



# 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

Wow, what an amazing first half to the season. So much has been going on, but highlights of the past 3 months of the season have been:

- The Men being crowned both Mercia Summer League Midlands Champions and also Warwickshire Club Champions 2013
- The Ladies have launched a 3<sup>rd</sup> XI who have played 5 matches to date
- The M1 are currently top of West Midlands Premier, and the L2 are currently 2<sup>nd</sup> in Warwickshire Division 4
- Both the Girls U14s and Boys U14s National Development League sides are top of their respective divisions
- Almost all Juniors who have been with the club since the start of the season have had at least one match – with the Under 8s playing their first ever matches on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> (those who have not yet played have either not been available OR NOT ADDED THEIR AVAILABILITY TO THE WEBSITE AND HENCE HAVE NOT BEEN SELECTED!)
- All teams are looking resplendent in their new kit – the Men's training tops, the Ladies' Gilets and the shirts/socks for the Juniors going down very well
- The club has had over 30 players involved in the Warwickshire JDC sessions, with around 60%+ of those being invited to JAC assessments
- The Club won the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Sport Community Club of the Year and came runner-up in the West Midlands Sports Awards Club of the Year
- Planning has started for the launch of the Sils Flyerz – our very own hockey club for players with disabilities; fingers crossed this will be up and running by Feb 2014

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



The view from the Chair this month is one provided with great pleasure. The club is seeing enormous success in all the things we have worked hard to put in place over the last few years, and we appear to be in a great place, but it is important that we do not rest on our laurels – I keep having to remind people of the reliance we have upon our volunteers and in not believing that everything will simply look after itself.

However, if I look at the over-riding vision of the club which I set out in our development plans around 24 months ago, there is a great deal to be proud of. For those that have not seen the vision on the website, it takes the form of a very easily remembered acronym – S.P.O.R.T

**S**upport - ALL hockey within the local community including local schools and even other hockey clubs; **P**rovide **O**pportunities - for anyone and everyone to have the chance to play hockey no matter what their background, ability, ambition or experience; **R**ecognise, **R**ecruit, **R**eward and **R**etain **T**alent – whilst we are a community focused club, we also understand the desire for all players to improve, be the best they can be, and also play alongside players of equal, or better, ability. We actively work to help players improve, and look to bring more talented players into the club, as well as providing the right opportunities for them to develop. We also work hard to develop the Talent of our Coaches, Umpires, Young Leaders and Volunteers as well!

Detailed below is the progress (and future focus) we have for each of these elements:

**Support** (all hockey) – we have established links with both the main School Sports Partnerships (as was) in Solihull and are now the most recommended club by almost all schools for junior members to join; we provide coaching in around 20 schools at times throughout the year and are much more closely tied in with Solihull School again.

**Provide Opportunities** - we have expanded our hockey offering at the club to cover Veterans, our established Saturday morning Academy, development squads, and a Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> XI – we are now looking to develop a Sils Flyerz disability hockey session, and grow our existing Back to Hockey offering, as well as continue to work on delivering the best playing opportunities we can for our existing membership.

**Recognise, Recruit, Reward and Retain Talent** – perhaps one of the most pleasing areas of on-pitch development; we are now able to recruit talent very successfully from around the Midlands both at a Junior and Senior level; we are retaining it more through the better playing and coaching infra-structure we have established, and talent is being recognised with so many of our Junior members playing at JDC/JAC and now also JRPC level. As the club grows though, we **MUST** continue to focus on this including developing a more robust feedback infrastructure, but also work even harder to develop the OFF pitch talent by supporting our coaches, enhancing our UMPIRING offering, and improving the other support functions that combine to maintain a successful and thriving sports club.

**If anyone has any thoughts or ideas on any of these aims, please do not hesitate to get on contact, though the final thought for the newsletter is one of the things that has happened with regards to Recruiting Talent is that Andre and Louisa Tchakhotine have very kindly offered to take on the role(s) of Communications officers, and hence this newsletter is just about to be completely re-designed, so who knows what this section will look like in the future – if in fact it is included at all! Until next time – Happy Christmas to you all and see you in 2014.**



# OSHC Senior Hockey

Tuesday Evenings

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

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



## Dates for the Diary:

### Silhillians Sports Club

The President's Dinner has now been confirmed for the 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2014; with the annual Captains' XI v President's XI fixture returning to its usual slot of the day after the dinner, with the match starting at 1pm on the 6<sup>th</sup> April – let your President (Gary Perkins) or your Captain on a Saturday now if you wish to play

Training Resumes after Christmas on the following dates:

Juniors: 5<sup>th</sup> January

Academy: 11<sup>th</sup> January

All Senior Training: 7<sup>th</sup> January

## Using the Website:

Firstly a MASSIVE thank you to everyone who has been using the website to provide their availability – you probably are not aware of how much time this saves the Captains and Coaches – for the Juniors alone, it probably saves around 3 hours per squad every time there is a match (which is at least once a week!)

Secondly, did you know that you can see all your personal details about how many games you have played, how many goals you have scored, and how many games you have won/drawn/lost?

**Thirdly, there are still around 35% of the Registered members who have NOT activated their email within their accounts – this means you will NOT receive all the updates from the website when they are sent out about fixtures, training etc. PLEASE do so ASAP** – you can do this by going into your own Personal page (Sign In to the website, click on your name in the top right and when the drop down appears, select Settings – then Email Settings and make sure you have all the relevant items ticked).





# OSHC Juniors



Club Welfare Officer:

Steve Tabb

[welfare@silshockey.co.uk](mailto:welfare@silshockey.co.uk)

Sunday Mornings

U10s: 10.30am – 11.30am

Over 10s: 11.30am – 1.00pm

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Juniors Co-ordinator:

Louise Hirons - [Louise\\_hirons@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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

## LATEST KIT NEWS

Apologies to all of those waiting on kit, but it has been confirmed by Zoti that kit will DEFINITELY be at the club by the 20<sup>th</sup> December.

All orders can be therefore be collected from the club from 5.30pm onwards on the Friday, plus over the weekend certain times will be organised for people to collect orders.

Please email [chairman@silshockey.co.uk](mailto:chairman@silshockey.co.uk) if you plan to pick up your kit that weekend to book a time.

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## The Season so Far in Numbers

51	Total Matches played by Junior/Development Sides of different sorts (by Christmas)
132	Paid Junior Members (approximately)
5	Most Goals Scored in one match (Maxim Edger v Blossomfield U10s)
0	Number of Sunday morning sessions lost due to frozen pitches (tempting fate.....)
1	Number of Academy sessions lost due to frozen pitches
4	Number of different GKs that the Badgers/Lions/U14 Boys have used so far this season
28	Number of Sunday morning and Academy Training Sessions held
32	Players attended Junior Development Centres
98	OSHC Junior Members have played at least 1 match (8 x U8; 26 x U10; 30 x U12; 18 x U14; 16 x Other Badgers/Vixens/Lions etc)
19	Different Clubs that we have played against so far this season
2	Number of Times that Morgan Price has injured his head in matches (you are supposed to use your stick!)