

Yorkshire & NE Masters Hockey

Newsletter – August 2023

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Welcome to our latest Newsletter aimed at bringing information to all Masters hockey players and officials in our Area.

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NORTH EAST
HOCKEY**

Training, Selection & Squad Development Dates

Dates and venues for 2023 training and squad selection sessions are below. Not all times/venues have been confirmed but we are hopeful that they will be nailed down very soon.

10 September	Women	GSAL	1200 – 1400
17 September	Men	GSAL	1200 – 1600
22 October	Women	Newcastle University	1200 – 1600
	Men	Wakefield	1400 – 1600
17 December	Women	Wakefield	1400 – 1600
	Men	Slazengers	1400 – 1800
14 January	Women	Slazengers	1400 – 1800
28 January	Women	Lindum	1200 – 1600
4 February	Men	Newcastle University	1200 – 1600
25 February	Women	TBC	TBC
17 March	Women	TBC	TBC
17 March	Men	Lindum	1200 – 1600
7 April	Women	Wakefield	1200 – 1400
7 April	Men	Wakefield	1400 - 1600

The rationale behind moving the training venues around is that we need to encourage as many masters players from within the YNE area as possible. The committee did consider a single venue but the YNE leagues cover a huge area, pitch availability is an issue, and we need to utilise pitches and recruit players from around the region so that travelling distance is fair for all.

YNE Committee

Chair – Gordy Gray
 Vice Chair & Treasurer – Chris Randall
 Vice Chair & Social Media Manager – Di Kirby
 Competitions Lead –
 Social Media Assistant – Trevor Armitage
 Lead Coach – Robin Wilson

Age Group Reps

	Women	Men
Over 35	Emma Williams	Rick Dewhirst (successor needed)
Over 40	Beth Webster	Rick Dewhirst
Over 45	Jayne Norman	Matt Dench
Over 50	Esther Latham	Greg Hilton
Over 55	Sally Hunt	Greg Hilton
Over 60	Vacant (Mags Bottomley covering)	Mason Fenlon
Over 65	Mags Bottomley	Mason Fenlon
Over 70	Mags Bottomley	Mason Fenlon
Over 75	N/A	Mason Fenlon

Competitions Committee Update

Leagues for Men's over 50 and 60

Last season the men's over 50 and 60 leagues proved very popular, and comprised four areas, with each team playing each other at least once in very competitive fixtures. See page 3 for this year's dates.

Over 50 Mid-Week get togethers at Wakefield

Again these were very successful with 3 teams and sometimes 4 teams of players enjoying a Thursday afternoon (1pm to 4pm) of mixed social masters hockey. These will be continued from September 2023 onwards. See dates on the next page.

Mixed masters get togethers

Five dates were run over the summer at Wakefield, with teams composed of either one club or a mix of several coming together to form a team. The last of these will be on 5 August, when teams compete for the Jacky Murray Memorial Trophy. As you know, Jacky was the chair of YNE Masters and passed away suddenly in January of this year following a heart attack after a game. Jacky's husband, Jim, is coming along to present the trophy. Part of the match fees for this event will go to the British Heart Foundation.

As always if you would like to get more involved in masters activities within YNE and would like to join and shape what we offer let Chris know. Contact Chris at cirandall1@btinternet.com if you want to be added to the circulation list for future games.

2023 Area Finals

Players were drawn from over 41 different teams. There was some great play across all teams and some extremely close results, so the placings do not always reflect the effort and commitment put in by YNE.

Thanks to all players, coaches and team managers who travelled far and wide to compete.

Special congratulations to our women's over 40s, who came away with the trophy! Well done ladies.

Results from 2023 Area Finals		
Age group	Women	Men
35	4 th out of 6	6 th out of 6
40	1 st out of 8	5 th out of 7
45	7 th out of 8	5 th out of 8
50	6 th out of 8	7 th out of 8
55	6 th out of 7	6 th out of 7
60	4 th out of 8	7 th out of 8
65	3 rd out of 6	6 th out of 7
70	Friendly tournament	6 th out of 6
75	N/A	Joint YNE/NW team: 4 th out of 5

Proposed dates and venues for the 2024 Area Finals are on page 3

Proposed men's over 50 and over 60 league fixtures 2023/24

Date	Over 50			Over 60	
	Home team	Away team		Home team	Away team
1st October	Leeds/NW	Tyne Tees		Tyne Tees	Leeds/NW
	South West	West		West	South West
15th October	Tyne Tees	South West		South West	Tyne Tees
	West	Leeds/NW		Leeds/NW	West
5th November	Leeds/NW	South West		South West	Leeds/NW
	West	Tyne Tees		Tyne Tees	West
19th November	Tyne Tees	Leeds/NW		Leeds/NW	Tyne Tees
	West	South West		South West	West
7th January	South West	Tyne Tees		Tyne Tees	South West
	Leeds/NW	West		West	Leeds/NW
18th February	South West	Leeds/NW		Leeds/NW	South West
	Tyne Tees	West		West	Tyne Tees

We are looking for organisers for the South West over 50 and over 60 teams, and the West Yorkshire over 60s – could anyone step up to help?

Mid-week mixed over 50s dates up to Christmas 2023 at Wakefield HC:

21 September

19 October

16 November

21 December

Contact Chris Randall at cjrandall1@btinternet.com if you want to be added to the circulation list for these games.

Proposed dates and venues for the 2024 Area Finals (all to be confirmed)

AREA FINALS 2024 – PROPOSED DATES/VENUES				
WOMEN	VENUE	DATE	MEN	VENUE
O35	Surbiton (London)	11 & 12 May	O35	Bournemouth (South Central)
O45	Marden (South East)			
O55	Wakefield (YNE)			
O40	Old Loughts (East)	18 & 19 May	O45	Bedford (East)
O50	Basingstoke (South Central)		O55	Southgate (London)
O65	Clifton College (West)			
O60	Guildford (South East)	1 & 2 June		
		8 & 9 June	O40	Timperley (NW)
			O50	Wakefield (YNE)
			O60	Stourport (Midlands)
			O70	Nottingham (Midlands)
		15 & 16 June	O65	Old Silhillians (Midlands)
			O75	TBC
O70	Hampton in Arden (Midlands)	30 June		

YNE Women v Scotland & the North West

At the time of writing, arrangements for the annual triangular tournament between YNE women, North West and Scottish National Masters teams are still under discussion. Watch this space!

Social Media

Those of you who use social media will hopefully have noticed a big increase in the number of posts on our Facebook page, thanks to Trevor Armitage. Please follow us if you're not already doing so.

We also have an Instagram account, well actually, we have two! We're trying to find out who created the original Insta account so Trevor can start to use that for photos, instead of the FB page. Do get in touch with Trevor if you know.

We now have access to the YNE masters page on the EH website so will be using that in future too.

Trevor is on the look-out for suitable stories to include on our social pages so do get in touch if you have anything you'd like us to include.

WMH European Championships in Valencia, July 2023

How fantastic to see so many YNE players at the European Championships in July. A few photos below for those who haven't seen these on our FB page. Well done everyone.

