

MHHC QUARTERLY

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~ NOTE FROM THE EDITOR ~



I hope you're all enjoying being back playing hockey after the Christmas break! The Club has decided to trial a new, compact format of the newsletter, focusing on team news and essential items from the committee. Feedback on the new format would be appreciated, so


please email me your comments (mhhockeyeditor@yahoo.com) or leave a message on MHHC Rocks. If there's anything you'd like to see back in the newsletter from the old format, then please let us know.

~ *Manisha Chandarana, Editor*


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EVENTS

-  Committee meetings – These are arranged at regular times throughout the year and everyone is welcome to attend. The next one will be held on Monday 24th March 2014 at the Coach & Horses pub in Lubenham. Minutes are posted on the club's website www.mhhockey.co.uk.
-  Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 30th April 2014, 7.30pm, Room A8 at Welland Park Academy. All club members and parents are invited to attend.
-  End-of-Season Do, Saturday 10th May 2014, Lubenham Village Hall. This event is being held for all junior and senior members of the Club and will be a chance to celebrate the Club's achievements this season. We will be having a "Quality" raffle (donations please!) and a buffet, and help with both would be greatly appreciated. More details will follow through the usual communication channels.

~ *Andy Harrold, Social Secretary*

CLUB NEWS

WELCOME LUCHO!



A warm welcome to Lucho Pacheco, the Club's new Head Coach. All the coaches are looking forward to working with someone who has so much experience and has so much to offer the club.

Lucho has coached at international level, and is currently a coaching assessor for England Hockey. He is also JDC/JAC Director for Northamptonshire and is a UKCC Level 4 coach.

We have only seen Lucho in action at one session so far - but I think everyone was impressed. It is always interesting to see how a new coach works, and to find out where their emphasis will be.

The first session was something of a "Getting to know you" session, but there was some interesting work on improving vision and close control. ~ *Wyn Sleeman, Registration Secretary*

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We have started to get some much needed funds in now and still have various applications and ideas in the melting pot!



- ✓ We raised £185 through the Waitrose Community Matters scheme in November. This has been used towards general running costs of the club. Thank you to everyone who shopped in Waitrose and put a little green token in our box.
- ✓ We raised an amazing £1014 at the Christmas Raffle. There was a great effort by all who sold tickets and gained the donated prizes so thank you for that. We are looking to do another one for the end of season awards party so if anyone has any prizes (or knows of anyone who can donate a prize) please let either myself, Andy Harrold or Nick Riley know ASAP.
- ✓ We have secured a grant of £1000 from Leicestershire and Rutland Sport Legacy Fund. This is money set aside for sports clubs to help club development and interest in sport in general after the 2012 Olympics. We are planning on using this grant to help fund coaching and umpiring courses, junior development and encouraging more adults to join the club through Back2Hockey sessions.
- ✓ We have applied for some money from the Market Harborough Late Night Shopping Grants committee. This probably won't be a huge amount but it will get us some much needed local publicity for the club which will hopefully have a knock on effect with regards to membership numbers.

Finally, we are always looking for funding so if anyone has any ideas for events or knows of any other grants we can apply for then please let me know. We are open to pretty much any idea so long as it will bring in some dosh!!!

Thank you! ~ *Sally Gambles, Fundraising Secretary*

BREAKING NEWS: We are in the final stages of negotiating a shirt sponsorship deal for the Badgers team. More details to follow.....

CAPTAINS' CORNER

MIXED A'S

Position	Teams	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Goal Diff	Points
1	RTH	15	11	2	2	84	32	52	35
2	LTH	14	11	1	2	76	21	55	34
3	LCA	14	10	3	1	41	17	24	33
4	LHA	14	10	2	2	64	16	48	32
5	BED	16	8	1	7	39	38	1	25
6	BAR	14	6	3	5	34	20	14	21
7	MHA	15	6	3	6	26	38	-12	21
8	NOM	14	4	1	9	32	47	-15	13
9	LCB	15	3	2	10	24	89	-65	11
10	RAN	15	1	0	14	15	64	-49	3
11	PHO	12	0	0	12	11	64	-53	0

After the Christmas break, we have played 5 league games - won 1, lost 1 and drew 3. Although we are out of the cup, we are into the quarter-finals of the plate so watch this space!

