

# GOTHAM KNIGHTS

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

## Bingham Cup Amsterdam 2018

January 2018 Newsletter

### *Thanks!*

---

Big thanks to alumni and players who came out to Shockey's office on Saturday!

### *Key Dates*

---

Wednesday 06 JUNE Start of On-Site Registration, Rugby Clinics & Team Training, IGR's AGM

Thursday 07 JUNE Rugby Clinics & Team Training, Captain's Meeting, Opening Ceremony

Friday 08 JUNE Tournament Play, Evening Event

Saturday 09 JUNE Tournament Play

Sunday 10 JUNE Tournament Play, Closing Ceremony & Closing Party

Monday 11 JUNE Farewell Reception

Plan to arrive in Amsterdam on Wednesday 6 June. You should be ready and available to practice Thursday morning.

Plan on four days off work. Most people will leave Amsterdam on Monday 11 June.

### *The Tournament*

---

As of January 2018, the tournament website has not posted the divisions.

At a minimum, we can expect at least three divisions:

Top Tier: "*Mark Bingham Division*"

- Competing for the Cup, Plate, Bowl and Shield
- 

Middle Tier: "*Alice Hoagland Division*"

- Competing for the Alice Hoagland Cup and a second trophy (yet to be named)
- Established clubs
- Some second sides of larger clubs playing in the top tier

# GOTHAM KNIGHTS

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

## Bingham Cup Amsterdam 2018

Bottom Tier: "*Challengers Division*"

- Competing for the Challengers Crest
- Third sides of larger clubs
- Mainly focused on developing level players

### *Getting there*

---

Amsterdam Schiphol is a large airport. There is a lot of service between NYC and there. KLM and Norwegian have non-stops from JFK; United from Newark. Bids for group ticketing have been requested from all three carriers.

Air arrangements will be addressed in a separate newsletter once the bids are received. Plan on more info third week of January.

### *Where will we stay?*

---

Local organizing committee has designated several hotels for the event. The Casa Hotel will be the center of activity, as registration is there. We as a team need to all be in the same hotel.

Please book rooms at Casa Hotel, even if your plans are not finalized. You can cancel your reservation up to the day before check-in. You do not have to pay up front.

Here is the link for reservations:

<https://binghamcup.com/casa-hotel>

Please note that hotel rooms in Europe are quoted / priced Per Person. This causes confusion sometimes. You may hear the number €75 associated to a hotel. The total cost of a double room is €150.

Double Rooms:

Please review the photos for the hotel carefully when planning roommate arrangements with your friends. Double rooms in Europe are much smaller than in North America.

<https://hotelcasa.nl/rooms/>

### *Where can I learn more about the tournament?*

---

Here is the Local Organizing Committee's website: <https://binghamcup.com/>

Also, I have parked their original bid on our internal webpage: <http://gothamrhc.org/bingham-2018>  
It will give you a lot of details on what they have planned. Definitely worth a look.

---

# GOTHAM KNIGHTS

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

## Bingham Cup Amsterdam 2018

### *The Cost*

---

Before the general unpleasantness of money, take a break with ABBA:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETxmCCsMoD0>

And remember, the 'how much?' is made easier by the 'when?'. The 'when' part makes it more palatable:

Let's assume you arrive Wednesday 6 June and depart Monday 11 June – 5 nights.

€1 = \$1.2

	€ Total	US\$	When?
Air		\$850	April
Housing €80/night	€400	\$480	July Credit card bill
Food & Drinks Min €30 / day	€150	\$180	Cash Early June
Incidentals €20/day min	€100	\$120	Cash Early June
Registration	€170	\$205	March
		<b>\$1835</b>	

Always keep in mind with money: the total is less intimidating when you think about *when*.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
Registration Fee			205				
Air - Deposit	\$40						
Air – Ticket				810			
Hotel (credit card)							480
Food/Incidentals						300	
Total for the month	\$40		\$205	\$810		\$300	\$480

Airplane and hotel you can pay over time on credit card. Plan on having as much cash as you can in the bank in early June.

Notes:

# GOTHAM KNIGHTS

RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

## Bingham Cup Amsterdam 2018

- 1) Air: \$850 is for non-stop group ticketing. There are cheaper flights available. But you will have a layover somewhere (Iceland, Portugal), and your ticket will not be transferable. I'm waiting for several airlines to come back with bids.
- 2) Spending in Amsterdam: Your Visa MasterCard will work there. Plan on spending a fair amount of cash running around town – drinks, touristy stuff, souvenirs, etc. You can get cash from ATMs using cards from big US banks. There is always an ATM at customs exit at the airport.
- 3) Food: Breakfast is included with the hotel. Lunch will be provided by Bingham Cup. Dinner, you will pay out of pocket. Estimate €35-40 for dinner in a casual restaurant. But budget extra – you're going to be HUNGRY. Plan on eating more than what is provided for breakfast or lunch. I will research nearby supermarkets. Avoid FEBO. <https://www.febo.nl/> Your roommate will kill you.

### *Links to bookmark:*

---

Gotham internal webpage for Bingham: <http://gothamrfc.org/ingham-2018>

Bingham 2018 Amsterdam Website: <https://inghamcup.com/>

### *What do I do now in January?*

---

- 1) Plan your workouts tonight and get into the gym. Joe's workouts are on our Bingham Page, located here:
- 2) Book your hotel. Use the link from the Bingham Cup Tournament Website, above.
- 3) Request your vacation time.
- 4) Check your passport expiration dates. People with Visas, check on entry to EU and re-entry to USA.
- 5) Put yourself on a budget for expenses later this year.