

North Norfolk Hockey Club

2019 Newsletter

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Chair's Message

Hi all, so we have decided to write our first club newsletter with the aim of keeping all our members informed on how the club is doing and being run.

To start with we want to project our thoughts and feelings about the future. We have a great juniors section currently who are playing matches left, right and centre. Our aim is to be a club that is moving forward on every level and our juniors are definitely setting the standard for us all to follow.

The cross over from juniors to what was previously known as 'colts' (12-16yr) is where we need to focus. We are a small club but really need to attract youthful players to integrate with some of our more seasoned players (myself included there!). This way we are building a future where we are not relying on players to double up, often at the risk of injury, and we actually have a squad to select players who are capable of playing at a good level.

Great things have happened so far this year, here is but a few:

- ✓ Davey & Justin have been running another set of Minis session (yr 4- 8) at Beeston school on a Saturday morning with 12 Minis attending
- ✓ Sandra Cox and Justin Freeman have joined our committee
- ✓ Ladies 1 and 2s, along with the hard battling Men's 1s, are all looking at promotion
- ✓ New umpiring Radio Mics have been bought. Westy and Chris do a great Brittney impression with them on!
- ✓ Juniors Training is consistently getting 20-30 kids attending every week
- ✓ New juniors GK kit has been bought
- ✓ Justin Freeman has qualified as a Level 2 Coach

Plus loads more that I may have missed! I am immensely proud to lead this club but I, and the rest of the committee, would dearly love some help to push us forward to attract new players and drive the juniors section on to new heights.

Please help support our lovely family club, whichever way you can in order for the club to carry on for many years to come.

Happy Hockey
Sarah Powell, NNHC Chairlady.



COMMITTEE VACANCIES

- **Press Officer** - sending local papers (EDP and North Norfolk News) one match report a week. You won't have to write the report, that's up to the players. You would be in charge of getting the report and sending it, with possibly a picture, to the press.
- **Schools Liaison Officer** - I would really like to get a better link with both high and primary schools in the local area. If we can get to these kids early we stand a good chance of keeping hold of them. So we are looking for someone to get in touch with schools and ask if they want someone to go in and run a hockey taster session or after school club. You would be in charge of working out the timetable of visits only, we have many people willing to go in and actually run the sessions but we just need an organiser!
- **Website Manager** - we really want to increase the use of our website so require someone to keep it up to date, upload pics and articles, and update players stats and profiles.
- **Official Club Photographer** - anyone that can take a good snap, this one's for you. You will be required to organize one official team photo per year and then take a few snaps per month at which ever game you can get to watch, as well as juniors.
- **Social Secretary**- we have the wonderful Robey doing a grand job currently but if we had 2 people doing the same job it would mean 2 times as many socials and that's never a bad thing!
- **Social Media Facilitator** - publicity on all social platforms would be your role. Knowledge of Facebook, Twitter and Instagram essential to promote both juniors and seniors.

If you are keen on joining us, please get in touch either at the Players meeting on 23rd Feb or before by emailing or fb messaging me:

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Mixed Match, Players Meeting and Rugby

Sat 23rd Feb

- Mixed Hockey Match at Pitch @ 1:30pm
- Players meeting in Tennis Club to talk about the club, it's an informal chat so please come along and give some ideas and views on the club @ 3pm
- Fish 'n' Chips 4:30pm
- Then drinks during the Rugby (Eng v Wales) k.o @ 4:45pm

End of Season – Club Day and AGM

Sat 6th April 2019

- Astro and Tennis Club Barn
- Juniors inter club tournament 10-12am
- Annual General Meeting 12 - 2pm
- Adults mixed tournament 2-4pm
- Drinks afterwards

End of Season – Awards Night Dinner Dance

Sat 13th April 2019

- 7pm - Cliftonville Hotel, Cromer
- £30 for adults, £20 for U16
- Smart dress code
- Includes 3 course meal, awards presentations, and evening entertainment.
- Tickets available on the website now

NNHC Hoodies

Club hoodies are currently available in Pink or Blue for both Juniors and Adults. We have shopped locally so please follow the instructions to order yours:

- ✓ Go to 'Birds of Dereham' website
- ✓ Search for 'North Norfolk Hockey Club'
- ✓ Select Hooded Club Sweatshirt
- ✓ Select size, initials on front and number on back (optional), and pay on their website
- ✓ You will receive your Hoodie in 3-5 days



Umpires Update

A great investment by the club was made in January in the form of 2 Umpire Radio Mics. All home umpires will now wear headsets in order to communicate decisions and support each other. We have Robey, Sarah and Rachel all looking to get fully qualified early next season and these will support them hugely.

The umpiring situation is still the same as ever though! WE NEED YOU! With the ladies 1's and Mens 1's looking at promotion this year we have to supply one East League Pool Umpire for each promoted team. This will be a struggle at best, and we really need a few more people to step forward to do the course. The Club pays for the course and you get paid to umpire! Anyone interested; parents, friends, players.. please get in touch!

Juniors Update

The enthusiasm of the Junior players and support of their parents continues to drive the section forwards. We have had more than 10 new members join us within January alone.

This was the first season we've fielded teams of U12, and U10, Boys and Girls, at tournaments, and this is a great milestone for the section to achieve. Teams have played and progressed at the county tournaments at Norwich Dragons, Pelicans and Norwich City. Both the U12 and U10 boys celebrated winning their respective groups at the Dragons tournament in Dec and it's exciting to think how far these players can go.

Next up is the County Championships on Sunday 24th Feb at Pelicans HC. All supporters are welcome and good luck to all the players taking part!

As well as the tournaments we've been promoting the club and offering the players new challenges. There have been some Saturday morning sessions for "minis" and the boys have taken part in Saturday training matches with local schools. There is a lot going on and the progress is fast paced. The events can be one-off in nature so please keep an eye out for announcements made on the club site or contact one of the coaches if you want to make sure we keep you in mind for upcoming events.

Our aim is to cater to all abilities aged 4-14 yrs, including those that have never played before. We also welcome the contributions of any members of the club who want to be coaches/helpers and support the growing numbers. Even if you can only offer one session even that would be appreciated.

Natasha, Jonny, Justin, Davy and the entire coaching team, work to put on fun sessions with an emphasis on listening to feedback from both parents and players.

Please get in touch if you are interested in our joining us.

We have had a few changes recently due to safeguarding and all members and parents have listened and taken on-board the changes. Thank you for your cooperation

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NNHC does 3 Peaks!!

Fundraising Challenge – This year NNHC will be putting on an excursion to climb the 3 largest peaks in England, Wales and Scotland in 3 days (5 days including travel). This will take place in mid/late August and we hope to get a good number of members participating.

It will be a great physical endurance challenge to get stuck into before next year's season. And also a great chance to socialize with others in your club. If you're interested please contact Andrew Whitby so he can get an idea of numbers and more info will be on the website soon.