~ Ben Handley, Mixed A's Captain

MIXED B'S

Position	Teams	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Goal Diff	Points
1	RTO	14	10	2	2	79	32	47	32
2	GRE	15	8	5	2	48	33	15	29
3	LCH	15	9	2	4	32	21	11	29
4	MHB	15	8	0	7	44	45	-1	24
5	LCK	14	6	4	4	34	29	5	22
6	LCF	14	6	3	5	41	25	16	21
7	ASH	16	6	2	8	39	64	-25	20
8	SW	15	6	1	8	37	42	-5	19
9	BC	16	4	4	8	25	51	-26	16
10	ACA	14	3	2	9	22	36	-14	11
11	RNS	14	2	1	11	14	37	-23	7

The B team seem to be going from strength to strength this season, as we have won 4 games in a row since the New Year and felt on a high. This brought us up into 4th in the league, and being ambitious we may have a chance of finishing in the top 3 teams! The B team are currently still in the Plate games of which we are all excited about and feel ready to fight to stay in.

This season we have constantly had a struggle on our hands to put out a full side of ladies onto the pitch but with a regular core team and people helping us out every now and again we've stayed

positive and gelled as a team...plus it's done wonders for our fitness! The team seems positive at the minute and we'd all love a top 5 finish at the end of the season to make this a very successful first season playing together. Come on the B's!

~ Rachel Tidmarsh, Mixed B's Captain

MIXED C'S

Position	Teams	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Goal Diff	Points
1	BOS	11	9	0	2	63	16	47	27
2	HAR	12	8	0	4	46	36	10	24
3	BRS	11	6	2	3	31	26	5	20
4	AAD	14	6	1	7	27	40	-13	19
5	DMU	10	5	2	3	35	15	20	17
6	GRH	13	5	0	8	40	38	2	15
7	HOR	11	4	3	4	24	26	-2	15
8	LCM	12	3	4	5	25	28	-3	13
9	MHC	12	1	0	11	8	74	-66	3
10		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

It has been an eventful couple of months for the Mixed C's, we are really coming together as a team and I am witnessing tremendous individual progress from my players every week. It is always nice to have the additional help of more skilled members of the club as this allows us to really learn hands on different techniques and skills that they bring to the game. A couple of weeks back we played a game at the Sandy Siro, in a match that was fought amidst a torrential hail storm, painful as it was we fought on and were unlucky to be defeated as there was no way any of my team were giving in despite the conditions.

My team continue to play with a whole lot of heart and determination and we have turned around our score lines going from conceding a lot of goals at the beginning of the season to now having a couple of draws, tight losses and a triumphant win under our belts. We also proudly made it to the second round of the cup, and were unlucky to get knocked out in a splendidly hard fought match against Harlequins, losing 4-3. This reflects how our team has grown both in confidence and ability throughout the season. I am looking forward to our last matches which will be a whole heap of fun in true C team spirit.

~ Charlotte Harvey, Mixed C's Captain

MEN'S 1ST XI

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Diff.	Points
Chesterfield	14	12	2	0	67	19	48	38
Sikh Union [Nottingham]	14	10	1	3	60	33	27	31
Loughborough Town	15	8	3	4	59	32	27	27
Melton	14	6	4	4	43	38	5	22
Wellingborough	14	6	3	5	47	46	1	21
Boots	14	4	5	5	32	47	-15	17
Derwent	14	4	3	7	29	42	-13	15
Nottingham	14	4	1	9	29	48	-19	13
Leicester	14	3	3	8	29	47	-18	12
Market Harborough	13	0	1	12	22	65	-43	1

MEN'S 2ND XI

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Diff.	Points
Leicester University	13	8	3	2	38	20	18	27
Buxton	13	7	4	2	36	16	20	25
Derby Asterdale	12	7	2	3	29	17	12	23
Market Harborough	12	6	4	2	35	16	19	22
Atherstone Adders	13	4	3	6	25	35	-10	15
Kettering	12	4	2	6	18	24	-6	14
Ramgarhia [Derby]	13	2	2	9	9	36	-27	8
Rolls Royce	12	1	2	9	15	41	-26	5
Wootton Wanderers	0	0	0	0				0

The End of Season Nears....

