



RWBHC NEWSLETTER

August 2022

News & Updates

RWBHC Men's 1X1 were promoted last season into West Hockey League, Men's Division 1 North, the highest league they have ever been in. This follows back-to-back promotions in previous years and we are very proud of the huge achievements they have had.

Last season they were joined by Head Coach Rob Riddell who is joining them again this season. We look forward to supporting them in the coming months.

Summer League has been a huge success with our Senior Men's and Ladies' sections both entering 2 squads in the Chippenham Hockey Club's Summer League. It's been great to see new players, junior players and returning players using these games as an opportunity to build on their skills over the summer.

Mixed League - We also entered, for the second year running, Swindon Hockey Club's Mixed League. This has been a great opportunity for those who have not played mixed before to have a go in a very friendly, fun league. We have had some varied results but are looking forward to entering again next year even stronger.

North Wilts 7 a-side Summer Festival was another fun weekend of mixed hockey. This has become a long-standing fixture in the July calendar.

Pre-season Training recommences from the first week in August.

Men's Seniors Training – Tuesday night's 7.30 – 9.00pm

Ladies Seniors Training – Wednesday night's 7.30 – 9.00pm

Kit Amnesty - Committee would like to do an audit of kit to make sure all captains have what they need – training balls, bibs, first aid kits etc - for the coming season and that we have the kit needed for training. Please can anyone with any club kit at home bring it to pre-season training and return to Josh.

Umpires – We need you! Anyone interested in learning how to umpire and join the umpiring pool please contact Mark Vincent for details of online umpire courses available. All costs can be reimbursed from the club.

2022 - 23 Season Fixtures

Pre-season friendlies scheduled for September.

League fixtures commence Saturday 1st October. Half-term break Saturday 29th October. Details of all fixtures will be uploaded on Pitchero soon, please remember to update your availability for Captains.

Wiltshire Cup & Shield Competitions are on Sunday 11th September at Dauntsey School, Devizes.

Both Men's Cup and Ladies Shield events will be running on the same day, and we have a team entered in each. Good luck to those taking part!

Forthcoming events

RWBHC Omega Mixed Hockey Tournament – Sunday 14th August

This is the second year we are hosting this tournament after the huge success we had in 2021. Last year's tournament saw 12 teams from the surrounding areas enter with Omega Hockey's mixed team winning the tournament.

Omega Hockey have very kindly offered to sponsor the event this year and have provided a trophy and medals for the winning teams.

There will be a BBQ, raffle and Omega Stand, on the day. Spectators also welcome.

Open Day – Saturday 3rd September 2022

This is a great opportunity to meet some of our members and join in with some friendly mixed ability games. There will be a juniors session, ladies session and men's session, so you can bring your family/friends along with you and get them all involved. Keep an eye on our club website for more updates and timings of the day.

England Hockey's 'Hockey Heros' is coming to RWBHC in September again. An 8-week fun and welcoming introduction to hockey for 5–8-year-olds. If you know any friends or family who want to give hockey a try spread the word and keep an eye out for more details to come.

Future Socials are also being planned for Halloween, November and pre-Christmas so look out for details in future newsletters, Facebook, Instagram and on the club website.

Reminders

Club Kit can be purchased from our Club shop @ Sporting Billy – www.sportingbilly.com

Pitchero is your No.1 place to go for match details, to confirm your availability and club news.

Seniors Membership Fees are now due. 1st instalment to be paid before 1st October.

Keep in touch

Website – www.rwbhc.co.uk

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