



SNAPSHOT

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Welcome

Welcome to the tenth edition of **Sils Snapshot** – your regular look at what is happening at Old Silhillians Hockey Club (OSHC).

The aim of the newsletter is to share information, encourage inter-action, and generally generate more of a social atmosphere for everyone involved in OSHC. *Obviously, it would be great if people could print these newsletters off, and leave them lying around in places that might help us to recruit new members – whether playing, social, or supporting.*

Snapshot will look to provide news on Club Developments, Social Events, on the pitch and off the pitch performance and also a way for members to learn a bit more about what goes on with the running of the club.

As always, if anyone has any contributions they would like to make to the Newsletter, then please do not hesitate to get in contact, and we will endeavour to get your news shared with the club.



Newsletter for
Old Silhillians
Hockey Club

NEWS

So, the weather has not really helped organising matches over the last month and that combined with the disruptions of half-term and a number of additional matches (Mixed Cup etc.) have meant that the last few weeks has been pretty manic.

However, the club continues to move forwards, with planning having already started for the President's Dinner (28th April at the Club), the Silz Festival (August Bank Holiday), some activities associated with the Olympics (all Summer), and even looking into how we can progress and develop the Coaching infra-structure next year. Unfortunately, as I seem to say EVERY NEWSLETTER, all of these things are still being done by too few people, so we have brought in a new section for this letter titled "What can YOU do?" which will hopefully get a few more people to volunteer to help out.

As for hockey news, even the bad weather has not been able to take away from the fact that the Men's 1sts, 2nds and 4ths are all on track to have their best seasons in recent memory, as are the Ladies 1sts, and the Men's 3rds and Ladies 2nds also both have an outside chance of promotion as well!

The Vets continue to do what they do best (but combining this with winning a few games as well) and are continuing to bring in new members and/or encourage old members back to the club.

The Juniors have the County Championships coming up within the next month, and the Badgers and Vixens have a number of games in March and April, with both teams currently doing the club proud with great performances against other local clubs. The club also has a record number of players within the JAC squads as well – so the future is definitely looking bright!

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View from the Chair – Steve Tabb; OSHC Chairman



So, the past few weeks have been a mixture of a huge deal of frustration, some very pleasing moments, and also a realisation that the club is becoming somewhat a victim of its own success. With growth coming so rapidly over the last 2 seasons we have started to be faced with a number of new challenges.

Hence, to make sure we continue to move forwards as a club, we are looking to grow the number of volunteers we have, to ensure we do not let our members down. I have had a number of conversations with several people over the last few weeks about the fact that we never directly ask people to help, and that some of you are nervous about volunteering your time in case a) you tread on anyone's toes, b) we ask you to do something you are not happy doing, or c) you end up having to commit time on a regular basis.

Let me assure you that we do not think any of the above will be the case! And to that extent, you will find enclosed within this newsletter a new page – What can you do to help? This will provide a list of the things that it would be great if people could pick up and help, rather than the same old 3 or 4 people having to do everything!

Right – pleas for help out of the way, now on to a few other thoughts:

- Again, having spoken to a few of you, we know that that the new 10.00am start time for the Juniors is not as convenient, so we are looking at moving to a 10.30am – 11.30am session for the U10s, and then an 11.30am – 1.00pm session for the Over 10s. If you have any views, please do not hesitate to contact me on Chairman@silshockey.co.uk
- Delivery of our coaching and playing framework is continuing – we have had Lou Hirons attend her Level 2 Coaching course in the past few weeks, and Matt Fell will be attending the Level 1 Coaching course towards the end of the season
- We have a busy schedule of matches for the juniors over the next few weeks – Saturday Badgers, Sunday Badgers and Sunday Vixens; County Championships and the development of our plans for next season – so watch this space for (hopefully) news of our successes. Remember, there are also match reports that get posted on the website for you to catch up with what is going on.
- Of our 6 League teams, 5 are still in with a chance of promotion – why not come down on a Saturday and support whoever is at home – I know the players would appreciate it!

