

# It's your December ho ho hockey newsletter!

A very big HELLO, not from Santa (not yet anyway) but from all of us at Timperley Hockey Club Academy.

We're delighted to welcome you to our new monthly newsletter. It's just a quick round up of all things happening this month: club news, match reports, competitions and some great results from last month too.

So grab a mince pie and a Gluhwein and have a read. Merry Christmas.





# **Sunday 7th January**Courageous kids or pushy parents? Who will be this year's

winners? Who cares, it's a good excuse to run off the Christmas excesses.



# Last month's stand out game

# November 19th GMHJL Tournament GMHJL Ull boys (Team A and B)

The mid-point of this years GM Junior Hockey
League brought a special treat for the u11
Timperley Boys squad, we secured an extra
spot allowing us to field two teams. This proved
a fantastic opportunity to make sure every
available player had a run out and, in the case
of the chaps that made up the B Team, gain
some more valuable tournament experience.
Unfortunately the cloud to this silver lining came
in the form of the scheduling of the games - both
teams played every game at the same time
which made it difficult for us spectators to keep
track of all the goings on...and there was plenty.
(Sometimes even the match official struggled to
keep up!)

So only a quick summary match report this week...

#### A Team Results:

- 5 o victory over Didsbury North B
- 4 o victory over Stockport
- o -3 loss to league leaders Bowdon A
- 4 o victory over Bolton
- 3 o victory over Macclesfield

Another really strong showing by the lads and everyone agreed there was real balance of play throughout the whole team, goals coming from

all the forwards and defenders and keeper working hard to ensure 4 worthy clean sheets. (Goal difference may count against second spot rivals Brooklands at the end of this season!)

#### **B Team Results:**

- o 2 loss to Wilmslow
- o o draw to Bowdon B
- o 2 loss to Didsbury N A
- o 3 loss to Brooklands
- o 1 loss to Alderley Edge

Don't let the final scores mislead you on the effort and skill shown by the lads throughout all of these matches, it could be said this group had more of the big guns in it than the group our Timperley A had to face. Not having the experience gained last year by our A Team didn't put the B chaps off for a second and the clean sheet against Bowdon B is testament to the resolve the whole team showed, every match, in defence. Against Didsbury and Brooklands late goals, after some strong defending, put the boys on the back foot but the ability to bounce back will definitely come with more games...and the improvement not just in defending short corners but taking them, over the 5 matches was phenomenal.

Well done to both Timperley Teams, a big thank you to David Riley (for jumping in to the B Team coach role) and our umpires Eve and Ewan



# Player of the Month

#### Wilf Roberts - Under 13s - Beavers

Congratulations Wilf Roberts for becoming our first ever Player of the Month.

Even in the summer break Wilf was focused on his hockey. After a winning the Just Sardinia trophy with the Tensworth (it's an anagram of North West) team he also had the opportunity to run out onto the Lee Valley pitch and collect autographs of his

role models after watching England mens team beat Argentina. Back at Timps, Wilf has established himself as one of the senior players in the Beavers squad who have enjoyed a great start to their season with 9 wins from 10 games played to date.

Wilf's hockey skills were recognised with selection to the Greater Manchester JAC and an invitation to train with the next age group up, the U14s. Well done Wilf.

# Player's match review





Timperly Badgers Year 10



Northop Hall Year 10



### November 18th. By Aneesa Chaudhry Timperly Badgers - Year 10

A very good score for a game played on an incredibly sandy pitch! The game started off with a strong Timperley defence line but Northop Hall managed to slip one past them resulting in a quick hit from the post into the back of the net. Timperley were very determined throughout the game and brought it all back with a goal from Oliver Burton which was cleverly planned but the attacking part of the team. The midfield supported them throughout making the goal an easy one. Oliver then scored 2 other goals resulting in the half time score being 3-1. After half time a few short corners were called and one of which Northop scored from. Although Timperley's defence tried their hardest, their attack came in strong which led to them scoring another goal. Timperley then realised it was not going to be an easy match although they were winning at half time. Timperley fought hard and after losing two goals to Northop they felt like they had to try their hardest to gain victory. This came as a reward and Ben Harrison then scored two goals bringing up their score to 5-3, ending in a wonderful result for Timperley, which was well deserved.

# **Dates for your devices**

## Pichero a problem?

Are you struggling with Pitchero? How to use it? How to log in?

You're not alone, many of our parents have asked for a bit of guidance on how to get to grips with our new website. So Nisha is running a Sunday morning drop in, where she will answer any question you may have or talk you through the ins and outs of how to use the website.

# **Pitcher®**

### Sunday 10th December 2017

Last day of training for The Academy.

#### Tuesday 12th December 2017

Last Tuesday training (U16, gk and in December Beavers)

### Sunday 7th Jan 2018

Training will resume as normal.

### Every day!

Whilst you have such a relatively long period away from hockey you will, no doubt, be spending your money on presents... if you could consider, before you make an online purchase how online purchases can also benefit Timperley Hockey Club. Every time you shop online through easyfundraising.org.uk a small percentage is donated to the club.

### All you have to do is:

- Go to http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ timperleyhc
- 2. Sign up for free
- 3. Get shopping and start raising

No catches, no hidden charges and the hockey club will be really grateful for your donations. It would be fantastic if you could join up and really help make a difference!





# **Christmas Tombola**

This year's Christmas tombola will be held on Saturday 16th December and we're looking for donations (however big or small) of chocs or wine. If you could spare either (or both - cheeky!) bring them along to the clubhouse and leave them in the committee room anytime from now. Thanks and good luck.



### Jack and Jackie Frost strike again!

The frost is back and we're back on the case with pitch inspections for matches and training. Make sure you keep in touch with the club via our social media channels and of course your captain to check games / training are on.



### **Christmas Film Night – Saturday** 16th December

Everyone loves a movie at Christmas so why not join your hockey family and watch a Christmas classic on the big screen in the clubhouse? They'll be hotdogs, ice-cream and popcorn just bring your own cushions, blankets and pillows. In the meantime, to get you in the mood, which films are these famous lines from?

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<sup>&</sup>quot;Every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings"

<sup>&</sup>quot;Merry Christmas... ya filthy animal." "Santa. I know him!"