



# SNAPSHOT

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## Welcome

Welcome to the twelfth 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

Summer (well what we had of it anyway) has been and gone, and the new season is upon us. The club has however, been far from quiet – check out all the goings on from the last few months below:

- Significant levels of funding secured to support plenty of free kit for our Juniors, and several development opportunities for the local community and also within the club for Young Leaders
- Give it a Go sessions which have seen a number of new players coming to the club, and of course joining in with supporting the GB teams in the clubhouse during the Olympics
- Appointment of a brand new coaching team for both the Juniors and the Adult sections – we have a new Men's 1<sup>st</sup> team coach, new coaches for Senior Club training, and a number of new coaches for the Juniors – including International players, and those with experienced of coaching a National League level
- The set up of a new Junior Committee to ensure we maintain our focus on delivering the best Junior structure in the area
- Developments regarding the Club Refurbishment – all set to take place in the Summer of 2013, to have the site renovated and upgraded for the start of the 2013/14 season
- The Club Chairman won England Hockey Board Volunteer of the Year
- A vast number of members of the club went and watched our successful GB Hockey teams playing in the Olympic Games
- The securing of new sponsorship deals for Junior Kit from Alcoa and Jaguar Land Rover

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



Summer is pretty much gone, the Olympics turned out to be a HUGE success, and we now look forward to an exciting new season, with large numbers of people flocking to the sport, and the Sils moving in the right direction to capitalise on increased numbers, and a much improved view of hockey within the Country. Well done to both GB Men's and Ladies' squads on their performances (particularly the ladies) as they have done a huge

amount to promote the sport.

Listed below are a few things that I am particularly excited that the club has done to ensure we are organised to make the most of the opportunities this new season offers:

- Vastly improved the coaching being offered – new coaches at all levels, and MORE coaches at all levels
- Consultations with all levels of the club – the online questionnaire helped target specific things to focus on to improve what the Sils offers, and also the starting of a new Juniors' Section Committee, can only put us in a stronger place to develop the future of the club moving forwards
- Delivered a programme of Rush Hockey and Back to Hockey over the Summer that has attracted a number of new players, who look like they will play for a whole variety of teams from Ladies' 1sts to Men's 4ths
- Secured significant amounts of additional funding to facilitate the purchase of state of the art equipment to support the club coaching (a BOLA ball machine and a Video tower)
- Invested heavily in kit for the Juniors meaning all players will have club shirts, to help further advertise the club "brand"
- Worked closely with EHB to ensure that more than 30 Club Members got to watch Hockey at the Olympics
- Established an increased set of fixtures (and one which we keep working hard to grow further) to ensure we can offer the right hockey at the right level for ALL of our players, not just the Juniors, or the Elite squads
- Increased our Social Media presence with hugely popular Twitter accounts, a facebook page, and soon-to-come applications for Android and Apple operating systems

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# OSHC Juniors

Sunday Mornings

U10s: 10.30am – 11.30am

Over 10s: 11.30am – 1.00pm

Silhillians Sports Club



Juniors Co-ordinator:

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## Playing Opportunities

The new Coaching Structure for the club has been designed to maximise the amount of hockey that our Juniors get to play AT THE RIGHT LEVEL FOR THEM.

We now offer the following:

- Sunday Morning Coaching for 5 – 14 year olds: very much focussed on the basics of hockey, and concentrating on group participation and enjoyment for the players
- Festival Matches for U10s, U12s, and U14s: Once a month, we play matches against 4 or 5 other clubs in the three age groups mentioned. There are no trophies or prizes for winning, and we have adopted the policy of ensuring all players get equal number of matches (where possible). These matches are more about participation, than necessarily trying to win every game.
- Saturday Morning Academy for 11-15 year olds: new this year, we are looking to take our stronger players and stretch and challenge them more, with more focussed training, and higher intensity than on a Sunday. These sessions are by INVITE ONLY, and also feed into our Saturday Badgers (Lions) side, who will have a match every month or so, and also the U14 Boys and Girls teams who will play in the National Cup matches
- Sunday Badgers & Vixens (10-14 year olds): matches organised to be the developmental stage for our juniors as they transition from Junior to Adult hockey. Matches are held once every month or so, and teams include 2 adults to ensure the structure of the 11-a-side format is maintained
- Tuesday Evening Club Coaching for 13+ : Our older juniors are encouraged to attend Club Coaching as this will give them more exposure to adult hockey. The Tuesday night sessions have 3 tiers broken into 1<sup>st</sup> team squad training, Advanced Club Training (for Men's 2nds and stronger Ladies 2nds), and Standard Club Training for younger players, inexperienced adult players etc.

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

## JUNIOR COMMITTEE

We have formed a new Junior Committee made up of the coaches and parents associated with the Juniors on a Sunday morning, to ensure we meet the requirements of all our youngsters. If you are interested in getting involved, or want to speak to someone about what is happening in the Junior set-up, look for someone wearing an OSHC Junior Committee t-shirt.

We are always keen for extra support or ideas – so please do let us know your thoughts.

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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 be 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.

