



SNAPSHOT

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Welcome

Welcome to the sixth 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. Please read on in this edition for:

A Message from your Chairman, News from the Juniors, a Spotlight on your President, and a review of the season.



Newsletter for
Old Silhillians
Hockey Club

NEWS

Well, what a Summer it has been....

- **Old Sils HC come runners-up in the England Hockey Club of the Year award**
- The Silz Festival is the most successful ever, with 36 teams in attendance
- The club gets mentioned several times during the England matches in the Euro-Nations Hockey Championships
- The club continues to go from strength to strength with many new players joining in both men's and ladies' sections.

But now the new season is upon us. Training for all kicks off within the next week or so, with Club Training taking place at the Sils on Tuesday nights from 7.00-8.00pm being run by our new International team of coaches, and then Mens and Ladies 1st team squads train from 8.00-9.30pm on the same night.

Junior training starts on Sunday 4th September, and the following week sees the launch of our new Hockey Circuits sessions, which will be a fun addition to the club's coaching set up with the opportunity to try your hand at the target goal, the speed gun, resistance parachutes and much more.

You can find out more about all of these by attending Club Day (see the "View from the Chair" article for details)

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View from the Chair – Steve Tabb; OSHC Chairman

So, a new season is upon us. Now entering my fourth year as Chairman, I am incredibly proud of what the club has achieved over the recent years, but we still have a lot of exciting things ahead and a lot more things that the club needs help with, so why not spend some time at the club on Club Day and find out a LOAD of stuff that you probably did not know went on at the Sils.

Club Day

On Sunday 11th September we are running our Grow Your Own Club Day. This is a great opportunity to learn a bit more about the club, and perhaps even express an interest in helping to grow and develop the club further – you **do not need to know anything about hockey to help with some of the things that need doing!!!**

The day itself will consist of a variety of activities, **the highlight of which will be a visit by England and GB International Dan Fox, who has represented his Country more than 20 times.** Other things of note will be the opportunity to win tickets to the Olympics, a free BBQ for all members and their guests, and some fun activities for hockey players **and NON-hockey players** alike. Why not bring your friends up for a couple of hours and help make the day a great event.

There will also, throughout the morning be new Club Kit for sale, an information desk open showing you how to use the Club Website, finding out about more of the Club Socials etc. and also **an inflatable pitch for all new players / parents** to have a go at hockey, without feeling overwhelmed!

Schedule for the morning is roughly:

10am: Dan Fox arrives and will do a quick meet and greet for youngsters

10.30 – 12.00 Junior Training WITH Dan Fox

12.00: BBQ is fired up, whilst Dan does some more press coverage, signing of autographs etc.

12.15: Reveal of the new Men's 1st team kit AND the new Juniors kit along with new sponsors Arkade Property

12.30 – 13.30: Hockey Circuits

13.30: Raffle Prize Draw

14.00: JDCs start

HOCKEY CIRCUITS

Ever fancied yourself as a bit of a hockey trickster? Or perhaps a hard-hitter? Well, why not come along with your mates and try our fun series of challenges every Sunday afternoon?

We have a speed gun, a target goal, resistance parachutes, some footwork challenges and much more to try with your friends or by yourself.

See the website for more details.



The club **NEEDS** your help – so **PLEASE GET IN TOUCH!**

We are far too reliant upon one or two people to do all the umpiring in the club – so please speak to Steve Tabb if you are interested in getting some Umpiring Coaching

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OSHC Juniors



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Sunday Mornings

10.30am – 12.00pm

Silhillians Sports Club



Juniors Co-ordinator:

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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

Young Leaders

Are you interested in getting more involved in sport? Did you know that many schools and Universities look favourably upon people who have Young Leader qualifications? Most importantly, do you want to have some fun with your friends? Email Louise (The Course organiser) on Louise_Hirons@hotmail.co.uk if you would like more details about the Young Leader training due to be run at the club.

Junior Development Centres (JDCs)

The club has nominated around 20 youngsters to attend the JDCs which run in September and October – the highest number it has ever sent, so great news. These are a great way to get exposure to a more focussed level of coaching, and is the first step towards playing for England, so good luck to all those going. Check out the County Website (www.WarwickshireHockey.co.uk) if you want more details.

Training Sessions

Junior training kicks off again on Sunday 4th September running at the usual time. However, for those slightly older, we also have Club Training taking place from 7-8pm on a Tuesday night at the club, and also have an additional “Hockey Circuits” session running on a Sunday from 12.30-1.30pm that juniors can stay on for – it is a mixture of hockey-based exercises aimed less at training and matches and more at individual skills – why not give it a try?

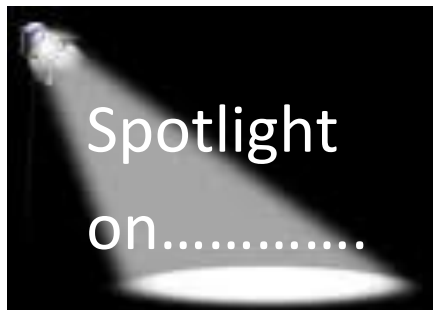
Badgers & Vixens

The club has fixtures lined up for Badgers & Vixens this year. For all juniors aged 10-14, if you are interested in playing some semi-serious 11-a-side matches against other local clubs PLEASE get in touch. The games will take place on Sunday afternoons, and we will have 2 games each for the Badgers and Vixens sides before Christmas, and 4 after Christmas.

This is a GREAT opportunity to take the next step in your development as a player, and is the stepping stone to playing regular hockey on a Saturday for the men’s teams.

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The New Sils Mascot.....

The club has a new mascot! In line with the Club badge of 3 lions and 2 greyhounds, we have opted to go for a Lion as our club mascot. He will hopefully help us get better press coverage at various events, as well as provide a bit of fun at some of our future events.

What is the Mascot's name?

YOU DECIDE! There will be a competition run on Club Day to get you to have a go at naming him, so get your thinking caps on.....

When are you likely to see the new Mascot?

The mascot will be showing at most of our big events including:

- Club Day
- Running the Knowle Fun Run in May!
- Mini Hockey County Championships

So keep an eye out for him.....

The Future Looks Bright!

The club is currently going from strength to strength, but remember you can all do your part to make the club an even better place to play hockey by doing any of the following:

- Encourage new players to join the club
- Attend the Club Day and see all the things that the club has going on.
- Use the website more to show we are an active, lively club – www.SilsHockey.co.uk
- Volunteer to support some of the admin roles required – MANY DON'T REQUIRE MUCH TIME !!!

As a final word:

Don't forget our Grow Your Own Club Day!

We have one of the Directors of the England Hockey Board coming to see us, so it would be great to have plenty of people there to show what a thriving club we are!

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