



SAFFRON WALDEN HOCKEY Club

WELCOME TO THE Third ISSUE OF GRASS ROOTS

All you need to know about Senior + Junior Hockey for next season (2015/2016)

Training for members playing adult hockey will be at the following times during the season: -

- Monday from 18:00 – 19:30 Men's lower teams
- Tuesday's from 19:00 – 20:30 Ladies upper teams
- Tuesday's from 20:30 – 22:00 Men's upper teams
- Wednesday's from 19:00 – 20:30 Ladies lower teams
- Thursday's from 19:00 – 20:30 Ladies upper teams
- Thursday's from 20:30 – 22:00 Men's upper teams
- Friday's from 20:30 -22:00 Men's lower teams

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

2nd April 2016 Presidents Day

We are trying to arrange a Junior Tournament in the morning preceding Presidents day. All parents are invited to come and support their children and enjoy the festivities.

THERE IS A PACKED PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY INCLUDING:

President's XI vs. Men's 1st XI

Ladies 1st XI vs. Veteran XI

Registration Day

We are planning to hold a registration day on Saturday the 4th July, which will allow us to plan early for next season Registration will be from 10:30am – 13:00

There will be activities and bbq and new kit for sale

We will remind you with a series of emails throughout the summer

The Season Review – Adults

- Men's 1st Team finished their first season in Prem B a very respectable 4th and for a long time looked in contention for a second consecutive promotion scored a sack full but sadly also leaked goals for fun.
- Ladies 1st XI got relegated from Prem A but looked more confident than in previous seasons and nearly pulled off the great escape but lacked Steve McQueen – speaking of which we would like to welcome their new coach **Kieran Williams** who has great aspirations for the ladies sides.
- Men's 2nd XI managed to get relegated despite an epic battle to survive. This however will give them a chance to consolidate and bring on some young talent.
- Ladies 2nd XI
- Men's 3rd XI after a shaky start managed to settle down and had an excellent second half of the season
- Ladies 3rd XI got promoted yippee
- Men's 4th XI got relegated
- Ladies 4th XI finished 4th in Division 2
- Men's 5th XI finished 5th Division 6SE
- Ladies 5th XI won promotion from Division 3
- Men's 6th XI finished 8th
- Ladies 6th XI finished 3rd in division 4
- Men's 7th XI finished 7th
- Ladies 7th XI stayed where they were
- Men's 8th XI got relegated sob sob

At the time of going to print The Club are in desperate need of 2 volunteers a League Fixture Secretary and an Umpire Liaison Officer both are crucial for the Club to run smoothly so if you good at spreadsheets and a good organiser STEP Forward

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

ADULT SELECTION: -

Selection is held every Monday by both Men and Ladies sections with all Captains present. This selection committee is chaired by the relevant ladies or Men's Club Captain and we try to provide a fair and reasonable process and to be transparent in our selection. You will be notified as soon as possible of the team you are selected for with the relevant information of time venue etc. if you are unavailable you should let your Captain know ASAP

If you are not selected for a team or you are dropped you will be informed of the committee's decision with the reasons why and what you will be required to do to get your performance levels back to the necessary standard

Club Captain Men – Rob Chaplin

Club Captain Ladies – Emma Woodcock

Junior Season Review

For the first time all of Saffron Walden Junior hockey teams qualified for their regional tournaments a HUGE testament to all the hard work put in by the coaches managers administrators and of course the children themselves

This culminated in the Under 12 Boys reaching the National Finals at Beeston, following in the Under 14 boy's footsteps that made the National finals at Wakefield last season

Well-done Chaps the future is here and its looking Purple!

The Junior Café

On Sunday mornings has been a huge success!

Not only do you get hot tea and coffee but excellent Bacon Rolls free WI FI and the Sunday papers to read while the children endure the elements outside

Come and join us and if you don't want to stay in the warm venture outside The Coaches re always looking for volunteers

Next Season

What are we going to achieve?

