



# SNAPSHOT

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## Welcome

Welcome to the eleventh edition of **Sils Snapshot** – your 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.

As always, if anyone has any contributions they would like to make to the Newsletter, then please do not hesitate to get in contact, and we will endeavour to get your news shared with the club.



Newsletter for  
Old Silhillians  
Hockey Club

## NEWS

So, the end of the season is upon us. However, that does not mean there is nothing to report – in fact, almost the exact opposite!

In the last month:

- Men's 1sts have secured 2<sup>nd</sup> spot in their division and are hoping that matters out of their hands go our way so that they get promoted into the Midlands Divisions for the first time in around 25 years
- Ladies 2nds also are hoping results go their way so they stay in second (where they currently are) and hence secure promotion
- The Junior Teams all did very well in the Warwickshire In2Hockey championships with the U12 Girls being the stars, qualifying for the Midlands Competition
- The Club has been very well represented in the JAC training squads at all ages with 11 of our Juniors making it into the different squads
- 6 playing, and 3 non-playing golfers went and spent the day with the GB Men's Hockey Squad – with our very own Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Team Captain, Matt Fell, winning the competition overall
- The club held its very first Hockey Camp, with several members of the club attending the fantastic camp run in conjunction with Stick2Hockey – watch out for more dates for their Summer Camps on the club website
- The club will have a number of people running in the Knowle Fun Run to raise money for charity and also raise the profile of the club in the local area
- We have been running Rush Hockey and Back to Hockey sessions every Friday for the last month or so – and plan on doing more sessions over the Summer – keep an eye on the website for details!

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### View from the Chair – Steve Tabb; OSHC Chairman



**Yet another incredible season for the club.** Whilst the off-pitch activities possibly took precedence last year (with ClubsFirst being re-achieved, and playing numbers increasing) a lot of this year's success has come ON the pitch. We now enter a very exciting period with the Olympics this Summer meaning yet more people are likely to try hockey for the first time.

So, my thoughts are naturally turning to next season, and what we can do to continue to move the club forwards.

Things we are focussing on finding solutions to right now:

- Providing hockey over the Summer for ALL levels – we have Men's and Ladies Summer League sides already sorted; hockey camps with details being confirmed in the next week or so; and we are working on what we can offer club members – both juniors and adults – to enable them to play casually, and also invite new members along to play
- Ensuring we have a more robust coaching structure for the Juniors next season – this will include making sure that training carries on, even when we have matches at other locations, plus introducing "Academy" sessions for our stronger juniors to ensure they get "stretched"
- Ensuring we have the right coaching structure for Club members (not just the 1<sup>st</sup> team squads)
- Improving the social elements to the club – organising more events, hopefully which will involve both adults and juniors
- Looking to bring in an incentive scheme to encourage players to get their friends to join
- Providing more kit to our teams (particularly Badgers & Vixens)
- Improving the facilities – we should have a video tower in place within the next few months, and by the start of the 2013/14 season we will have a brand new set of changing rooms, and completely refurbished clubhouse
- Moving the Junior training time to back to starting at 10.30am whilst still including 2 sessions (dependent upon ages)

But REMEMBER, the club is still being run by a VERY small band of VOLUNTEERS and we need your help – no matter how little time you have spare (and it does not have to be time spent at the club – a lot of the support can be provided from home). So PLEASE check out the list of jobs that we need your help with on the final sheet of this newsletter, and get in touch with me at [chairman@silshockey.co.uk](mailto:chairman@silshockey.co.uk) if you feel you can help in any way.

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# OSHC Juniors

Sunday Mornings

U10s: 10.00am – 11.00am

Over 10s: 11.00am – 12.30pm

Silhillians Sports Club



Juniors Co-ordinator:

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## Next Season

We are currently putting a lot of thought into how best to structure club training for our Junior section for next year. We are definitely looking to recruit more coaches, and are also definitely working out how to cope better with both the increase in numbers and also the increase in quality that we have seen with our junior section this year.

