



## Grand Masters

### Fàilte (Welcome)



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### About Glasgow

*"the friendliest  
city in the world"*

### About Scotland



## European Cup Glasgow 2017

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Scottish Veterans LX Hockey Club is proud to have been invited by WGMA to host the 6th Grand Masters European Cup 2017 in Glasgow. We are looking forward to a truly international gathering in this great city. With more than 50 teams, it will be Scotland's biggest ever hockey event.

You might have thought from the Tournament name that we would all be competing for one European Cup, but in fact there are 10 trophies to compete for across the different age groups. We have 11 different countries competing and even more countries represented in the Alliance teams. Our dear friends in Australia so much enjoyed our visit to their distant shores in 2016 that they are responding by coming in force to join in this festival of hockey. But, we are especially delighted to welcome official International teams from Women's Hockey for the inaugural Grand Masters European Cup for ladies.

Our headquarters and principal venue will be at the National Hockey Centre in the heart of Glasgow on Glasgow Green. This magnificent facility was built for the Commonwealth Games in 2014.

This is the first of 4 planned Newsletters to keep you all updated. If you would like us to include a feature on your team or stars from a team in a later edition our editor will be delighted to hear from you.

Meantime keep fit, keep playing happy hockey.



Glasgow is a city bursting with life, energy, passion and personality.

Scotland's largest and most vibrant city is home to an array of remarkable museums, visitor attractions and galleries – housing one of Europe's largest civic arts collections and a cutting edge contemporary arts scene that is envied across the globe.

From Mackintosh to Modern Art, dinosaurs to Dali, the Tall Ship to tearooms, beer to bowling, science to Scottish Football – the city's vast array of visitor attractions have something to suit every taste.

A great thing about Glasgow is its compact size, making it extremely easy for visitors to explore the city's diverse neighbourhoods and incredible range of built heritage and architecture, which spans Victorian and Art Nouveau to ultra-modern.

Lonely Planet describes Glasgow as 'a shopaholic's paradise' and home to 'the best and most eclectic dining city in Europe', whilst it was the city's vibrant arts and music scene which was singled out by National Geographic Traveller magazine when it named Glasgow as one of its 20 'Best of the World' destinations for 2016.

The city has also been voted the 'friendliest city in the world' in a Rough Guides poll, with Glaswegians renowned globally for their warm welcome, which is reflected in the city's award-winning **People Make Glasgow** brand.



*It [Scotland] is one of the most hauntingly beautiful places in the world, the history is fascinating, the men are handsome and the whisky is delicious. But don't eat the macaroni pies." J.K. Rowling, author of the Harry Potter books.*

To help you get the most from your visit we have included links to a number of websites in the **Useful Links** section of this Newsletter. Over the coming weeks we will be adding a Visitors Guide to the Tournament Website. If there's any particular information you would like to see included, please get in touch via the Tournament email address. Remember our Accommodation partners Crème Conferences can assist with travel as well as accommodation.

For more information go to the Tournament website at [www.EuroGM2017.com](http://www.EuroGM2017.com) or **Useful Links** at end of Newsletter





Teams & Competitions

European Cup

|             | Men O60s | Men O65s | Men O70s | Men O75s | Women O60s |
|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Australia   |          |          |          |          |            |
| Belgium     |          |          |          |          |            |
| England     |          |          |          |          |            |
| France      |          |          |          |          |            |
| Germany     |          |          |          |          |            |
| Ireland     |          |          |          |          |            |
| Italy       |          |          |          |          |            |
| Netherlands |          |          |          |          |            |
| Scotland    |          |          |          |          |            |
| Spain       |          |          |          |          |            |
| Wales       |          |          |          |          |            |

Tournament Trophy

|                     | Men O60s | Men O65s | Men O70s | Men O75s | Women O60s |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| Alliance A          |          |          |          |          |            |
| Alliance B          |          |          |          |          |            |
| LX Ladies           |          |          |          |          |            |
| LX Reds             |          |          |          |          |            |
| LX Whites           |          |          |          |          |            |
| Netherlands A       |          |          |          |          |            |
| Netherlands B       |          |          |          |          |            |
| Scottish Thistles   |          |          |          |          |            |
| Southern Cross Blue |          |          |          |          |            |
| Southern Cross Red  |          |          |          |          |            |
| Team Germany Gold   |          |          |          |          |            |
| Team Germany Reds   |          |          |          |          |            |
| Welsh Dragons       |          |          |          |          |            |

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|--------------|----|--------|---|--------|---|
| <b>Total</b> | 10 | 8 or 9 | 6 | 3 or 4 | 3 |
|--------------|----|--------|---|--------|---|

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|--------------|---|--------|---|--------|--------|
| <b>Total</b> | 9 | 6 or 7 | 4 | 1 or 2 | 2 or 3 |
|--------------|---|--------|---|--------|--------|

52 Entries confirmed      5 Entries to be confirmed

Dates

The Tournament will start on Saturday 19th August with the Opening Ceremony that afternoon and end on Sunday 27th August 2017. Some games may also be scheduled for the opening day.

Practice sessions will be available on Friday 18th August. Extra practice sessions can be made available on request.

