



SNAPSHOT

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Welcome

Welcome to the fifteenth 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

It has been a while since the last newsletter (November), and whilst a lot of the hockey has been disrupted by the weather, there has still been plenty of activity at the club. Highlights include:

- A welcome to new senior players Daniel Sulway (who moves from 1st Team Coach, to now also playing for the 1st team); Philip Midgeley and Phill Yetzes
- Congratulations to Phill Yetzes (one of our Junior coaches) on being made a Centrally Contracted Coach by England Hockey
- Junior Membership numbers have hit the 150 threshold, and new members keep joining every week
- Club Kit has arrived, so now all Junior members have their own OSHC shirts, and there are also many OSHC items being worn at the weekends by our Senior membership
- Teams have continued winning, with the Badgers, Vixens, U14 Boys and U14 Girls all currently stop of their leagues, plus Ladies 1st and Men's 2nds and 3rds pushing hard for promotion
- The new video tower has been erected and we are looking forward to using it to assist with coaching in 2013
- The end of season dinner has had its date confirmed as 11th May – please speak to Steve Tabb about reserving your tickets
- Several of our Junior players have moved from JDCs to the next phase of the Single System player pathway – the Junior Academy Centres
- OSHC and its members have been featured heavily in the England Hockey magazine
- Jo Brett has qualified as a new Level 1 coach
- A Level 1 Umpire course has been held at the club with 12 attendees

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View from the Chair – Steve Tabb; OSHC Chairman

It may seem as if we have only just reached the ½ way point in the season, but planning for next year is already beginning to kick in. We can reflect upon a reasonably successful playing record for this season, but with some really encouraging signs for the future which present us with a number of opportunities, but also associated challenges for next season. We are now being considered by England Hockey as one of the leading clubs in the country, not

necessarily based upon current playing levels, but looking at the infra-structure of the club, our long-term development plans, and the facilities and location we have to offer, but we must continue to strive to move forwards.

Unfortunately, the first major milestone in our continued development has seen a real blow, with planning permission being granted for the clubhouse redevelopment, but not for the Care Home, which means we have no funding to carry out the works on the clubhouse; this decision is being appealed and we will know more in April, but that does mean that any work will definitely not happen until next Summer (2014) now.

On a more positive note, our first foray into National level competition for our Under 14s has proved highly successful, and with the impressive performances of the Lions, Badgers and Vixens, as well as the very positive feedback received about the Saturday Academy, this means that the club feels as if we have the right model to provide the correct transition for Juniors into Adult hockey – hopefully, within the next 2 years we will start seeing real benefits in the Adult section results.

In terms of plans for next year, the current thoughts are that our Lions team will enter into a Development League on Saturdays, plus we will look further at establishing a Ladies 3rds, as a number of our stronger girls become old enough to be allowed to play adult hockey. The Badgers and Vixens will continue as they are, and the Under 14s will be entered into the Development League again, along with the continued matches for U14s, U12s and U10s as they currently exist.

We are currently looking into the possibility of both coaching and playing over the Summer for both Junior and Senior players, with Rush Hockey and Back to Hockey being delivered, along with Summer League hockey, and some friendlies for the Lions side against other clubs. We are also looking at doing a Join In weekend, with the site open to “Dads and Lads” (and daughters!) to play hockey, football, touch rugby and perhaps even some rifle shooting, combined with the option to camp overnight on site, and have a sociable evening of movies on the big screen in the clubhouse (with popcorn etc.).

The final piece of news is the launch of our new website – you will see the prototype at oshc.clubbuzz.co.uk - feel free to go and take a look; the switchover on sites is likely to happen towards the end of February – we hope it is a little more user-friendly and pleasing on the eye.

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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:

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After the great early delivery of Challenge results by the Ladies 1sts and Men's 1sts, it is very disappointing that no other team has organised any team event since. We know that the Juniors will run theirs on the last session of the season, and the Veterans will organise their own end of season get-together, but it would be really nice if some of the other teams made an effort to support the club. Remember, each side is asked to try and raise £100 towards supporting the club – but the most critical thing is that as a group of players, you make an effort to do something together other than play hockey; it is really important to help establish the social side of the club more; you could run a poker evening, organise a car-wash, organise a raffle for the club dinner, organise a race night etc etc – remember, if you don't do these things, then you will end up simply getting charged more for Subs and Match Fees in the future.....

Playing Matters:

All continues to go well on the field. Men's 2nds and 3rds are in strong positions for promotion, Men's 1sts are moving up the table nicely, but perhaps most importantly, it looks like the Ladies 2nds have a good chance of avoiding the previous curse of being relegated the season after being promoted – good luck with your quest ladies!

Thoughts from the Coaching Team:

The new coaching teams are settling in nicely, with improved performances across the board for both Ladies 1st team and Men's 1st team, and so thoughts are turning to next year. Both Ladies and Men's coaches are keen (and available) to stay on, so your views would be very much appreciated on how you think things have gone this year, what could be improved, and even if you are against keeping the same coaches for next season. Decisions need to be made soon, so please speak to Steve Tabb as soon as you can to provide your thoughts.

Don't forget the end of Season Dinner on 11th May

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OSHC Juniors



Club Welfare Officer:

Steve Tabb

welfare@silshockey.co.uk

Sunday Mornings

U10s: 10.30am – 11.30am

Over 10s: 11.30am – 1.00pm

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Juniors Co-ordinator:

Louise Hirons - Louise_hirons@hotmail.co.uk

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

PLAYING KIT

For those of you who are interested in purchasing kit, then the best place to do it is, where possible, purchase from the Junior Committee Members who are in attendance on a Sunday morning as you will get the stock much quicker. They have plenty of socks and a small amount of other items.

If they do not have what you want, then check out the Online Shop at www.zotisports.com/shop - it will be open from the start of April and over the Summer, for kit to arrive in time for the start of the 2013/14 season.

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Hockey in the Summer

The Club will be hosting a number of Hockey Camps over the Summer, all of which come with the endorsement of the club, and a superb team of coaches.

Stick2Hockey Camps – have been running at the Sils for almost a year now, and are led by Chris Davis, who runs our Saturday academy as well as boys' JDC and JAC squads, and coached in last year's Futures Cup – the pinnacle of Junior hockey within this country.

Spartan Hockey – specialist Goalkeeper camps – a full day of coaching by Grahame Mansell-Grace (Panda) – a coach who has been involved with coaching International goalkeepers for over 15 years; you really have not experienced goalkeeper coaching the way it should be done until you have been coached by Panda and his team!

One-Hockey – not confirmed as yet, but another fantastic hockey camp likely to be holding a few days at the club; a very well established hockey brand with the added bonus of Internationals such as Darren Cheesman coaching.

Blue Yetti Camps – these are not even planned yet, but there might be some camps run by the club's very own Junior Coach Phill (Yetti) Yetzes; as soon as we know anything about any camps that Phill might be running, we will let you all know!

We are also looking to organise various other more relaxed sessions, and some friendly matches against other clubs, so please keep an eye on your emails for opportunities to play hockey during the Summer!

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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
Player Registration POSITION FILLED	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 POSITION FILLED	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 POSITION FILLED	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!

