



SNAPSHOT

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Welcome

Welcome to the eighteenth 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

As the season draws to a close, there are a huge amount of things to look back on and look forward to:

- The Men being crowned West Midlands Premier Division 1st Team Champions
- The Ladies 2nds being Champions of Warwickshire Division 4
- The Ladies 3rds have a storming second half to the season only losing once
- The Girls U14s being National Development League Midlands Champions (with the Boys team finishing 2nd in their Midlands League)
- Girls U12s finishing 7th in the Midlands after qualifying from the Warwickshire tournament behind Rugby
- The U10s winning the John Lockwood Tournament for the second year running
- The launch of Solihull Flyerz Inclusive disability hockey
- Both the Men and the Mixed sides reaching the last 16 of the National Trophy/Plate Competitions

With Summer round the corner, the club is looking forward to:

- The £1.8 million refurbishment of the clubhouse (see later in the Newsletter for more news)
- Free Hockey for ALL – please keep an eye on the website for details of Summer Evening sessions
- The Annual Silz Mixed Festival over the August Bank Holiday weekend
- Summer League hockey for both the Men (2 teams) and the Women

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Junior Kit - Roxhill & ALCOA :

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View from the Chair – Steve Tabb; OSHC Chairman



Another season draws to a close, and it is another one that has brought a great deal of success. On the playing field, we have had our most successful season in 20 years both at a Senior and Junior level – bringing home 3 League Titles and 4 other Trophies across all the teams. We have also seen another increase in the membership levels, and our infrastructure has been strengthened by the fantastic efforts of our Junior Committee with Lisa Teal in particular being an outstanding leader on the Admin front. We have seen a huge amount of support provided by Players and Parents alike by accepting the new website and all the additional functionality it has brought – whilst change is never easy, a HUGE thank you to you all for maintaining and interacting with the site, as it really does make our lives on the Committee much easier.

So, what else to reflect on from another extra-ordinary season? As well as the on-pitch success, which does deserve a lot of attention, as a club we should be very proud of what we continue to deliver into the local Community and the opportunities we continue to provide to as many people as possible to play hockey. With the foundations in place to grow from strength to strength, I can only hope that an increased profile of hockey during the Commonwealth Games will continue to encourage people to join or simply give hockey a go for the first time.

In preparation for another exciting Summer of sport, and then a challenging new season, I will take this opportunity to throw out a request for all your help:

S – Spread the Word about the Club and all that we offer – with particular reference to the Back to Hockey and Flyerz Inclusive hockey we are offering we need your help to get people involved; we have a great facility, great coaches and a great opportunity to encourage more people to play hockey, but they need to know what is on offer – I am still staggered by the number of people that come to the club having lived nearby for several years and tell me that they had no idea what was on offer at The Silhillians.

O – Offer your Assistance – as with everything, the more we offer, and the bigger we grow, the more help we need to run everything. Whether that be taking registers on Sunday mornings, making sure that First Aid kits are taken to all away fixtures, social events are planned and marketed or simply collecting match fees, and help is greatly appreciated.

S – Support (Financial) – over the past 2 years, we have secured financial support from different companies to give over £6,000 of kit out to our members increasing both value for money for our Annual Subs and also the professional appearance of our players. Many of you will work for companies that offer Community funding, and as a club we are extremely well placed to meet all the objectives that companies stipulate around their Community Funds / Corporate Social Responsibility grants. We offer hockey to dis-advantaged communities (disabled athletes, financially poor neighbourhoods etc.) so please let me know if you think we might be able to apply for some funds! We want to continue to support growing hockey in local schools and neighbourhoods but need some financial support to do so.

If you have any questions or thoughts on any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact the Chairman, Steve – chairman@silshockey.co.uk

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OSHC Summer News

Silhillians Sports Club



Plans for Summer Hockey:

Last Junior Session on a Sunday – 11th May

Summer League Hockey:

Men – 2 squads, a Veterans team (please contact Gary Perkins if you wish to play) and a “younger” team (please contact Paddy O’Malley if you wish to play)

Ladies – 1 squad (please contact Becky Bakewell if you wish to play)

Summer Training / Friendly Hockey:

We will be running 8 x 1 hour Sessions on a mid-week evening for 1 hour (probably 6-7pm) in late June through to early August. This will cater for 3 different groups of players: a) Back to Hockey – Adults returning to hockey / trying for the first time; b) U15s – Junior focussed matches/coaching; c) Rush Hockey – friendly, 5-a-side matches

Stick2Hockey will also be running their usual Holiday Hockey Camps – check out www.stick2hockey.co.uk for details

Clubhouse Redevelopment:

As many of you will know, there will be a huge redevelopment and extension of the clubhouse over the Summer (£1.8 million investment). There are more detailed plans available on the Club Website, but key things for you to know:

1. The work is being funded by the sale of some land on the immediate right as you enter The Silhillians off the Warwick Road – by October, this area will no longer have a small house and associated parking, and will be replaced by a Care Home – additional parking elsewhere on the site to replace any lost to this site is being planned
2. There will be a much clearer site entrance from the car park and you will no longer be able to access the astroturf without going THROUGH the refurbished clubhouse
3. The refurbishment of the existing facilities will commence on 1st June and should be completed by mid/late August meaning the site will be fully functional from then. There may be a short period over the Summer when the whole site is closed – keep an eye on the website for details of this as they are known. Building work will be continuing into late October as 12 new changing rooms and 2 new Bars are built – however, this should not affect the use of the facilities.





