosie against Sublime was praised. Also Kev threw a disc away (very rare) but then layed out to redeem himself. Great performance from the team all weekend meant Haze finished 10th!

Womens Nottingham Beginners



Haze: Captain Jen

Jen assembled as many beginners as were available and headed over to Nottingham for the first womens tournament of the year. After a big recruitment drive our women were looking strong and were keen to impress. The rest of the team know little about the weekend but we know they won!

Socials

While memories of these may be hazy (not-intended) the Northern Alliance have thrown some pretty awesome socials all term.

We started as we do every year with our team colours and some stupid games. This year we learnt JJ can stand on one leg for a lot longer than everyone thought (I think it was 9 seconds!) and that Kieran can't eat as many crackers as he says.

Loughborough Beginners



Even King of fancy dress Brad came back for this one and Pudding spent the whole night shouting Great Scott! Every single member of Haze was in fancy dress and we put the rest of the teams to shame. Thanks to Decks on Fire for providing a whole night of perfect cheese!

Haze have been to a lot of Hey Ewe's this year in fact probably everyone in some form. Peach and Puds have been managing to come up with ideas for standard nights as well. The Guys and Gals social caused a bit of gender rivalry and rubix cube saw us all looking very colourful.



Pub Golf

Everyone put on their best checkered trousers and visors to compete against the rest of the Uni in pub golf. Its very impressive that no one in this picture has drinks in hand, the AU would be proud guys!



Our whiteboard social was massive as always. A night full of banter and poorly drawn boobs on pretty much everyone. We even went to the Lolcanoe on BBC 1 after we grabbed a local news presenter in Cogs.



The Christmas social was the perfect way to round out the term. Luke did some classic layout bowling and Caitlin managed to push most of her team down the lane. We then filled our stomachs with a Toby Carvery and Jen put a sneaky twist on secret santa. Whats important to remember is that Kev owns a potty and bib and Jack has painting teklers!

Nicknames

As always there have been some members who have done either something amazing or something stupid in order to earn a nickname. Whether you like them or not they are yours forever, just ask Andrew Sellers, if you know who he is.

Twat-Nav
Neil/Mickey
Bubbles/JFK/Clinton/Reagan/Bush/Washington/Lincoln
Candy
Pink Shorts
This Guy
Medic
AHHH TIM KEENE!!!!

Things for Next Year!

The year has only just begun and there are some many big events heading your way in 2012

Socials!
Tour!!
Kit!!!
AGM!!!!
Outdoor Season!!!!!!
Haze Awards!!!!!!

Dates fo your Diary!

Open Outdoor Regionals - 10th/11th March (tbc)
Mixed Outdoor Nationals - 17th/18th March (tbc)
Open Outdoor Nationals - 21st/22nd April (Manchester)
(3rd/4th March - UWIN & Lemmings LUAU)

We're Still Here!

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And keep checking your emails!

After our performances at Indoors we are a very competitive team this year. Every beginner should be pushing for places on the teams at Outdoor Regionals but if you don't get picked keep the dates free for sideline. Its getting cold outside but outdoors is what Haze do so get some base layers and Want it!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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Lets make 2012 the year
of Haze!