

# Timperley Hockey Academy

## Update - April 2015 News

### *End of Season – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015*

All Academy players and parents are invited to join us on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May for our final session of the season and annual Presentations. A reminder to all those in the Under 14 – 16 age groups to come along as well.

We will be holding the ever popular Parents v Kids matches across age groups. Parents wishing to take part should wear trainers, shin pads if they have them and suitable clothing ! We can loan you a stick and coaches will do a kick refresher and warm up prior to the first games. Parents are reminded that we can only hold these games if we ensure the safety of young players and 'rules' for the games will be in place for older players and parents to ensure all enable the games in a safe environment.

The plan for the day is:

**From 10.45** - players / parents arrive to allow plenty of time to park / get to the pitch

**11.00am** - for welcome on the Blue pitch (there will be no registration) followed by splitting parents / players into groups depending on numbers

**12.15** – finish games , time to grab a drink and make way to the function room

**12.30** – Presentations in the function room

We will start with the Cubs and Under 10's and all players will receive a medal and certificate to recognise their hard work during the 2014 – 15 season.

We will then follow on with awards for:

Under 11/12's Boys and Girls

Under 13/14's Boys and Girls

Under 15/16's Boys and Girls

Badgers / Beavers and Vixens

For each category there will be three awards

- Most Valuable Player
- Development Award
- Coaches Award

Winners will be asked to come up as a group of three for each team / age group to help keep things moving! We also have awards for Young Leader of the year (boy and girl), Coach of the Year and Parent Volunteers for the Year.

We will be aiming to move through as quickly as possible.

**1.45 / 2.00pm** - All parents and players are invited to stay on after the awards for a BBQ that will run during the early afternoon. This year to save time we wont be doing a Bring Your Own BBQ, the BBQ will be set up and run on a pay as you go basis and the academy will provide the extras, salads and cakes.

We look forward to seeing as many players and parents as possible to close off the season !

Copies of our end of season review will also be available on the day too.

## *Vixens start off strong!*

By Pippa Ravenscroft

This season saw the creation of a new team; the 'Vixens' (for girls in years 7,8 and 9) with the first ever game taking place in sunny Hoylake on the Wirral in September. Fixtures against Bowdon, Alderley Edge, Macclesfield, Lymm and Formby followed and culminated in an all Timperley match in March involving 26 of our players. Coach Shiarn is already looking forward to next season when there will be even more fixtures for this exciting new team!

Look out for our End of Season Review to find out more about the Vixen's season and all the other teams too ! Available on 10<sup>th</sup> May – Presentations Day.



## **Timperley goes cold**

New ice machine arrives

The so that Academy has purchased a small freezer and donated it to Timperley Sports Club so that plentiful supplies of ice (in small bags) are on hand for all those knocks and bumps and minor injuries. The freezer is located behind the curved bag store area in the bar adjacent to the Pool table. It will be kept stocked by the bar staff and players, managers, parents and coaches can help themselves to ice in the event of an injury. Please don't go to the bar for ice as you can just help yourselves! REMEMBER never put ice in bags or packs directly on the flesh, always have something in-between to protect the flesh from potential ice burns. See advice on the freezer.



The freezer was funded through previous cakes sales at tournaments so thank you to all those who donated cakes and held sell them to raise funds.



Cricket

## Defibrillator arrives at Timperley

By Sarah Marsh

Timperley Sports Club now has a defibrillator and a number of staff have been trained to use it. This is available in the event of emergency for any visitors, spectators or players. New signs in the clubhouse will provide relevant information and its always worth just knowing the basic details and who to contact as a quick response can make a huge difference in case of emergency. If you are trained in the use of a defibrillator please let us know so we can make the club aware.

We hope that it is never needed, but it is there should it ever be needed. The defibrillator was acquired following an offer from the academy to purchase one, this wasn't needed in the end as the Men's

## Young Leader Courses

By Philip Marsh

Over the years, the England Hockey structure for young leader courses in hockey has changed dramatically, and this year was no different, we saw the introduction of new rules, new guidelines for training and assessment, and more.

With this, Timperley is updating the way in which we run young leader courses, with the help of Dan Caborn, and Duncan Rudge. This includes shaping our courses to suit the needs of young people today. With this, if anybody at the club wishes to participate in the courses to aid with the achievement of awards such as their Duke of Edinburgh, please inform a coach at the club, and we can arrange this for you.

As well as this, the club will **continue** to offer specific umpire coaching. This will ensure that umpires are coached properly during games, and that they feel they are not hassled during games. They will be overseen by qualified umpires to ensure that things run smoothly, and provide coaching tips as to how they can improve (and make things easier for themselves!) .

Look out for more news over the Summer months of plans for next season.

## North umpire award for Phil Marsh

After having been selected to represent Timperley at the prestigious event for North Young Umpires at Leeds last year, Phil heard nothing back, then a year later found out there was a mistake and that he was actually selected! Phil becomes the second member of Timperley, taking after his brother Mike, to get through to the North Young Umpires Promising List.

Phil was also awarded the Cheshire Young Umpire of the year award at the end of 2014.