OSHC Juniors



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

Club Welfare Officer:

Steve Tabb

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Latest Kit News:

Zoti have assured us the kit order will be with us by the start of May so will be available for collection on last 2 days of training (4th and 11th May)

Progression for our Players for next Season

As the season is nearing an end, it is important that players and parents are aware of what lies ahead for them next season.

A general guide to where players' development fits within the Club framework can be found here: <http://www.silshockey.co.uk/a/club-policies-and-procedures-31788.html?page=1>

However, also review the overview below, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Chairman, Steve, on chairman@silshockey.co.uk (Older players on next page)

Age this Season	Activities Played in this Season	Training Next Season	Matches Next Season
5-7	U8 Training & Matches	U8 Training on Sunday Mornings	U8 Matches – there will be about 4 or 5 match days in the season and selection will be done on a rotational basis
8	U8 Training & Matches	U10 Training on Sunday Mornings	U10 Matches – there will be about 4 or 5 Club Festivals in the season and selection will be done on a rotational basis across all U8s
9	U10 Training & Matches	U10 Training on Sunday Mornings	U10 Matches – there will be about 4 or 5 Club Festivals in the season and selection will be done on a rotational basis across all U10s; plus the end of season County tournament – most players will play on at least 2 or 3 of these days.
10	U10 Training & Matches	U12 Training on Sunday Mornings (Later Time Slot) Academy Training on Saturday mornings - by Invitation	U12 Matches - there will be about 4 or 5 Club Festivals in the season and selection will be done on a rotational basis across all U10s; plus the end of season County tournament – most players will play on at least 2 or 3 of these days. Badgers (Boys) / Vixens (Girls) – First taste of 11 a side hockey played with 2 x Adults to provide structure – 3 or 4 matches in the season against other clubs played on Sundays

Progression for our Older Players for next Season

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12	U12 Training & Matches	U14 Training on Sunday Mornings Academy Training on Saturday mornings - by Invitation	U14 Matches – there will be about 4 or 5 Club Festivals in the season and selection will be done on a rotational basis across all U14s but focussing on those that do not get matches elsewhere U14 National Development League (Boys & Girls) – 7-a-side matches played on Sundays against other strong clubs in the Midlands. Selection for these matches is based on ability. Badgers (Boys) / Vixens (Girls) – First taste of 11 a side hockey played with 2 x Adults to provide structure – 3 or 4 matches in the season against other clubs played on Sundays Lions (mainly Boys) - Saturday league matches played in the same format as Badgers/Vixens above, but for the slightly stronger players– approx. 16 games in the year avoiding school holidays, but with preference given to the older players when availability across the squad is very good.
13 & 14	U14 Training & Matches	U14 Training on Sunday Mornings Academy Training on Saturday mornings - by Invitation Tuesday Night Club Training along with Adults (7-8pm)	U14 Matches – there will be about 4 or 5 Club Festivals in the season and selection will be done on a rotational basis across all U14s but focussing on those that do not get matches elsewhere U14 National Development League (Boys & Girls) – 7-a-side matches played on Sundays against other strong clubs in the Midlands. Selection for these matches is based on ability. U16 Boys National Cup – 11-a-side, 3 or 4 Triangular tournaments played on Sundays against other strong Midlands Clubs – selection based on ability Badgers (Boys) / Vixens (Girls) – First taste of 11 a side hockey played with 2 x Adults to provide structure – 3 or 4 matches in the season against other clubs played on Sundays Lions (mainly Boys) - Saturday league matches played in the same format as Badgers/Vixens above, but for the slightly stronger players– approx. 16 games in the year avoiding school holidays, but with preference given to the older players when availability across the squad is very good. Ladies 2 nd / 3 rd XI for all girls aged over 13 – 2nds play once per week, 3rds play roughly once every fortnight Men's 3 rd / 4 th XI – some of our oldest boys may well play a number of Adult league matches during the season with the aim for them to be fully integrated into Saturday Adult squads by the time they are 15/16.

Please note that all of the players aged 11 or over that we believe are the strongest within their Age Group will be nominated for Junior Development Centres which will provide further development opportunities outside of the Club environment and is the entry route to “County” hockey.