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Club Welfare Officer:

Steve Tabb

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OSHC Juniors

Sunday Mornings

U10s: 10.00am – 11.00am

Over 10s: 11.00am – 12.30pm

Silhillians Sports Club



Juniors Co-ordinator:

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Each edition, there will be specific articles dedicated to the Junior Section at the club – this will highlight upcoming events, remind people of Welfare Contacts, and identify what to expect from the Juniors in the next few weeks

MATCHES

Remember to check out the website (look for the Fixture List under the Youth Hockey menu on www.Silshockey.co.uk) as matches are coming thick and fast in 2012. We have our usual local festival matches, plus Vixens and Badgers matches every few weeks including 1 confirmed Saturday fixture on the 3rd March against Solihull Blossomfield, and then also the County In2Hockey (MiniHockey) championships on the 11th March (U10s) and 18th March (U12s).

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Next Season

Because of the success we have had in growing our Junior Section this year, we will be looking to enter teams into the England Hockey Board National Competitions at U14 age groups next year. This will add to our offering for Juniors which will then provide the following at the club:

U10s – Junior Training on Sunday Mornings with Friendly Matches against local clubs in a tournament format once every 4-5 weeks, plus the County Minis at the end of the Season (now called **In2Hockey Championships**)

U12s – As above for Sunday mornings + Sunday afternoon Badgers and Vixens (roughly 6 games a season)

U13s – As above for Sunday mornings + Saturday Afternoon matches for a Mixed Badgers team for some of the stronger players (N.B. No County Minis)

U14s – As above for Sunday mornings + players older than 13 can now take part in Adult hockey on a Saturday if they want (N.B. No County In2Hockey Champs.)

U13s & U14s – National U14 Competitions playing against other clubs

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What Can YOU Do?

Volunteer Role	Things we need doing....	Time / Qualifications Required
Boards Maintenance	We now have 2 noticeboards on the astro, and 1 inside the clubhouse which need updating with the latest info, and generally maintained	An hour or so once a month
Printing Off Newsletters	We know that a lot of people do not read the electronic versions of the newsletter OR visit the website to see the latest news at the club, so we want to print off loads of copies to "shove under people's noses!"	As long as it takes to print off around 100 newsletters! No qualifications required.
Handing Out Newsletters	Take said newsletters once they have been printed out, and hand them out to parents and club-members	Ideally, one Sunday morning per month, and one Saturday per month.
Player Registration	We need to take registers for all our Junior sessions – if someone could do this for us each week, it would mean that the coaches could spend more time focussed on coaching	10 minutes every Sunday morning – though this could be done on a rota basis. No qualifications required.
Fund-Raising	We are always looking for ways to raise funds for the club, so anyone who has any time to organise events, or look for places to get funding from, we would always be keen.	As much or as little time as people have! No qualifications required
Kit Managers	We need the club kit stocks to be managed effectively. This will mean handing out and collecting shirts back in before and after matches against other clubs, and co-ordinating the washing of the kit in between matches. It would also be great if the managers could help with people getting the right sizes for the kit they order online (using the sample kit we can provide), and then also ensuring that the ordered kit is handed out to the correct customers.	Required for each match day – though this could be done on a rota – and perhaps one Sunday per month
Advertising	Looking after the advertising in the local press, in local gyms, partnering with local restaurants etc.	As much time as you have!
Watching kids and/or leading warm-ups	Simply keeping an eye on kids whilst they are on the astro, or helping to warm the kids up for coaching sessions will take the pressure off the coaches, so that they can help set up the coaching exercises rather than having to do everything else as well	10-20 minutes whenever you are at the astro – could well be done as a rota
Diary Co-ordinator	We need someone to help co-ordinate what matches we are playing, when, and hence which coaches will need to be with which groups at what times, and where. This is not a job to recruit coaches or anything like that – simply to pull together a diary of who should be where and when, to ensure that we are able to support teams playing in matches as well as coaching sessions on the same days.	1 hour per week from home; need to be computer and phone literate!
Volunteer Recruiter / Co-ordinator	This role is ideally suited for the socialites amongst you. We desperately need someone to spend time at the club on Sunday mornings, and chat to people to see if they might be able to spare an hour or so across the season to help out with all the roles listed above (and more if possible!)	2 hours once very few weeks/month; no qualifications required – but needs to be someone good at chatting to people.

