

## OWHC SEASON'S ARRANGEMENTS 2019-2020

A warm welcome to the new season. You should be aware by now that this is OWHC's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season. This is an important milestone for the club and you will find details of planned events to celebrate the anniversary in this newsletter. Already, your committee has been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that the season and everything planned around the season will work for all the membership, past, present and hopefully future.

- **CLUB DAY – 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

You should already have the date in your diary and be aware of the schedule. However, here is a detailed reminder for you:

On the pitch:

10am-1130am – Junior training

1130am -Midday – Junior awards

Midday onwards – 6 a-side tournament

Off the pitch:

10am-Midday – Bacon Rolls

Midday onwards – Inflatable assault course and slide

Midday inwards – Ed's Gin and Ale bar

1pm-4pm – BBQ

7pm til late – Clubhouse entertainment and Chilli

If you intend playing in the tournament then it's £20.00 adults or £15.00 U18s, which gives you a commemorative t-shirt, plus entrance and food at the evening event.

If you are simply there for the entertainment and food, it's a £10.00 entry fee.

You will have the opportunity to purchase a chamois grip for your stick, in club colours and celebrating our anniversary. First come first served.

All proceeds to the club.

We would like this to be the catalyst for a fantastic season for the club both on and off the pitch. Please support this event to the best of your ability.

- **ANNUAL SUBS**

As approved at the AGM, annual subs are set as follows for 2019-20:

Full playing - £360.00

Student/unemployed - £180.00

Occasional (3 games) - £40.00

Non-playing members - £30.00

Junior Hockey for school years 1-11 inclusive remains free.



It is vital that your subs are paid promptly, to assist in the smooth running of the club. Subs remain the main source of our operating income and need to be paid on time to ensure we can run the club properly. Your annual subs remain the cheapest in the area and provide all your hockey games and training, your coaching and a fantastic facility.

- **COACHING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We are pleased to announce the following new coaching appointments for 2019-20:

Ladies Coach – Jacob Newnham

Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI player Jacob has now stepped up to the role of Ladies' coach, having cut his coaching teeth with the juniors over the past 2 seasons. Jacob is a longstanding member of OWHC, having started his hockey in the juniors and progressing all the way through to 1<sup>st</sup> team level. Jacob will bring fresh ideas to the ladies and continue their progress and aims to progress to the next level.

Men's Player Coach – Harry Roberts

We are delighted to welcome Harry to the club as our new Men's Player Coach. Harry came through Canterbury Juniors and represented England at U16 and U18 level, progressing to Canterbury's 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Most recently, Harry has been playing for Richmond, but with work commitments bringing him into the area and a desire to coach, we have been lucky enough to attract him to the club. We hope this will be the catalyst for the 1<sup>st</sup> team to go on and fulfil their potential.

Harry will be at the club on the 7<sup>th</sup> September, so please make him feel very welcome.

- **JUNIOR HOCKEY**

We continue to grow the Junior Section and now have a number of juniors progressing through to adult hockey. It is important that we continue to grow and nurture the future of our club and to this end, we are again looking for assistance on Sundays. Please contact Jeff Doust or Neil Thompson if you are able to provide any support, be it coaching, or helping with refreshments, or supporting any tournaments we host. Tournaments are on a monthly basis.

Junior training returns on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019, running through to Christmas, then starts up again In the New Year until Easter.

- **SOCIALS**

As well as being a great way to socialise within the club, our socials raise much needed revenue for us. For example, we have just spent £500.00 on new balls for the coming season and will continue to look to refresh and replenish our equipment – coaching aids, bibs, cones, goals etc – going forward. A well-attended social will help towards these costs that may be taken for granted. If there is any specific event you think would do well, then please let the Social Committee know.

- **KIT**

New Adidas kit is being ordered for the season. You should be aware that we are reverting back to OWHCs original light and dark blue colours. The shirts will be collected each week as usual and we would encourage you to purchase the new shorts/skorts and socks. There is a slight change to the winning design (with the winner's approval) as the line is being discontinued, but broadly in line with that winning design. This will enable further orders of kit, should you wish to purchase your own shirt, for posterity.

We will continue to use Akuma for training wear, tracksuits, hoodies etc, but will aim to transfer all our kit over time to Adidas and organise a better ordering system. The search for a decent kit supplier has never been easy!

We anticipate the new club kit arriving in October.



- **FUNDRAISING AND SPONSORSHIP IDEAS**

We are always looking for ways to raise funds for the club. We are superbly supported by Cooling Castle Barn and by Affinity Appointments, with DGB and some personal donors helping us along the way. If you, or anyone you know, has any interest in sponsoring the club in any way, then please let your committee know.

Any ideas for a fundraising event? Back in the day (I'm talking before the internet, Premier League and even a fourth TV channel) OWHC used to hold an annual Jumble Sale. This is like a Boot Fair, but without the boots, yeah?! Can we do something hockey related, like a marathon game? Again, suggestions to your committee please.

- **VOLUNTEERING**

Fancy doing teas? Fancy helping behind the bar? Cleaning the pitch up after games? If so, then put your hand up and help your club run properly. Don't take things for granted. There's a number of individuals in the club who do an awful lot of work to ensure your club functions. The more people volunteering, the less their burden.

- **75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER – 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2020**

Please put this date firmly in your diary. It will be the climax to a special season. Venue is the Corn Exchange, Rochester and we plan to fill it.

We look forward to a happy and successful celebratory season of Hockey!

OWHC Committee