The Men's 2nds have had a very competitive season up until now and with 3 games left to go as I write this we are currently laid in 4th place and with a real chance of getting promoted. This season we have seen the team grow stronger and mould into a strong unit with each player playing for each other and if we hadn't have picked up a few injuries along the way I'm sure we would have been pushing for the title. After last season's bottom place finish I'm sure we were all hoping to just carry on building and look for a respectable position in the league which to the guys' credit was sown up before the Christmas break and I'm sure, like myself, they are all fired up for the last few games and with a couple of results going our way (the top three teams have to play each other in their last two games) we can be celebrating promotion at the end of the season.

The team started off the season with a 4-2 home defeat to Buxton and you could see it on the faces of the guys from last season it was very much a "oh no, not another season of this". However we came back two weeks later to beat the team relegated into our league from the season before, Derby Asterdale, 4-1 which then led to an unbeaten run all the way up to playing Derby Asterdale again in January this year. Since then we have drawn with 1st and 2nd place in the league and our most recent score was a tricky 3-2 win away to Rolls Royce.

With three games left and by far the easiest run out of the top 4, I hope to be writing a very cheerful and celebratory column for the next issue of this newsletter but for now all I want to do is ask for club members' support down at the pitch especially for our last game of the season at home to our local rivals Kettering.... Hope to see you there.
~ Lee Gaterell, Men's 2nd's Captain

LADIES 1ST XI

	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1 Loughborough Students Ladies 4s	11	8	2	1	41	14	27	26
2 Market Harborough Women's 1	11	7	4	0	51	10	41	25
3 Hinckley Women's 1s	10	7	3	0	39	14	25	24
4 Half Century Ladies 1s	12	5	1	6	30	32	-2	16
5 Melton Ladies 1st XI	11	5	0	6	16	28	-12	15
6 Leicester University Women's 1	10	4	2	4	24	16	8	14
7 Leicester Women's 3	11	4	0	7	22	19	3	12
8 Charnwood Sileby Ladies 1s	12	2	1	9	12	55	-43	7
9 Lutterworth Ladies 1	10	0	1	9	11	58	-47	1



At just over the halfway point in the season, the battle at the top of the Premier League continues, with Loughborough Students and Hinckley continuing to snap at Harborough's heels! Harborough have 5 league matches left and will need to win every one of them if we are to gain promotion, a big ask as it includes some difficult opposition including Hinckley.

Unfortunately, at the end of January, after 18 months, we finally lost our unbeaten record, losing 2-1 to a very strong Loughborough Student side in the semi-final of the Leicestershire cup, which we won last year. However, we are still unbeaten in the league and since starting the ladies team, we have won a total of 30 league and cup games which is an incredible achievement. We are going to give everything we've got in the last few games of the season but whether we gain promotion to the Midlands Leagues this year or not, everyone in the team has plenty to be proud of and we will hopefully continue to grow as a team over the next few seasons.

~ Kerry Moralee, Ladies 1st's Captain

JUNIORS NEWS

BADGERS ROUND-UP

Since the last newsletter the Badgers team has continued their fine pre-Christmas form.

The record since Christmas reads:

P6 W3 D1 L2 F16 A7

The highlights were the 5-1 and 7-1 victories over Wellingborough and Northampton.

These results were especially pleasing as we had lost/drawn the equivalent games earlier in the season.

The two defeats were disappointing for different reasons. The 2-1 loss to Welford was probably our worst performance of the season, with pretty much the whole team (adults included!) having a "bad day at the office". The 2-1 loss away at Warwick was hard to take as we battled hard to pull level against a strong side, only to concede a scrappy goal with only 2 minutes left on the clock.

It is a measure of how far this team has come in their first season that we are now disappointed with narrow 2-1 defeats against strong sides - at the start of the season we were pleased to have only lost 2-0 in our first game.

As the league stands we are in 4th place on 27 points. The league leaders have 30 points.

The Badgers will finish their season with difficult fixtures against Old Silhillians, Rugby and Warwick.

These are all very strong sides, but they are all beatable if we play our game and take our chances.

~ Wyn Sleeman, *Badgers Captain*

JUNIOR COACHING

We all welcomed new head coach Lucho Pacheco to one of our junior training sessions.

Everyone really enjoyed the session, which emphasised improving vision and close control.

Training will continue as normal on Wednesday evenings, and there will be one extra session at the end as we had to cancel a session due to bad weather.

As usual a huge thank you goes out to our regular team of coaches:- Ady, Gary, Jess, Jo, JP, Pete and Ryan. Welcome also to our two new coaches Doris and Louise.

If you can get down to the pitch between 5.30pm and 6.30pm on a Wednesday (either regularly or just occasionally) then please do. We can always use extra bodies to help.

