



SNAPSHOT

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Newsletter for
Old Silhillians
Hockey Club

Welcome

Welcome to the very first **Sils Snapshot** – a regular look at what is happening at Old Silhillians Hockey Club (OSHC).

The aim of the newsletter is to share information, encourage inter-action, and generally generate more of a social atmosphere for everyone involved in OSHC. *Obviously, it would be great if people could print these newsletters off, and leave them lying around in places that might help us to recruit new members – whether playing, social, or supporting.*

Snapshot will look to provide news on Club Developments, Social Events, on the pitch and off the pitch performance and also a way for members to learn a bit more about what goes on with the running of the club. Please read on in this edition for:

An Introduction to your Chairman, Social Events in planning for the Year, Some new developments being discussed for the Clubhouse and more besides.....

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NEWS

The Annual Club Dinner and Ladies' Awards Evening were both great evenings, with a good time had by all – perhaps a little too good if some of the pictures and stories of hangovers are anything to go by! For photos of the events, check out the **Gallery** on the club website – www.SilsHockey.co.uk

Saturday 8th May saw the Annual Presidents XI v Captains XI game – which ended, unsurprisingly, in a 5-5 draw; highlights included the half-time Champagne, the somewhat dubious umpiring for the last 10 minutes (which I think included one decision of Off-side) and the “Return to the fold” of Masters Harrison, Tchakhotine and Tabb – though unfortunately only two of those are staying in the immediate future!

The club is looking to set up a **Badgers** team for next year (to align with the very successful Vixens team that kicked off a couple of years ago). We are looking for youngsters to play in regular fixtures, plus a few adults – with matches most likely to be played on a Sunday afternoon, and against other clubs in Warwickshire. Please contact the Chairman (Chairman@SilsHockey.co.uk) if you know anyone that might be interested. It would also be great if we could get some parental support – lifts, managing from the side, collecting match fees etc.

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Interested in giving something back to the club? You don't have to be a player to help – we are always looking for Umpires, Committee Members, or purely helpers at events. Currently the WHOLE CLUB is run by no more than about 7 volunteers (+ Captains).....

Please Contact us to express an interest.

Don't Forget the AGM – Monday 24th May at the club.....remember it is a tradition that the incoming President buys EVERYONE who attends a drink!!!!

Remember – for those of you wanting to do some hockey over the Summer, there is the opportunity to play Summer League for both Men's or Ladies' sides, and/or Veterans every Wednesday – visit the website for more details

View from the Chair – Steve Tabb; OSHC Chairman

First of all, I would like to introduce myself to those of you who do not know who I am! I know that for the last couple of years I have perhaps been a bit of a periphery figure due to my self-imposed exile to Warwick, but it is my intention to spend more of my time up at the club in the next few years – particularly in a playing capacity – so hopefully I will get to meet those of you I know by name (and email address), but not by face.



For those who are not already aware, I am also Chairman of Warwickshire County Hockey Association, and hence get to see what is happening in a lot of other clubs around the County, and I have to admit, I am very proud to call OSHC my home – particularly with the latest developments around the facilities. OSHC provides more Coaching, Management and Administrative support to the County than ANY OTHER club in Warwickshire, and our clubhouse and grounds are regularly commended for being one of the best set-ups around. Add to that a growing Juniors and a developing Adult section, and we have a lot to be proud of.

It is probably safe to say that the club is not necessarily the envy of the County because of the Level at which we play – but almost without exception, clubs are jealous of our facilities, the Silz Festival, the efforts put in by our volunteers and possibly even the amount of money we pay to play hockey (one of the lowest in the County). However, we cannot afford to rest on our laurels, we regularly need more volunteers to ensure the club is moving forwards – right now there is too much reliance on too few people; if we were able to spread the workload across more volunteers, taking jobs on would be less daunting and would, long term, establish a far more manageable and sustainable environment in which the club can survive and prosper. You don't have to have any knowledge of playing hockey to be involved - any parents that would not mind supporting the club by helping with Welfare, Finance, Social events etc. would be more than welcome!!! If you might be interested in seeing what you can do to help, please contact me on Chairman@SilsHockey.co.uk or 07900 884100.