We are aiming high - We have increased training sessions for the Men and Ladies upper teams to twice a week. We have additional resources, great coaches and a plethora of up and coming young talent

As a Club it would be great for the Men's 1sts to gain promotion to Prem A for the Ladies to consolidate and for all the other teams to close the gap on the relevant sides above them so the step up for those moving through the teams is not so daunting.

We need greater interaction between all areas of the club especially the Junior and Senior sections

Contact Details for the coaches

Fewer than 9 mixed (9:00am – 10:00am)

Jonathon Toy (Level 2) mob 07960 025680 email: jonathontoy@hotmail.com

Richard Brown mob 0795 7440912 email: Richard.brown@pbh-tr.nhs.uk

Under 10 + Under 12 Boys (11:00am – 12:00am)

Anthony Colclough mob 0789 9824591 email anthonycolclough@mac.com

Under 14 Boys (Fridays 18:00pm – 19:30pm)

Martyn Webb (Level 3) mob 07791 780670 email martyn.webb10@btinternet.com

Under 10 + Under 12 Girls (10:00pm-11:00pm)

Stuart Norman Mob 07528 512290 email: stunorm@gmail.com

Jon Toy Mob 07960 025680 email: jonathontoy@hotmail.com

Under 14 Girls Fridays (19:00-20:30)

Vanessa Hill (Level 2) Mob 07790 313116 email: vanessa@hillyates.co.uk

IMPORTANT

Safe Guarding Children Course

If you are a Captain or transport young children around you should be attending this course

Thursday September 3rd 18:30-21:30 at the Club House

Other VERY important contacts:

Child Welfare Officer

Dr Richard Brown

Richard Brown
richbrown@doctors.org.uk

Mob 0795 7440912

Membership Secretary

Amanda Wenham

amanda.wenham1@btinternet.com

Junior Co-ordinator

Sue Bird

sabird@fedexcom

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

If you are in doubt about a session or you are unsure about the weather or if training is on

- Check the Website
- Contact your coach

www.saffronwaldenhockey.co.uk

Junior Selection – a message to all parents -

While we endeavour to select your child for as many matches as possible - we believe that this is an important factor in their development. However, with our efforts to accommodate large numbers in each group, we hope you will appreciate that this is quite difficult to achieve. After the Christmas break the emphasis will change and we aim to field teams based upon ability. We hope that by bringing in an element of competition for team places that it will encourage all players to focus on training and other aspects of their game. We are also conscious that they are still maturing as players and we will endeavour to strike a balance. We hope that you will support us in this approach, if you have any questions please contact the coach responsible for your child's age group.

ARE YOU A POTENTIAL MANAGER, UMPIRE OR COACH?

Don't be shy!

We are STILL on the lookout for help in any capacity; Knowledge of Hockey is NOT an immediate necessity. If you would like to assist either by managing a side, umpiring or becoming a coach we can provide the proper training and set you on the path to a rewarding opportunity.

IF YOU have Any Questions?

Should you have any questions or concerns about your child's development, training or selection please do not hesitate to talk to us. Coaches are always available to discuss privately any issues you may wish to raise. If you prefer to talk to someone not coaching your child we have a Child Welfare Officer (Dr. Richard Brown) or Martyn Webb who is responsible for all coaching at Saffron Walden.

Reporting + Assessment:

We will aim to provide you with an appropriate written assessment of your child's development based upon their core hockey skills and Coachability. This report will **only** concern your child's development and is NOT a benchmark against their peers.

Goal Keeping Clinics

We will continue to hold junior clinics this season along with the adult versions. We will endeavour to hold the junior clinics at the start of the season or even pre-season as goalkeeping is a vital role within all the teams

We are lucky to have Daryl Robinson as coach. Daryl has recently qualified for his Silver badge Goalkeeping Coaching award

Thank you

A very big thank you to all the people who have contributed to the season so far: Parents, Umpires, Drivers, Managers, Administrators, and Coaches, who without you the Club would not manage to run so smoothly - THANK YOU!

