

The Nick Phillips Award

Last year very sadly Nick Phillips passed away. Nick was a keen club member, father of 2 playing boys and massive contributor to Wycombe Hockey Club. He helped with the organisation of the men's section and he is very much missed.

In honour of Nick and all that he did for the club we have a new award for this season.

The Nick Phillips Award is awarded to an U18 junior who encompasses all that Nick was to the club:

- A great ambassador for Wycombe Hockey club - A role model to juniors at the club
- Hard working and dedicated to youth development
- Overall great contribution to the hockey family
- Committed volunteer
- An unsung hero

Nick's wife Linda and the boys Adam and George selected the winner from the 4 nominees - 2 from the girls and 2 from the boys section.

The 4 Nominees were:

- Lewis Steadman is a great ambassador for WHC. Moving from the 3's to the 2's this season Lewis plays both Mens and his age group U18 hockey. Lewis has volunteered his time each week as a Young Leader at the BU14 training sessions. In addition, on 2 separate occasions Lewis stepped up to manage the BU14 Development team in two away games when they were without a match day Manager. Lewis managed the team admirably to one win (Old Loughts) and the team were beaten by Hampstead and Westminster's A team.
- Josh Olcot moved from playing mens 5's to playing mens 2's this season he has also played U18 hockey. Josh has volunteered every Tuesday night to help at the U12's training sessions alongside Zoe Shipperley and in addition he played a key part as a helper in the back to Hockey course which was run last June and which produced 9 ladies and 2 men to go onto play for WHC.
- Lucy Young is a great ambassador for WHC and is a fantastic role model to our younger members. She is a key player within the Ladies 1s where she shows great commitment, trains hard, sets high standards and strives to be the best that she can be. She attends girls training on a Tuesday evening where she supports the U14 and U16 groups, but is always willing to help beyond that whenever she is asked to. This includes umpiring, and at the Bucks Cup this year she was our only umpire for both of our U12 girls teams, dashing from pitch to pitch to fulfil our obligations! She also ran a team at the U12 Christmas Tournament, and she supports in a number of other ways too. She is a bona fide member of the Hockey Family!
- Isabelle Hansen is a regular player within the Ladies 2s. She has really stepped up this year in terms of volunteering and helps with the U12 Girls on a Tuesday evening, where she is more than happy to get fully involved and has been a great help to the lead coach. She is very good at engaging the girls, demonstrating a high level of maturity, and has built a great rapport with the girls. The girls respond well to her and thoroughly enjoy having her around. Isabelle also supports the group by umpiring and attending Sunday tournaments, and is scheduled to help through the summer with some further U12 sessions.

At the AGM we were delighted to present the winner Lucy Young with the new Shield and trophy for her to take away - well done Lucy and well deserved!

Wycombe Hockey Club Committee