



SNAPSHOT

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Welcome

Welcome to the thirteenth 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

The season has started, teams have played their first games (for some, ever!), and the club is continuing to move forwards. Highlights of things that have happened in the past month

- We now have record numbers of players (particularly juniors) playing at the club, and everyone appears to be enjoying and revelling in the new coaching set-up
- The new club kit has arrived (apologies for the slight delay), and feedback has generally been good; however, we do know we are low on the smaller sizes, and slightly overstocked on the larger sizes, so we will be ordering more shirts asap
- Many of our players have been attending the Junior Development Centres, and several are likely to progress to the Academy Centres after Christmas
- Coaching on Tuesday nights for the Club and 1st team squads has been going well; the coaching team which includes 3 former Junior Internationals is providing some fantastic support for our teams
- The Video tower is nearing completion – so we will be adding video analysis to some of our sessions in the near future
- The Juniors brought home medals from the “Olympics” tournament at Rugby at the start of the year, and the U14 Boys and Girls who have entered the National Development Leagues for the first time, along with the Saturday Lions Development side are all unbeaten (recording some very heavy victories on the way)
- The new club kit store is launching this week!
- Following feedback from club members, there is now a separate section on the Senior Section of the Club as well as the Junior Section

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View from the Chair – Steve Tabb; OSHC Chairman



The season is now well under way, and the highly successful Club Day seems like an age away – though its positive influence continues as new players are still joining the club.

I am very pleased with how the season has started, and that is not so much focussed on the results of the senior teams (which have been ok to date, as opposed to fantastic), but more to do with the excellent moves forward we have made with regards to the set up

of our coaching (juniors and seniors), the attendance at training, and the number of playing opportunities we have been able to provide players of all abilities. As the season continues we should be getting even more sides out with the Badgers and Vixens due to be starting their season within the next few weeks, plus the plans to start up a Ladies 3rds and possibly a Ladies Veterans side continue.

I have already touched upon Club Day being a huge success, but my thanks must go to everyone who put in time and effort to showcase the club so well, and I hope everyone enjoyed the opportunity to hold an Olympic Torch and touch an Olympic medal (or two) as much as I did!

Now, rather than using my section to talk too much about what has happened so far this season, I want to focus on things moving forward over the next few months.

- FAQs – in this month's Snapshot, I have included a load of FAQs based on the questions most asked at the start of the season by parents of Juniors
- Kit – apologies to those who have been wanting to buy kit for the last few weeks, but we have been in the process of changing suppliers, hence the delay. We are now up and running, and the plan is to place one initial order for items specifically ordered for individuals direct to the supplier (you can find the link on the home page of the Club website) – these orders will take around 6 weeks to come through once the shopping "window" has closed. Along with direct orders, we will also be formalising a replenishment model, so that future requests for kit should be possible directly via the Junior Committee and/or Kit Manager, and we will be able to provide kit direct from our stocks (assuming we have the right sizes) – hence removing the 6 week lead-time on the most popular items (shirts, socks and hoodies).
- **Maxi Fuel Super Sixes**
 - This event is the Premier Indoor Hockey tournament played in the Country, and is being played on 27th January. It is held at Wembley Arena. Reduced rates are offered to Accredited Clubs (as we are), and we may look to subsidise the cost of a coach if there is enough interest from the club. Costs for tickets are £15 for adults and £6 for juniors.
 - Please email Steve at Chairman@silshockey.co.uk if you would be interested in going





OSHC Senior Hockey

Tuesday Evenings

Standard Club Coaching : 7pm – 8pm; Advanced Club Coaching: : 7pm – 8.15pm

1st Team Squads (Men and Women): 8 – 9.45pm; Specialist GK Coaching: 7.15 – 8pm



Team Challenge:

Silhillians Sports Club

Every year, we set each section the target of raising £100 each to contribute towards the running of the club, but more importantly, to do something as a squad, other than just play and train! The M1 have already set the standard, contributing £110 through a “Shirt Number” sale where players had to bid in order to secure the shirt numbers they wanted. The Ladies section are looking to be the next to contribute, with a planned “Great Silhillian Bake Off” – news will be sent out shortly, but an entry fee of £5 per individual, will see you with the chance to win £50 prize money for “Best Bake” (selected by a crack team of judges); and then funds will be raised by selling the wonderful cakes off! Planned date for this is the 17th November, when we have 4 sides at home.