The club is also always looking for ways to persuade players, parents and friends to join and/or spend more time at the club, and in future Editions of *Snapshot*, I will be touching upon some of these suggestions, but would encourage and welcome ANY ideas of your own that I assure you will be discussed by the committee – please feel free to contact me using the above details if you have any suggestions.

As a final note, can I encourage you all to Register on the Club Website – www.SilsHockey.co.uk, and start using the Forums on there to share your ideas about the club – what we might do to progress, what social events you might want to see, questions you have for the committee etc. **Oh – AND SEE YOU ALL AT THE AGM!!!! (24th May, 8pm at the Club)**





OSHC Juniors



Club Welfare Officer:

Steve Tabb

welfare@silshockey.co.uk

Sunday Mornings

10.30am – 12.00pm

Silhillians Sports Club



Juniors Co-ordinator:

Lucy Steele

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Each edition, there will be specific articles dedicated to the Junior Section at the club – this will highlight upcoming events, remind people of Welfare Contacts, and identify what to expect from the Juniors in the next few weeks

Taster Sessions

On the 1st, 8th and 15th August, the club will be running some Taster sessions for hockey FREE OF CHARGE, to try and get more kids in the local area to play. So, why not bring some friends along to see what they are missing out on! All required kit will be provided, and you will get the chance to try out some ladders, rebound boards, deflection mats and even a speed gun to see how fast you really can hit a ball! Check out the County website for more details www.WarwickshireHockey.co.uk

Junior Development Centres (JDCs)

Once again a number of the Sils' Juniors are being nominated to attend the Warwickshire JDCs – this is the next step on the England Hockey Player Pathway, and we wish all the youngsters every success with being selected to attend these excellent and highly enjoyable sessions. If you would like to be nominated, please contact Lucy to discuss with her.....

County U12 Minis

OSHC Juniors entered the County Minis, and whilst they were up against several teams with much older squads, they performed all day with enthusiasm, determination and a great team spirit which only bodes well for future years – when they will be the same age as most of the other teams! The team also EASILY won the award for having the best dressed supporter (check out the Gallery on the website to see what we mean!)

Coaching in Schools

Do you go to a school that does not offer much hockey? Would you like the school to provide more? If so, get in touch, and the club will look to organise for a qualified coach to come in and provide regular FREE coaching to the school – now who could turn that offer down? Email Steve (The Chairman) on Chairman@SilsHockey.co.uk if you would like to discuss what we can do to help your school.

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Max Levenger

Former 1st Team Captain, Current Membership Secretary – and recently appointed **President of the OSA**



How long have you been playing at the Sils, and what prompted you to join?

My first game was for the 4ths a long time ago, I used to go and watch my dad and uncle play and one week they were short so managed to play, it was away at Cov and North Warks' when I was 12 or 13. I grew up watching the games on Saturdays with my cousin so it was inevitable I'd play for the Sils.

What is your favourite memory of your time at the Sils?

There have been lots, the festival when I was younger was always good fun and tours to Worthing and Weymouth were fantastic.

What do you think the future holds for the club?

The astro has added another, missing element to the club which will hopefully add to the offerings to members, we have picked up a number of players this season just gone and I have a feeling the coming season will prove to be a successful one.

If you had one wish, what would you wish for?

There's nothing particular that would significantly add to my life, more hair maybe and of course liposuction

Cross Sports Day

Another initiative we are looking at for the start of next season is a Cross-Sports Day; as you will know, there are a variety of sports played by the Juniors at the Sils, and we are working with the Football and Rugby sections to organise a day where all the players get to try out each others' sports – so if you fancy giving 5-a-side football or touch-rugby a go, **with your fellow hockey players** (so that you do not feel out of your depth) then keep an eye on the website for more details –

www.SilsHockey.co.uk

Check out future Editions of Snapshot for more details of proposed Social Events for the season which include:

- ***The Sils Fantasy League***
 - ***Murder Mystery***
 - ***Battle of the Teams***
 - ***The Club Day.....***

