



SNAPSHOT

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Welcome

Welcome to the fourteenth 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

As usual, it has been a busy month within the playing season. As well as plenty of activity going on actually on the pitch, there has also been a great deal of things happening off the pitch as well. Highlights of the past few weeks have been:

- The first kit orders from the online store have been placed, and we are looking forward to our brand new stock of shirts, hoodies, gilets and various other items arriving just in time for Christmas
- All of our teams and sections have played matches and have (in general) experienced a great deal of success
- The County Development Centres have completed, and the club is confident of a number of players going through to the Academy Centres (a number of which will be held at the Club in January and February)
- Most of the teams are either moving up their relevant divisions, or are already near the top (Men's 2nds and both Boys and Girls U14 National Development League squad are currently top of their respective divisions)
- Training is still seeing record numbers for both Adults on Tuesday nights and Juniors on Sunday mornings
- We are seeing new members join both the Junior and Adult sections on a weekly basis
- The Club had BBC Midlands Today filming at our training sessions over the last 2 or 3 weeks (watch out for a short article on Friday November 30th)
- A quiz night was held to raise funds for The Meningitis Trust, and of the 16 teams, the hockey club provided entries from the Veterans, the Juniors, the Men's and the Ladies' sections, and a good night was had by all

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View from the Chair – Steve Tabb; OSHC Chairman



It is almost time to start reflecting on the first half of the season, and I guess if I was doing a school report, I would be grading us perhaps as an A for commitment/involvement, and a B+ for actual performances.

I cannot tell you how great it is to be at the club on Tuesday nights and on Sunday mornings, and to see the pitch “buzzing” with energy, which is coming from the record numbers of attendees, the

Coaches who are all doing a great job, and also all those people watching (be that parents, or spectators – and yes, we have had some of those!)

I had hoped that the Olympics would have a positive effect on membership, and also commitment levels, which thankfully it has, but it is also great to see that the structure we have worked hard to put in place over the last 2 seasons is now showing the fruits of our labours. The Juniors section is delivering FANTASTIC things – whether you measure that in terms of numbers attending, results and performances of the players, or simply (and perhaps most importantly), the smiles on the faces of both those playing and those watching. It is also really nice to have had a few players joining us in recent weeks who have moved from other clubs as they have heard such good things about the Sils – for that, I have to thank the coaches, the players, and all those who have been involved in providing the welcoming environment that we are very lucky to have at the club.

Some of our objectives from the start of the season are already being met, with improved training facilities (watch out for the use of the Video Tower in the second half of the season), a solid and stable coaching structure, and the ability to provide coaching to our juniors even when we have matches on elsewhere. After Christmas, I really hope that this great work continues, but also our Senior sides achieve hopefully 2 promotions, and no relegations, and that the hard work that is currently being done behind the scenes to establish a Ladies 3rd XI pays off, and that we can provide even more opportunities for playing matches against other local clubs.

There is a real energy about the club at the moment, and I am looking forward to trying to use this momentum to take us forwards in line with the REALLY exciting redevelopment plans that the club has, as I believe that will concrete us even more as one of the best clubs in the Midlands. However, the one challenge I know faces us is that with ever increasing numbers of players, we do need more volunteers to support the administration and running of the club. It has been FANTASTIC to have the support of those parents who have stepped in to help with both the coaching on Sunday mornings, and also the admin and so a HUGE thank you to all of those; thank you to those who have obtained sponsorship and grants for the club – that makes a big difference; but please think about how you might be able to provide the odd hour once or twice a month to help support the growth of the club. I am extremely grateful to everyone involved in the club as it really is a great place to play and be involved in hockey right now, but we must not rest on our laurels – so please do help if you can with some of the upcoming events such as the old clothes collection which will help us raise more funds for the club to reinvest.