We are aware of some of the concerns that have been expressed about the number of sessions, the timing of the sessions, the mix of players being more female-centric etc. and are working our way towards delivering some solutions to all of these things. However, we ALWAYS want to hear your opinions AND encourage your involvement in helping us deliver the best experience for ALL our juniors.

However, just so that people also know that the grass is not greener anywhere else, here are some things to know about the Sils Junior Set-up:

1. We are one of the only clubs in Warwickshire to have a Level 2 coach leading our Junior programme (England Hockey have specified that all clubs MUST have Level 2 coaches by September, otherwise their insurance is invalid)
2. Behind Rugby & EW, we have more players attending both the Junior Development Centres AND Junior Academy Centres than any other club in Warwickshire
3. We offer more competitive opportunities for playing than ANY OTHER club in Warwickshire – with Saturday Badgers, Sunday Badgers & Vixens, plus teams for U10, U12 and U14. We will also be entering U14 Boys and Girls teams into the National Cup Competitions next season.
4. OSHC provides more coaches to the County squads than any other Club – proving that the development players will get at the club is likely to be better here than at any other club.

## OVER THE SUMMER

The club is looking to run plenty of hockey over the Summer, so keep an eye on the website for details – however, as a heads-up, some of the things that we may be doing:

- Hockey Camps (these are almost guaranteed to be happening)
- Come and Try Sessions alongside Rush Hockey and Back to Hockey sessions for both kids **AND PARENTS**
- Possibly run some competitions?

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# What Can YOU Do?

Volunteer Role	Things we need doing....	Time / Qualifications Required
Boards Maintenance	We now have 2 noticeboards on the astro, and 1 inside the clubhouse which need updating with the latest info, and generally maintained	An hour or so once a month
Printing Off Newsletters	We know that a lot of people do not read the electronic versions of the newsletter OR visit the website to see the latest news at the club, so we want to print off loads of copies to "shove under people's noses!"	As long as it takes to print off around 100 newsletters! No qualifications required.
Handing Out Newsletters	Take said newsletters once they have been printed out, and hand them out to parents and club-members	Ideally, one Sunday morning per month, and one Saturday per month.
Player Registration	We need to take registers for all our Junior sessions – if someone could do this for us each week, it would mean that the coaches could spend more time focussed on coaching	10 minutes every Sunday morning – though this could be done on a rota basis. No qualifications required.
Fund-Raising	We are always looking for ways to raise funds for the club, so anyone who has any time to organise events, or look for places to get funding from, we would always been keen.	As much or as little time as people have! No qualifications required
Kit Managers	We need the club kit stocks to be managed effectively. This will mean handing out and collecting shirts back in before and after matches against other clubs, and co-ordinating the washing of the kit in between matches. It would also be great if the managers could help with people getting the right sizes for the kit they order online (using the sample kit we can provide), and also that ordered kit is handed out.	Required for each match day – though this could be done on a rota – and perhaps one Sunday per month
Advertising	Looking after the advertising in the local press, in local gyms, partnering with local restaurants etc.	As much time as you have!
Watching kids and/or leading warm-ups	Simply keeping an eye on kids whilst they are on the astro, or helping to warm the kids up for coaching sessions will take the pressure off the coaches, so that they can help set up the coaching exercises rather than having to do everything else as well	10-20 minutes whenever you are at the astro – could well be done as a rota
Diary Co-ordinator	We need someone to help co-ordinate what matches we are playing, when, and hence which coaches will need to be with which groups at what times, and where. This is not a job to recruit coaches or anything like that – simply to pull together a diary of who should be where and when, to ensure that we are able to support teams playing in matches as well as coaching sessions on the same days.	1 hour per week from home; need to be computer and phone literate!
Volunteer Recruiter / Co-ordinator	This role is ideally suited for the socialites amongst you. We desperately need someone to spend time at the club on Sunday mornings, and chat to people to see if they might be able to spare an hour or so across the season to help out with all the roles listed above (and more if possible!)	2 hours once very few weeks/month; no qualifications required – but needs to be someone good at chatting to people.
Publicity	Generally promoting the club as much as possible in as many places as possible!	Probably about an hour a week to help with match reports etc. and then adhoc.

