



SNAPSHOT

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Welcome

Welcome to the sixteenth 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

Wow – what a season, and a HUGE THANKS to everyone involved in the Club. We have really been massively successful this season, and listed below are some of the achievements:

- Ladies' 1st Team – Champions of Worcestershire Division 1 – promoted to Midlands Feeder West
- Men's 2nd Team – 2nd in West Midlands Division 1 – promoted to West Midlands Premier
- Men's 3rd Team – 2nd in East Midlands Division 2 – promoted to East Midlands Division 1 (TBC which division they have been promoted into)
- Boys U14 - Finished Top of the Development League – Midlands Division
- Girls U14 – Finished 2nd in the Development League – Midlands Division
- OSHC Juniors entered sides into All 4 categories of the Warwickshire In2Hockey Competitions – one of only 3 clubs in Warwickshire to be able to do this
- Several of our Juniors made it through to JAC (County) Level, and are anxiously waiting to hear if they have made it through to JRPC (Regional) level. Congratulations to:
 - Jack Hobbs
 - Nick Jones
 - Calum, Josh & Nick Rice
 - Megan Longden
 - Claudia Moberley
 - Issi Thomas
 - Clara Miles
 - Sophie Price

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A Huge Thank you to our Sponsors

Junior Kit - Roxhill & ALCOA



Men's 1st Team Kit - Arkade Property



There are still opportunities to sponsor the club, so please email contactus@silshockey.co.uk if you would be interested

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View from the Chair – Steve Tabb; OSHC Chairman

Reflecting back on my last “View from the Chair” article, it seems as if a lot has happened. One of the main things is that we have opted to move to a different new website than the Clubbuzz one that was mentioned previously, and have gone for Pitchero instead, due to the increased functionality that it gives us.

We have also (finally) seen the end to an incredibly successful season with 3 of our 6 League sides gaining promotion and all of our Junior sides going from strength to strength.

The end of season dinner was a great success and winners of the various awards can be seen on the next page. Well done to everyone who won awards, but also those that did not as everyone has played their part.

No sooner has one season finished, than planning for the next one starts. The seemingly annual quest to find Captains and Committee members has begun, thankfully all of our Main Coaches are remaining in post, so that takes away one headache! We are always looking for help with hockey and non-hockey related stuff, so if anyone fancies taking on any of the following roles, it would be greatly appreciated:

- a) First Aid Officer – ensuring all teams have suitable 1st Aid equipment and personnel as required
- b) Social Secretary – helping to organise / encourage others to organise Social events both for individual sections and teams, and also for the club as a whole
- c) Clubs First Officer – ensuring all our Governance and Policy documents are up to date and adhered to

We are running Summer League sides – if you are keen to get involved, go onto the website (www.silshockey.co.uk) and look up the Summer League teams – you can then contact the Captains direct.

As always, we are also keen to have your support on a number of things including helping to attract new players, trying to find new sponsors, or simply hearing your views on how you think the club could run better, so please GET IN TOUCH! (Chairman@silshockey.co.uk)

If you can make it along to the club on the 26th May for any time between 11.30am and 4pm, you will see hockey being played, and money being raised for both The Meningitis Trust, and Help for Heroes – it would be great to see all of you.

Dates for the Diary (though obviously all these will be on the website as well):

1st September – 1st Junior Session of the Season + Captains v Presidents Match

8th September – Club Day including the first ever Old Boys of Solihull v Old Boys of Warwick match



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

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Winners at the Recent President's Dinner:

The recent President's Dinner was a great success with Dan Fox's speech going down a storm, and Helen Richardson (Olympic Bronze Medallist) presenting the awards. The award winners were the following:

Chairman's Colours – Andre Tchakhotine, Max Levenger, James Clapham, Susan Maule & (Posthumously) Heather Linley

Chairman's Shield for Development of the Club – Louise Hirons

School Boy & School Girl Awards: Joe Price & Alex Levey

U21 Award – Joanne Brett

Most Improved Players: Sam Ekins (Men) & Helen Rose (Ladies)

Ladies 1st Team Player: Kate Huntington

Club Player: Rich Thurman

Top Scorers: Jamie Glynn (Men) & Sam Cooper (Ladies)

Team of the Year: Ladies 1st Team

Clubman of the Year: Nick (Nobby) Oppenheimer

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OSHC Juniors



Club Welfare Officer:

Steve Tabb

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Sunday Mornings

U10s: 10.30am – 11.30am

Over 10s: 11.30am – 1.00pm

Silhillians Sports Club

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!

Raise Money for OSHC every time you shop

www.spendandraise.com/silshockey

Hockey in the Summer

The Club will be hosting a number of Hockey Camps over the Summer, all of which come with the endorsement of the club, and a superb team of coaches.

Stick2Hockey Camps – have been running at the Sils for almost a year now, and are led by Chris Davis, who runs our Saturday academy as well as boys' JDC and JAC squads, and coached in last year's Futures Cup – the pinnacle of Junior hockey within this country.

Badgers & Lions Matches – we are looking to confirm some matches against other local clubs to keep the older ones playing over the Summer – keep an eye on the website for more details

Award Winners

At the recent end of season spectacular, awards were handed out to each of our 4 age groups with 5 winners at each age. The winners were:

Age	Player of the Season	Most Improved Boy	Most Improved Girl	Most Committed	Young Leader
U8	Matthew Hulbert	Henry Mitchell	Amy Garside	Joseph Pedley	Imogen Penny
U10	Victoria Moberley	Ethan McGuirk	Eloisa Borriello	Hannah Teal	Carys Rowland
U12	Daniel Bridges	Will Boles	Sophie Besford	Tom Shingleton	Georgina Dalby
U14	Megan Longden	Lukas Moment	Ella Talbot	Morgan Price	Lauren Clarke

Have you registered on the New Website?

If not yet, please do, as the site aims to be more interactive, provide better communication, and generally be a bit easier to navigate around than the old one.

In order to Register, go to www.silshockey.co.uk and click on the "Join the Website" link in the Top Right. If you are a player Over 18, then simply sign up as yourself in the PLAYER category. If you are a Parent of a Player Under 18, then sign up as a PARENT, and we will link your account to that of your child so that you will receive updates etc. about training and matches. We will be able to send Text Messages and Emails to you but ONLY if you keep your details up to date. We will also be looking to send Invoices for Membership out direct from the website, and you will be able to pay online via the website as well, so PLEASE register.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Old Silhillians Hockey Club website. At the top, the Pitchero logo is on the left, and navigation links for "My Network", "Admin", and a user profile for "Stephen Tabb" are on the right. The main header features the club's crest and the name "Old Silhillians Hockey Club" in a large, white serif font. Below the header is a dark blue navigation bar with links for HOME, NEWS, EVENTS, MEN, LADIES, ACADEMY, JUNIORS, FORUM, SHOP, CONTACTS & LOCATION, VIDEOS & PHOTOS, and CLUB INFO. The main content area is divided into several sections: a "Welcome to OSHC" section with text about awards and links for "Want to Join?", "About/Contact Us", and "Silz Festival"; a "Strictly NO DOGS ALLOWED" sign; a "LOTTERY FUNDED" section with a "Club Membership" link and "View members list" button; a "Club News" section with a Facebook icon and text about the club's ranking and kit orders; and a "Great Sport Happens Here" advertisement for BT Sport featuring a player. A "CLUB APP" section is also visible on the left side of the main content area.

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