OSHC Senior Hockey

Tuesday Evenings

Standard Club Coaching : 7pm – 8pm; Advanced Club Coaching: : 7pm – 8.15pm

1st Team Squads (Men and Women): 8 – 9.45pm; Specialist GK Coaching: 7.15 – 8pm



Team Challenge:

Silhillians Sports Club

The “Great Silhillian Bake Off” was a huge success, raising plenty of funds for the club, and The Meningitis Trust, with many culinary delights being entered. Angela Cloke was crowned the eventual winner, with Matt Fell coming in 2nd place. Everyone should be commended on the standard of entries, and should be pleased to hear that EVERY single cake, biscuit, muffin and cookie was sold on the Saturday, and I am reliably informed that some of the clubhouse bar-staff may well have made themselves a little ill through over-indulgence!

Playing Matters:

The Men’s 1st team are the only squad who have not quite “clicked into gear” yet – with Men’s 2nds currently top of their division, Men’s 3rds comfortably in second, looking like it will be between them and Balsall Common & Berkswell to see who wins the division, and the Ladies 2nds have already won more matches in Worcestershire Division 2 than they have in any of the previous 4 seasons in the division. The Ladies 1sts after a difficult start, have won 6 matches in a row and are through to the next round of the cup, and up to 3rd in the league. The Men’s Veterans side is also having a storming season, with very few defeats to date, and a number of crushing victories under their belts, plus a great deal of hilarity caused by their match reports, their after-match choice of clothing, and their adventures with technology!

Thoughts from the Coaching Team:

So, we have already had an enforced change in our coaching personnel! Richard Gear-Evans and Josiba have had to step back unfortunately (due to work commitments), but Jamie Fleet, a very experienced coach who has had many years experience working at Cannock, and also Matlock Baileans Ladies Hockey Club in the Midlands Division 1 has stepped up to help support both Club training and Ladies 1st team training.





Club Welfare Officer:

Steve Tabb

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Sunday Mornings

U10s: 10.30am – 11.30am

Over 10s: 11.30am – 1.00pm

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OSHC Juniors

Juniors Co-ordinator:

Louise Hirons - Louise_hirons@hotmail.co.uk



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

The committee has been doing a CRACKING job of ensuring all our Player Details and Subscription records are up to date, taking registers and generally being on hand to ensure that our Coaches can concentrate on what they do best – coaching!

Hopefully, you will have all been impressed by the new structure and organisation, but if you do have any questions – feel free to ask the committee members or why not offer to join the committee yourself? The time commitment really is not that great!

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Success, Success, Success

The Juniors have made a fantastic start to the season. We have record numbers attending training, our sides are all doing well in their respective matches and the new kit is looking fantastic.

Thanks to all those who have helped so far, but did you know that to date, we have played in the following:

2 x U10 Festivals; 2 x U12 Festivals; 1 x U14 Festival; 4 x U14 Girls National Development League (NDL) Matches; 5 x U14 Boys NDL Matches; 3 x Lions Matches; 1 x Vixens Match

.....and have been scoring goals for fun in all of the formats! Special mention must go to Issie Thomas, who has scored 19 goals so far in the various matches she has played in, but hat-trick scorers have included:

Max Angelides, Conor Gregory and Claudia Moberley (6 in one match on one occasion)

And a MASSIVE thank you to those who have played in goal so far:

Hannah Teal; Jack Hobbs; Hugo Layzell; Zoe Tinkler; Dylan Longden and Francesca Woodley

Don't worry if you have not had your chance to play in matches yet, we have a full diary of Badgers, Lions, Vixens, U10, U12 and U14 Fixtures running up until Christmas, and then well into the New Year, so you will all get your chance.

We will of course be continuing our coaching sessions every Sunday as well, so please keep showing the enthusiasm and energy that you have to date – our coaches are really enjoying working with you all, we hope you have enjoyed everything to date.

What Can YOU Do?

| Volunteer Role | Things we need doing.... | Time / Qualifications Required |
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| 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. |
| Social Secretary | Help to organise events outside of the "Playing" diary – this could include Player visits, trips to tournaments/events, a Juniors Awards Dinner, or any other array of other things | A few hours a month? Or perhaps more, dependent upon how much you want to organise! |

