Dear Alumni,

Thought it's about time to introduce you to CUWBbC this year, and update you on what has been happening! My name is Caroline and I am the President this year. There is a list of the whole committee at the bottom of this email. If you are interested, soon our website will be up again with the full team roster!

We have lots of good news. This year and the next we are proudly sponsored by TD Waterhouse. We are also, as you see, extending our alumni network and holding an alumni game (27th November - see Facebook - I hope to see you there!). Next year, this game will be on the same day as the men's alumni game so that we can make it into a varsity type celebration. It would also be wonderful to see you at our Varsity game, which will be held in Cambridge in late February (exact date to be confirmed). For the first year ever, we will hopefully have a seconds team playing in Varsity - broadening our base of players for next season and increasing the amount of basketball in Cambridge (always a good thing). Last Easter we went to Finland for a 200-team strong International Tournament, placing 4th out of 20 in our women's league - and this season we hope to go to Milan with the men as well as to another tournament. If you have any suggestions for international tours, do contact me!

Furthermore, we have a great new coach, Amalio, hailing from Zaragoza with years of experience training both playing and training their very successful teams. We have a more active social calendar with swaps and dinners, and are getting official blues tracksuits (first year these are produced with a standardised Cambridge blue colour trim). This is being coordinated with the men's team so that we'll have a more unified look. The men, by the way, are doing very well (have for example recruited an American division 1 point guard!). So both men and women are positive for BUCS and Varsity.

Still, we had a rough start to the season. The court crisis was worse than ever. This year, even Cherry Hinton was booked full on Wednesdays so though we are playing a few home games at Kelsey Kerridge, we also have one in Melbourne Village, and one at UEA. However, there is good news from the new Ospreys President, who has been pushing the University Sports Centre issue, that Cambridge are actually setting aside some money for a sports centre to be built. There was also an unusually low turnout at trials; and though we only had 7 returning players I think we have managed to put together a good team, though we need more training time together. We are developing fast and I am hopeful that we will win our upcoming games.

I hope you are all doing well now that you've left Cambridge! If you have any more tips of alumni players to add to this list, or pictures you would like in the galleries on our website/facebook, do email an alumni rep or our secretary, Riya.

Best Regards,

Caroline Walerud
CUWBbC President
CU Scandinavian Society Vice President

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The Committee:

President - Caroline Walerud

Captain  - Kate Beniuk

Secretary - Ritika Sood

Treasurer - Sarah Sheldon

Stash and Kit - Paloma Navarro

College League Secretary - Stephanie Polderdijk

Publicity / Social Secretary - Bo Dury

Coach: Amalio Fernandez-Pacheco

And of course our two Alumni Representatives, Stephanie Ko and Briony Jones.