Playing Matters:

Thanks to all who have been attending training, the feedback has been very positive. For those who have not yet, it is well worth getting out for an hour a week, as the following set-up for the club provides excellent coaching and development opportunities:

Standard Club Coaching – Coached by Dan Sulway – England U18 International & Current National League Player

Advanced Club Coaching – Coached by Joseba Salegi – Spanish U18 International & Current National League Player

GK Coaching – Coached by Richard Gear-Evans – England U18 & U21 International & Current National League Player

Thoughts from the Coaching Team:

A number of new coaches have started working with the club this season. We asked 1 of them, Andy Hodges (Men’s 1st Team) who has coached at 2 other Midlands Level clubs (Stratford and Warwick), to provide his first impressions of the club:

Andy - “Sils is clearly a club operating in the present whilst developing for the future. Good players and good people, benefitting from excellent facilities and the hard work of captains, officials and a range of volunteers. Hopefully this season will prove successful and see further development.”

Throughout the season we will ask the different coaches for a few thoughts to share with the membership.





Club Welfare Officer:

Steve Tabb

welfare@silshockey.co.uk

Sunday Mornings

U10s: 10.30am – 11.30am

Over 10s: 11.30am – 1.00pm

Silhillians Sports Club

OSHC Juniors



Juniors Co-ordinator:

Louise Hirons - Louise_hirons@hotmail.co.uk



FAQs

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

JUNIOR COMMITTEE

The committee has been doing a CRACKING job of ensuring all our Player Details and Subscription records are up to date, taking registers and generally being on hand to ensure that our Coaches can concentrate on what they do best – coaching!

Hopefully, you will have all been impressed by the new structure and organisation, but if you do have any questions – feel free to ask the committee members; check out our FAQs to the right, OR why not offer to join the committee yourself?

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This month, we have included some FAQs below to help answer some of the questions that people have been throwing at our Junior Committee at the start of the season. Hopefully, this will help answer a number of the niggling questions you have:

- How is selection done for the matches?

OSHC is very keen to promote hockey for all, and hence we operate a rotational selection policy for the Junior matches on Sunday mornings meaning that most players should get at least 1 tournament to play in, and perhaps 2. The older/more experienced players will get a few more opportunities as the focus is on training and fun for the younger ones. We do also always try to select a mix of the more experienced and the less experienced players for the Sunday matches so we do not find it too tough to play against some of the other clubs who deliberately just pick their best players every week (meaning they might win more, but fewer players get the chance to play).

- How many matches are there during the year?

The different squads have a different number of match days each year. At present, the Lions, Badgers and Vixens all have 6 matches, the Sunday morning Junior squads have 4 tournaments plus the Warwickshire County tournaments, the U14 Boys have 5 match dates, and the U14 Girls have 4 match dates.

- I want to buy kit – how do I do it?

All details are now available on the Club website www.silshockey.co.uk – you do NOT need a login to access the info.

- What opportunities for development are there?

The development pathway is available on the club website: <http://www.silshockey.co.uk/Downloads/Junior%20Player%20Development.doc>

- Is there any way to know about upcoming fixtures and events?

Make sure you are on our email distribution list (check with Steve Tabb to see if you are), and look on the Club website or facebook page – there are references to upcoming events, plus you can also find Match Reports and other club information on there.



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 been 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 also that ordered kit is handed out.	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.
Publicity	Generally promoting the club as much as possible in as many places as possible!	Probably about an hour a week to help with match reports etc. and then adhoc.
Social Secretary	Help to organise events outside of the "Playing" diary – this could include Player visits, trips to tournaments/events, a Juniors Awards Dinner, or any other array of other things	A few hours a month? Or perhaps more, dependent upon how much you want to organise!

