



# Badger Bulletin

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## Chairman's Corner

I all hope you have enjoyed your summer breaks and are raring to go for the new season!

Thank you to all members that have given us feedback on our new newsletter, the response was overwhelming and we would like continued feedback so we can enhance the publication further, don't be scared!!

Wow, the summer has flown by and the Committee has been very busy getting all in order for the new season. We have a new website (thanks to Josh Chapman), which we hope will be more informative going forward. This is the early days of the website and again we ask for any feedback on content and design to make it better! As part of our website development, we have gone into partnership with the Hockey Factory Shop. For those unaware, the Hockey Factory Shop is a leading supplier of hockey equipment from sticks to mouth guards and any order placed by going through our new website will generate income (commission based, further details in the newsletter) for our club. Any commission generated will go straight into coaching across the club. Please let all your family, friends and fellow hockey players about this new initiative.

I would also like to announce that we have two new coaches joining our ever expanding coaching staff. Thaddeus has been appointed as coach to the men's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, while Ian Pledge has been appointed as men's 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> XI coach, please help me in making them both very welcome to our club. The Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI will continue to be coached by Matt McDonnell, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> XI by long-serving club member Simon Spencer.

Our captains have very clear objectives in what I and the Committee wants them to achieve. If we all commit to our respective captains as best we can, train hard, we can all **enjoy** our hockey and all be part of moving Broxbourne Hockey Club forward to the next stage. We have seen an influx of players this summer, especially in the men's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI, so it is important that both those squads train hard.....competition for places this season will be tough! The ladies have also welcomed a number of new players to their sides, and I offer a warm welcome to all new members!

Congratulations to those who participated in another successful summer league, Broxbourne was well presented throughout the summer and this was a great competition to be a part of.

That's enough from me, good luck to all for the forthcoming campaigns and I will see you in the bar!

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## Annie Strikes Gold at European Masters



Okay, Pippa has insisted I write this [*she was practically begging me to let her do it!!*] so, under pressure, here goes.....

At the advanced age of 63 having played hockey since I was 7 yrs old, it is a real pleasure to have played for England O60s this season and to now be able to call myself a European Champion.

Whilst the serious championships were taking place at the Lee Valley Stadium, England Lady Masters teams (40s, 45s, 50s, 55s and 60s) were battling it out for European honours at Old Loughtonians. We played five games in just six days, beating the Netherlands in the final. We were undefeated throughout and I did manage to score one goal, though was then moved to play Left Defence for the final - not my ideal position!

I would urge any of you veterans to embrace the opportunity to go to trials and take a chance as you never know where it might lead...

# Summer league round up

Broxbourne HC was once again well represented in the summer hockey leagues run by the club. Huge congratulations to Broxbourne Mixed team, who won the league with 2 games to spare. We hope their success continues in the national mixed cup competition this season!

Broxbourne Men's side came an impressive 3rd in their league, but despite some strong performances, the Ladies side did not fair quite as well. Lets hope your performance in the bar was better! But seriously, we hope everyone has enjoyed some great social hockey over the summer.

Both the girls and boys summer development squads enjoyed a good summer season. Chicksticks didn't have an ideal start, but clawed back some points at the end of the season to climb up the table. Well done to all juniors involved with both teams, we've seen a definite improvement in you guys over the summer, and hope you've gained some valuable experience.

Thank you to everyone who played over the summer, and to Pearl & Dean for their superb organisation of all the summer leagues.

Alas, the nights are drawing in and the winter season looms. I don't know about you guys but I'm already looking forward to playing in warmer climes....Here's to next summer!

## Dates for your Diary

- **8th Sep** - Ladies training (3,4,5's @ 7.15-8.45 / 1,2's @ 8-9.30)
- **9th Sep** - Men's training (7.30pm)
- **13th Sep** - Junior training begins
- **19th Sep** - First league games
- **29th Sep** - Broxbourne Sports Club AGM
- **30th Sep** - Zoti kit shop closes



Mixed	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
<b>Broxbourne</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>
Hertford	12	7	1	4	13	22
Bishop's Stortford	12	6	1	5	3	19
Shotgunners	12	6	0	6	10	18
Harlow	12	1	0	11	-57	3

Mens	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Bishop's Stortford	16	13	0	3	59	31
Hertford	16	11	2	3	23	30
<b>Broxbourne</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>21</b>
Winchmore Hill & Enfield	16	10	1	5	26	21
Potters Bar	16	7	1	8	-10	18
Stevenage	16	6	3	7	-2	13
Welwyn Garden City	16	6	1	9	-9	13
<b>Whippersnappers</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-66</b>	<b>9</b>
Cheshunt	16	1	0	15	-56	3

Ladies	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Stevenage	16	13	1	2	60	40
Bishop's Stortford	16	10	4	2	37	34
Winchmore Hill & Enfield	16	10	1	5	26	31
Bishop's Stortford 2's	16	7	1	8	-10	22
Hertford	16	6	4	6	-16	22
Harlow	16	5	3	8	-15	18
<b>Chicksticks</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>18</b>
Welwyn Garden City	16	3	2	11	-22	11
<b>Broxbourne</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>-38</b>	<b>10</b>

# Back to Hockey

Sunday 23rd August saw the first Back to Hockey (B2H) session run by Broxbourne HC this season. A big thank you to Matt, our Ladies 1st XI coach who led the session, which saw an impressive turnout of ladies who were all looking to get back into playing hockey. A thank you also to Tara, Sharon and Cerys who helped run the session.

Thank you and welcome to all the ladies that came along. We've already seen a few of you at trials, and hope you continue enjoying your hockey at Broxbourne HC!

If you came along to the B2H session and are keen to do more, the club are entering an exciting new **7 a Side League** being run in partnership by England Hockey and the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre. The leagues, **will run on Thursday** evenings from the **15th October to 10th December**. The league is aimed at players who are not playing hockey & who want a reasonably regular & local game providing a bit of fitness and chance to socialise.

If interested & for more info, please contact Tara Haddock (tha@johnwarner.herts.sch.uk )



A big 'get well soon' to our ex-President **Ken Hayward**. All the very best for a speedy recovery from your op!



## Senior Membership Fees 2015-16

Deadline for membership fees this season is **3rd October 2015**. Failure to pay your subs will result in you being unable to play in games after this date, and incur a £20 late payment fee.

Membership forms will be circulated soon by BHC Secretary, and by your captains. Copies will also be available behind the bar.

If you have any issues paying your subs by this date please speak to your captains.

MEMBER TYPE	FEE	Match fee
SENIOR (EMPLOYED)	£190	£10
GOALKEEPER	£100	£10
CONCESSION	£55	£5
ASSOCIATE	£55	£10
SUNDAYS/CUP MATCHES	N/A	£10
SOCIAL	£60	N/A
FOB	£5	N/A

## Zoti Kit Shop...

The Kit Shop is now open again, and will close on **30th September 2015**.

<http://www.zotisports.com/shops.php?ci=150>

Password: broxbourne123

Shirts- £19 Skorts- £14.25

Socks- £5 Shorts- £11.25