



# SNAPSHOT

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## Welcome

Welcome to the eighth 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

The past few weeks have continued to be busy ones at the club. The first batch or orders of the club kit have arrived, and whilst there have been a few teething problems, it is all looking very nice.

We have had some really good numbers at Club, Junior and 1<sup>st</sup> team training, and there was a great hockey presence at the recent Old Boys Dinner held at the clubhouse.

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

Men's 1sts – 4<sup>th</sup> in the table

Men's 2nds – 2<sup>nd</sup> in the table (promotion spot)

Men's 3rds – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the table

Men's 4ths – 6<sup>th</sup> in the table

Ladies 1sts – 2<sup>nd</sup> in the table

Ladies 2nds – 4<sup>th</sup> in the table

Badgers and Vixens both Played 2, Won 1, Drew 1

**We are just about to take a break for Christmas, but remember training starts again on the following dates:**

- **Juniors: 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012**
- **Club & 1<sup>st</sup> Team Training: 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012**

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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

### OPEN ROLES

**You do NOT need to be a Hockey Player to  
get involved – parents are more than  
welcome (in fact, encouraged) to help  
shape the future of this club**

- Commercial / Fund-Raising Officer: helping to tap into the various bits of available funding, and linking in with Social events, to help raise funds for things such as Junior Kit, hockey balls etc.
- Kit Officer: to help get kit orders through faster than the current 4-5 week turnaround, and also to keep a tab on the kit supplies we have (you may even get some free kit yourself!)
- Please contact Steve if you are interested



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

The season continues at full steam, and things appear to be progressing well. The teams on the pitch are seeing lots of success, plus there is plenty going on off the pitch as well, a few notable highlights including:

- Vixens and Badgers sides have both played 2 matches and are, as yet, unbeaten, both with 1 win and 1 draw under their belts.
- A Level 1 Umpiring Course has been run at the club, with 4 members attending, plus a further two who are likely to be getting involved in courses in the early part of the New Year
- The Back to Hockey sessions have been running, with great reviews from all involved – in fact, we even saw a couple of the Ladies attending club training for the first time off the back of it
- The Club has run a Secret Santa event, with presents being handed out at the club social on the 10<sup>th</sup> December
- We continue to have new members join us, both young and “more experienced”
- The Junior section has grown so much that we have had to adapt the approach we take to coaching – plus watch out for some Saturday (Mixed) Badgers games in the second half of the season
- We have started coaching in Primary Schools in Solihull to support the work we did last year in the North of the Borough
- We continue to support the work being put into re-developing the clubhouse and providing more changing facilities – watch out for more news on this story in the next edition of Snapshot
- We have been offering Goal Keeping clinics to ANY goal keeper from the local region
- A number of Sils Juniors have been invited for JAC assessment following the JDC stages (at least 8, if not more)

### Buying Christmas Presents?

Please use this link to raise money for the club:  
[www.spendandraise.com/silshockey](http://www.spendandraise.com/silshockey)

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# OSHC Juniors



Club Welfare Officer:

Steve Tabb

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Sunday Mornings

U10s: 10.00am – 11.00am

Over 10s: 11.00am – 12.30pm

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

## 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!

## MATCHES

The Sils Juniors have already clocked up a large number of matches, and all this practise is ensuring that the teams are improving every week. Unlike many of the other clubs we are playing against, who simply select the same players every week, the Sils have adopted the policy of rotating the Juniors so everyone gets matches. This has meant the teams have struggled on occasions against their well organised opposition, but recent results in all the age groups have been pleasing.

To date, we have played in 2 sets of Festival matches (with another one due this week), a whole set of matches against Sutton Coldfield and also games against Solihull Blossomfield – thanks to all the parents for their support!

## Coaching Times Change

Please note that due to the massive success of our Junior Sessions, we have decided to make changes to the times that our Juniors train. We have decided to split the age groups, with Under 10s now starting earlier, and only running for 1 hour (but with more pitch space!), and Over 10s, moving to a slightly later slot. Times are as follows:

U10s: 10.00am – 11.00am      Over 10s: 11.00am – 12.30pm

This will hopefully help ease some of the parking issues as well!!

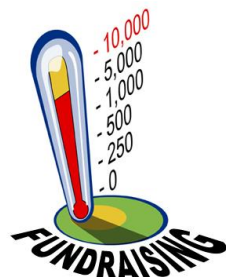
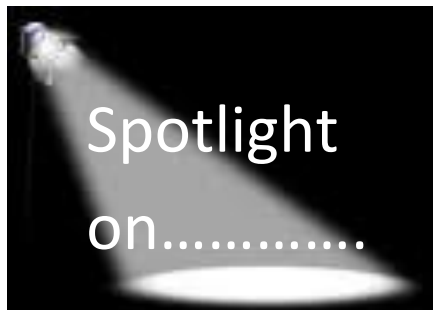
Do PLEASE let us know if this causes you any problems – [chairman@sislhockey.co.uk](mailto:chairman@sislhockey.co.uk)

## Young Leaders

Remember, if you want to do a Young Leaders Course, speak to Louise on a Sunday, and she will add you to the list of people going through the training she is delivering

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### The Fund-Raising Challenge

#### What is it?

Each section within the club e.g. each adult team (including Vets), and the Juniors Section, have been set the challenge to raise £100 each to help towards the running costs of developing this club.

#### What are teams doing?

One example of something being done is that the Men's 3rds and 4ths have sacrificed their Saturday teas after their matches.

#### How can you get involved?

Speak to your Captain, or the person that runs your section if you have any ideas for raising funds – or simply join in with whatever it is that gets proposed. Clearly £100 is the target, but there will be a prize for the section that raises the most money.....

### A Huge Thank you to our Sponsors

Junior Kit sponsored by Roxhill



Men's 1<sup>st</sup> Team Kit sponsored by Arkade Property



There are still opportunities to sponsor the club, so please email [contactus@silshockey.co.uk](mailto:contactus@silshockey.co.uk) if you would be interested

#### As a final word:

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We hope you have a great time – remember the club is open on Christmas Eve and Boxing Day with the second of these involving a hockey match against Olton – email [contactus@silshockey.co.uk](mailto:contactus@silshockey.co.uk) for more details.

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