HARBOROUGH PLAYERS AT JAC



Congratulations to **Jess Clements, Sam Moorhouse, Tom Moorhouse, Josh Osborne, Tom Pedler** and **Ben Sleeman** who were successfully promoted from

Leicestershire JDC (Junior Development Centre) to JAC (Junior Academy Centre).

This means that they will be representing Leicestershire at inter-county tournaments.

Each year the club nominates players to attend the JDC sessions, then the county coaches select players on merit to join the JAC.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT ROUND-UP

UNDER 9'S - VICTORY IN MOULTON!

A great performance from the Market Harborough under 9s in Moulton. They went in as the underdogs of the tournament and walked away the Champions! William Betts was a solid defender, demonstrated by the team only conceding 2 goals in 4 games! Our man up front Tom Humphrey scored too many to count and even played on through his injury. Vinne Bennett was the man in the midfield always getting into space and putting in some good tackles. Last but definitely not least was Jamie Trinder, the man that scored the winning goal in the last seconds of the final with a great display of speed and skill from him. A special thanks to Louise for coming in as a coach, our first win of many :)

Final scores for the day in order of games:

MH 10 – 0 Wellingborough, MH 7-0 Welford B, MH 3-1 Northampton Saints and then... MH 2-1 Welford A in the final!

Thanks to the parents for taking the time to bring the kids over, I hope you enjoyed the day just as much as the team did.

~ *Ryan Dreyer*

UNDER 13'S - WELL PLAYED IN WELLINGBOROUGH!

Harborough Under 13s team made the journey to Wellingborough to enter a tournament hosted by Kettering. The team included Hattie Clements, Niamh Arthur, Eleanor Cawthrow, Imogen March and Ben Evans.

Harborough were placed in a pool with Kettering, Rugby and Towcester. Each team played three matches in the pool plus a couple of friendly matches as there was some spare time. The team started on a high beating Kettering 2-0, then lost 3-0 to Towcester in the second match and lost again 3-1 to Rugby after a hard fought game. In the friendlies, the team drew with Kettering and lost 4-0 to Towcester in the last match of the day. Harborough played well, improved throughout the tournament and the team went home happy

I would like to thank Kettering and Rugby for lending us players though the morning, Louise Tremlett for helping with coaching the team, and thanks to the parents for their support of the team – it was a great morning of hockey!

~ *Jason Perry*

U9/U11 MARKET HARBOROUGH TOURNAMENT - 6TH APRIL

Market Harborough will be hosting an U9 / U11 tournament on Sunday April 6th, starting at around 9am. We will be expecting up to eight 7-a-side teams for U11, and any number of 4-a-side U9 teams (including our own teams of course).

We will need LOTS of help on the day, including:

- Umpires (there will be up to 4 matches running at once)
- Pitch Crew (we need to switch from U9 to U11 pitches)
- Kitchen Crew (tea/coffee/bacon sarnies)
- Match Officials (score keepers, timekeepers etc.)
- General Helpers (there is bound to be more stuff which needs doing!)

So PLEASE keep an eye out on Facebook and the club website - we will be asking and begging for volunteers to make sure everything runs smoothly.

Please volunteer to help if you can. We have visited other clubs to enter their tournaments, so now we need to show what a good job we can do.

~ *Wyn Sleeman*

USEFUL INFORMATION



Social Media

Facebook: 'MHHC Rocks' and please 'Like' Market Harborough Hockey Club
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Home games are at Welland Park Community College, Welland Park Road, Market Harborough (affectionately known as the Sandy Siro). Post-match teas are at Coach & Horses, Lubenham.

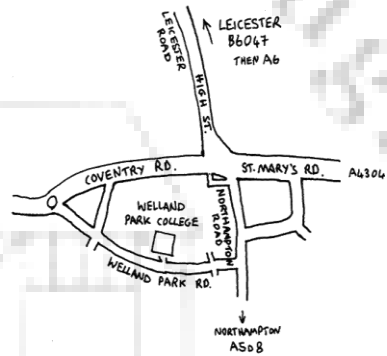
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Especially during winter, it is important to keep an eye on MHHC Rocks and check your emails, and also make sure that your captains and coaches have your contact details in case training or matches need to be cancelled due to bad weather. Communication is key to helping the club run smoothly so please make sure you stay in touch! Contact details for club officials can be found on the club's website.

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