Timeline

- 30 November 2016 – Team entries notified to WGMA ✓
- 31 December 2016 – Newsletter #1 ✓
- 01 February 2017 – Deadline for payment of entry fee
- 07 March 2017 – Competition structure & match schedules available
- 07 March 2017 – Newsletter #2
- 30 April 2017 – Newsletter #3
- 21 June 2017 – Deadline for Team Lists and Photographs for Tournament Programme
- 31 July 2017 – Newsletter #4 (final)

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**Venues**

The Tournament headquarters and principal venue will be at the **National Hockey Centre** situated on Glasgow Green, approximately 1.7 miles (35 minutes' walk) from George Square (Glasgow city centre).



**Glasgow National Hockey Centre**  
**8 King's Drive**  
**Glasgow G40 1HB**

Built specially for the Commonwealth Games in 2014, this magnificent facility has two water-based pitches.

Our second venue is only a short distance away at Clydesdale Hockey Club.



**Clydesdale Hockey Club**  
**Beaton Rd**  
**Glasgow G41 4LB**

The Club has a water based pitch and an excellent clubhouse and bar.

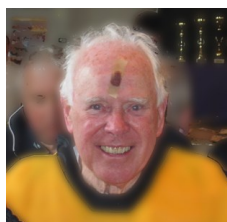
Both venues are well served by public transport and have on street parking close by.

**Tournament Director**

The Organising Committee are delighted to announce that we have been very fortunate to secure the services of Iain McKay as Technical Director for the Tournament. Iain has recently retired from his post as Deputy Headteacher of a Secondary School after 40 years in Education. For the past 16 years he has been actively involved as a Technical Official in Scotland, Europe and around the World. He is currently a trainer and educator for Technical Officials for the EHF and FIH and delivers courses for new judges and technical officers in Europe. Over the past few years he has been an official at a wide range of tournaments including the Olympics, Commonwealth Games, Indoor and Outdoor World Cups, Hockey India League and World Leagues. Within Europe he has been TD at EHF Club, Nation, Senior, Junior and EHL tournaments. Alongside all this, Iain is still an active player for East Kilbride Hockey Club.



**Chieftain Of the Games**



It is traditional at Highland Games throughout Scotland to appoint a Chieftain to oversee the Games and meet and greet the great and the good. The Organising Committee are adopting this tradition and are very pleased to announce George Black, whom a great many of you will know, as our Chieftain. At a mere 90 years of age, George boasts a long and distinguished hockey career which includes 49 full International Caps for Scotland and many, many more at Grand Masters.

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### Accommodation Partner



Crème Conferences have been appointed Accommodation Partners for the Tournament. They have a dedicated booking website for the Tournament and offer a hassle free service, a range of conveniently situated hotels and you will not get a better rate going direct to the hotels. If you find a hotel not listed on the booking site, contact them anyway – they may well be able to get you a good deal.

And remember, they can assist with travel as well as accommodation.

### Tournament Charity



*“Ultimately, we want to end Parkinson’s. That’s why we inspire and support the international research community to develop life-changing treatments, faster. And we won’t stop until we find a cure”.*

We hope that you agree that this is an appropriate choice and that through your support and generosity, we can help achieve that objective.

### Useful Links

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| Tournament                                       | Website:           | <a href="http://www.eurogm2017.com">www.eurogm2017.com</a>   |
|  | Facebook:          | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/GMEuroCup2017">www.facebook.com/GMEuroCup2017</a>                   |
| Scottish Hockey                                  |                    | <a href="http://www.scottish-hockey.org.uk">www.scottish-hockey.org.uk</a>                           |
| Clydesdale Hockey Club                           |                    | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/ClydesdaleHC/">www.facebook.com/ClydesdaleHC/</a>                   |
| WGMA   |                    | <a href="http://www.wgmahockey.org">www.wgmahockey.org</a>   |
| Tournament Charity<br>Parkinson's UK in Scotland | Scotland Facebook: | <a href="http://www.facebook.com/parkinsonsukinScotland">www.facebook.com/parkinsonsukinScotland</a> |
|  | Scotland Twitter:  | <a href="http://www.twitter.com/ParkinsonsUKSco">www.twitter.com/ParkinsonsUKSco</a>                 |
|  | Web:               | <a href="http://www.parkinsons.org.uk">www.parkinsons.org.uk</a>                                     |
| Accommodation Partner<br>Crème Conferences       | Booking website:   | <a href="http://www.cremeconferences.co.uk/hockey">www.cremeconferences.co.uk/hockey</a>             |
|  | Home Page:         | <a href="http://www.cremeconferences.com">www.cremeconferences.com</a>                               |
| Glasgow Life                                     |                    | <a href="http://www.glasgowlife.org.uk">www.glasgowlife.org.uk</a>                                   |
| People Make Glasgow                              |                    | <a href="http://www.peoplemakeglasgow.com">www.peoplemakeglasgow.com</a>                             |
| Visit Scotland                                   |                    | <a href="http://www.visitscotland.com/">www.visitscotland.com/</a>                                   |
| Edinburgh International Festival                 |                    | <a href="http://www.eif.co.uk">www.eif.co.uk</a>   |
| Edinburgh Military Tattoo                        |                    | <a href="http://www.edintattoo.co.uk/">www.edintattoo.co.uk/</a>                                     |
| Edinburgh Fringe                                 |                    | <a href="http://www.edfringe.com/">www.edfringe.com/</a>   |

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