Are you a potential Sponsor?

IMPORTANT:

We are still looking for potential sponsors to help with kit and improve our facilities. There are many ways in which you can support the club we have various sponsorship packages available ranging in price that should suit most budgets so if you are a high flying executive or run your own company please visit:-

www.saffronwaldenhockey.co.uk/sponsorship

Alternatively email:

sponsorship@waldenhockey.co.uk

COACHING

Coaching has formed a very large part of our success

We have a number of highly qualified coaches but as the club progress and get better we need more!

We require more level 2 coaches we will help you qualify we will try to fast track you through the system

If you are interested please contact

Martyn Webb 07791 780670

Vanessa Hill 07790 313116

The next course is at Long Road in August please book yourself on its not scary! And it is rewarding

Useful Contact Details

www.saffronwaldenhockey.co.uk

- Club chairman: James Gordon chairman@saffronwaldenhockey.co.uk
- Treasurer: Vanessa Hill treasurer@saffronwaldenhockey.co.uk
- Men's Club Captain Rob Chaplin: mens@saffronwaldenhockey.co.uk
- Ladies Club Captain Julia Westnedge: ladies@saffronwaldenhockey.co.uk
- Head of Coaching Martyn Webb: martyn.webb10@btinternet.com
- Men's 1st Team Captain Matt Wells: mens1st@saffronwaldenhockey.co.uk
- Ladies 1st Team Captain Claire Pearce: ladies1st@saffronwaldenhockey.co.uk
- Social Secretary Suzanne Holmes: socialsec@saffronwaldenhockey.co.uk
- Umpire Liaison Officer -TBA
- Fixture Secretary -TBA
- Catering - TBA
- Webmeister Rob Chaplin as a above

If you have any questions, want to volunteer your services, require more information or want to join the club as a playing member or just as a Social member please contact the above

We also need more Vice Presidents, more old and ex players to get in touch. New players to come and play and experience our great club

We run back to Hockey for those who have forgotten how to play those who want to know how to play

Contact Andy Macintosh on andymac@me.com

07971 712741 and get a whole new experience!!

Congratulations!

Saffron Walden boys under 12 boys have had a brilliant season. Under the auspice of Coach Anthony Colclough they were crowned Regional Champions at Harleston beating Cambridge City in the final to qualify for the National Finals at Beeston, to follow in the footsteps of the under 14 boys who qualified the previous

Season for the National Finals at Wakefield. They also qualified for the finals at the indoor tournament at Brentwood narrowly loosing to Canterbury in the final.



Team left – right: Connor Webb, Alec Bird, James Inkley, Josh Webb, Aaron McDermott, Hugo Colclough – GK Ollie Donoho e - Coach: Anthony Colclough

Congratulations to all the children who made the next step up and qualified for JDC and JAC and JRPC Saffron Walden has Futures cup and HIPAC

Socials and Fund Raising

It is important that the club continue to raise funds. The cost of running the club with so many teams and a large junior section is massive and it is great credit to Vanessa that she keeps the finances in check

One idea is to run further Hockey Camps provisional dates would be ½ term in October Easter holidays and early summer of 2016. We will try to get the right blend of fun and learning and invite a few National League players and the occasional International to give the benefit of there experience and know –how

We would like to know that people are interested and would like people to let us know ASAP if their children would be keen: - please email martyn.webb10@btinternet.com



Patrick "Paddy" Smith (England and Great Britain GK) giving advice to young aspiring Goal Keepers at Saffron Walden Summer Camp last year.

Paddy was once a young aspiring keeper at Walden before going on to become an international keeper

Socials and Fund Raising

Other events that need supporting: -

- Quiz Night
- Dinner Dance
- Bailey Cup

This season how about each of the adult sides run a social at the clubhouse to make money

YOUR HOCKEY CLUB



We need help to run more socials please contact Suzanne Holmes if you have any ideas or want to volunteer

holmes.suzanne@ymail.com