

APRIL 2013

SIX YEAR FREEZE ON SUBSCRIPTIONS

A freeze to club subscriptions for a record sixth year was announced at the club AGM on 5th April. This comes two months after we announced a **TWO YEAR FREEZE ON DRAFT BEER PRICES**. We want to do what we can to help members during the current economic conditions and provide great value to you all.

The club sets a general subscription rate for all members; sections can then add a levy onto this for specific section related costs. If you want more details of what this includes please speak to your section committee.

RICK HALKON WINS J P DAY AWARD



Rick Halkon was announced as the winner of the J P Day Sports Person of the Year award at the AGM after taking 55 wickets in all competitions, with the highlight being named Cheshire County Cricket League performance of the month with 9 wickets for 42 runs at Bollington.

This was the third time Rick has won this award, cemented his place in the annals of the club having only failed to take 50 wickets on one occasion in the last 6 seasons. Off the field his exploits were once again recognised as he met Shane Warne when collecting an award from Sky Sports for his coaching in Cheshire.

TREASURER REPORTS LOWER BAR SALES

Honorary treasurer Roger Lee reported a surplus of £6,741 for 2012, despite a large fall in bar sales of 12.9% (members' bar down by 7.5% and the Ballroom down by 24.5% due to lower bookings). Bar profit also fell as we held off the increase in duty set out in the March 2012 budget.

Subscriptions were lower as were coaching grants. The 3 Peaks Challenge organised by the Cricket Section raised £1,600 and the Jubilee activities netted £900. Gift Aid claims on junior cricket, tennis and hockey fees also helped as did nearly £1,000 from the 2012 Mixed Hockey Tournament.

THE CLUB COUNCIL NEEDS YOU

All standing officers were re-elected at the AGM, but 2 vacant positions went unfilled. The club council manages the day-to-day operations of the club, as well as looking towards our long term development. The club can only function effectively if we have a full and active club council.

We are seeking an **Assistant Membership Secretary** to look after our membership database, and a **House Chairman** to look after the club's buildings. We will also need an **Honorary Secretary** next March after Jim Younger indicated he was stepping down at the end of the year. If you are interested but want to know a little more please contact Rob Moore, the Club President, on 07775 880433, via information@salesportsclub.com or speak to your section representative.

What's On Guide

20 Apr - Cricket Season Starts

21 Apr - A musical tribute to Dave Shannon - From 2pm until late, FREE ADMISSION

11 May - Snail Racing Extravaganza - 7.30pm

27-31 May - Half Term Sports Camps - 10am-4pm

6 Jun - County Cricket - Cheshire Development vs. Lancashire 2nd XI

18 Jun - County Cricket - Cheshire U14 vs. Durham U14

6 Sep - Golf Day - Sale Golf Club

FREE
WiFi

For all members in the clubhouse

CLUB DEVELOPMENT

As well as recruiting a new Coaching & Development Officer and head tennis coach we've been looking at how we can improve our facilities. We realise they are not up to standard and no longer meet our playing or social needs, draining our finances rather than support the playing of sport. We are assessing the feasibility of a new build clubhouse and an artificial pitch in Sale. We are working up a feasibility study that assesses all options including both 3G and sand filled pitches.

We need your help to progress, if any members are entering an event (such as a run or bike ride), please consider donating some of your sponsorship to our development fund. You can split with any charity you choose. We have Sale Sports Club Just Giving web page set up and it's really easy to create your own sponsorship page from it.

HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS

TIM HAYWARD and **ASHLEY WEBSTER** are running Tennis and Multi-Sport camps for 5-15 year olds over the Half Term Holiday. New to the sports camps in 2013 is Rock-it-ball (a highly energetic and extremely fun game) and Zumba/Dance.

To sign up to the Sports Camps please call Tim on 07875 961887. If Tennis is more your game then please call Ash on 07545 846744. Details of the camps, including a leaflet and booking form can be found on our website now. Go to www.salesportsclub.com/multi_sports_camps.php



THE SPORTING YEAR IN BRIEF

It rained a lot! The **Cricket 2nd XI** went up as champions to the premier division & the **3rd XI** were promoted to the top division. Junior cricket was so successful that numbers were capped at 140, including a girl's team. **Tennis** saw promotion for both the ladies 1st & a gent's team.

Men's Hockey celebrated their 125th anniversary season with a dinner at the Worsley Marriot, the 1's finished 3rd in a higher division and reached the Cheshire plate semi-final & the 3's were promoted as champions. The **Ladies Hockey** 1's finished 3rd and reached the last 16 of the National Vase with a trip to Andover and the 3's are still fighting for promotion. **Junior Hockey** continues to grow with 40 boys & girls.

Spartans Rugby are 3rd in their league hoping for promotion, established a regular 2nd XV & finished 5th in the international Bingham Cup (which they organised and hosted). **Junior Football** ran 4 teams from under 10 to under 17.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Sunday 21st April sees a musical tribute to **Dave Shannon**, numerous friends will be playing from 2pm until late. Admission is free, with donations to Cancer Research.

Snail Racing is back on Saturday 11th May from 7.30pm. Please donate a prize or sponsor a snail for £10, contact Sarah Roberts via scarebear_uk@yahoo.co.uk

