



SNAPSHOT

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Welcome

Welcome to the seventh 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.

Welcome to all our new readers – with a membership that has increased by over 40% this year, we hope you find this useful, but please let us know if there is anything else you would like to know about.



Newsletter for
Old Silhillians
Hockey Club

NEWS

WOW – what a start to the Season

- **150 attend Club Day, and event gets National Press Coverage**
- More than 100 Juniors have attended Sunday morning training, with numbers each week averaging around 80
- 20 OSHC Juniors have been through JDC training
- Adult Training is being well attended (though there is still room for improvement!)

And things on the pitch are looking pretty good too!!

Men's 1sts – Played 2, Won 2

Men's 2nds – Played 3, Won 3

Men's 3rds – Played 3, Won 3

Men's 4ths – Played 3, Won 1, Lost 2

Ladies 1sts – Played 4, Won 3, Lost 1

Ladies 2nds – Played 3, Won 1, Drew 1, Lost 1

And the juniors had their first batch of friendly matches on Sunday 9th October – with the club able to enter 3 teams for the first time ever, and all teams looked resplendent in their new kit!

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

We are far too reliant upon one
or two people to do all the run
the whole club – so please speak
to Steve Tabb if you are
interested in helping out in any
capacity – you would be amazed

BACK TO HOCKEY

- Did you used to play hockey?
- Would you be keen to get back to it, but are daunted by the prospect of committing to going to sessions every week, or training with loads of people who have been playing for years?

Why not come to our Back to
Hockey Sessions?

12.30 – 13.30 on Sundays

at the club



View from the Chair – Steve Tabb; OSHC Chairman

Well, a few things might possibly have gone better for the club in the last few months – but not much! Reflecting on the achievements of the club and the service it provides to its members and non-members over the last few months, gives me a LOT to be please about. Great things are happening, both on and off the pitch and

the club is doing a fantastic job of cementing itself within the County as one of the leading hockey clubs in the region. Just a few of the things that have been successes over the last 8-10 weeks are listed below but do please remember, that almost all of these have been achieved and delivered by a VERY SMALL team (no more than 10 people), and as we grow as a club, it would be great to get more people involved – particularly parents of our now HUGE junior section.....please don't treat the club as a crèche – there are plenty of non-hockey things you could help with (maintaining the notice boards, being the club Welfare Officer, being on-hand to be a first-aider – or in fact, helping to coach the 6-8 year olds – you honestly do NOT NEED to have played hockey before to help a 6 year old enjoy themselves!!!!) If more of you get involved, it provides more bandwidth for the few currently doing stuff to look into how we can provide even more to you and your kids than simply the things listed below:

- Club Day was a phenomenal success – thanks to everyone who came and well done to all the raffle winners – I hope everyone had a good time
- Back to Hockey – a new England Hockey Board initiative aimed at getting Ladies back into playing the game – check out the items left and below, and also the website www.silshockey.co.uk for more details – we are the only club in the County offering this
- Badgers & Vixens have kicked off – we have games organised against local teams on Sundays, take a look at the Juniors Section for more details
- 2 New Coaches – The club has welcomed Will Byas (currently England U21s) and Richard Gear-Evans (former England U18 and England U21s) who both play National League hockey to run our 1st team squad training sessions. Remember there are also club sessions on Tuesdays 7-8pm.
- Brand new kit – we have fantastic new top-of-the range kit supplied by Akuma for all our sides

BACK TO HOCKEY
refresh • relearn • replay

Come and enjoy fun, fitness and friendship

- Sociable and informal sessions for women
- A great way to get in shape
- No need to commit to membership, regular training or competitions

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OSHC Juniors



Club Welfare Officer:

Steve Tabb

welfare@silshockey.co.uk

Sunday Mornings

10.30am – 12.00pm

Silhillians Sports Club



Juniors Co-ordinator:

Lucy Steele

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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

Junior Development Centres (JDCs)

The club had around 20 young players going through the Development Centres (as many, if not more than any other club in Solihull), and following 12 weeks of training are now gearing up towards the matches that are due to take place on the 6th November and 20th November. We wish all our Junior Players every success, and hope that some of them get to progress to the Academy Centres (the next stage). One of our juniors got through to the Regional Performance Centres last year, so fingers crossed we can at least match that again this year as well!!

Remember that 4 of the Academy squads are coached by members of the Old Sils so we are hoping to see as many of you make it through to us as possible!!!

Training Times

We are planning on changing the training times for the Juniors to allow for a lower player per coach ratio. We are looking to change the times for U10s to 10.00-11.00 and then Over 10s to 11.00-12.30

Please email us (chairman@silshockey.co.uk) if this is an issue

Coaching in Local Schools

Do you go to a school that could do with more hockey coaching?

Old Sils is more than happy for one of our Coaches to come in and work with any of your school squads – just get in touch and tell us what you want. We will happily get a coach from the club to come in for FREE!

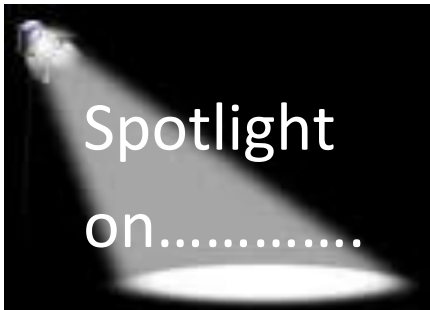
Badgers & Vixens

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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FREE Tickets to Watch Hockey at the Olympics

Did you know the Club has FREE tickets to give away to watch the Olympics?

ALL Members have a chance to win them

**Learn How by Visiting the Website
www.silshockey.co.uk**

The Club is looking to gift these tickets to the people who are seen to do the most to support the club, whether that be by helping run social events, regularly attending training, raising money for the club, umpiring matches or any of a whole other host of options.

NO OTHER CLUB IN SOLIHULL IS GIVING TICKETS AWAY TO ITS MEMBERS

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

As a final word:

The Old Silhillians Association Dinner is on 19th November

The Hockey Club has a table booked – so why not join us, or get your own group together to attend – email contactus@silshockey.co.uk for more details.

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