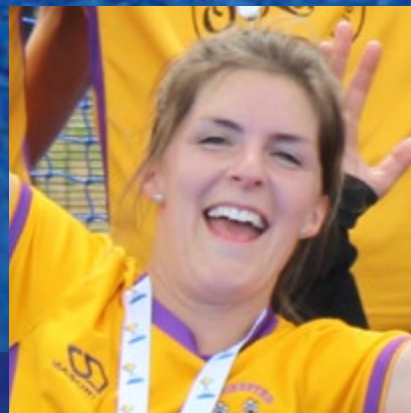


WINCHESTER HOCKEY CLUB NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2019



LADIES SECTION



CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT



JUNIOR SECTION



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Welcome to another new season at Winchester Hockey Club!



As our newly appointed Chairman, I take this opportunity to sincerely thank Graham Beck for his outstanding contribution as Chairman for the last decade, and for his continued support and commitment – I appreciate his help during the handover.

We are lucky to have a great team of people running and organising across the Club, all volunteers, and I thank them here for their continued support and commitment. This team meets every four weeks throughout the year to ensure the Club is well run, developing, and taking onboard feedback from all Members. Our Club Captains and Junior leadership team do a fantastic job co-ordinating players and Coaches across the Club, and I hope every player and Member will try and support them in every way possible. Equally, our sponsors continue to make a substantial difference to the success of the Club, and we take this opportunity to thank them for their support again this current season.

Our Men's Premier squad compete again in League 1 of the highly competitive South Hockey League, while our ladies 1st XI compete in the South Ladies Div 3, having gained promotion last season. We wish both our leading teams great success this season, and welcome as much support as the Club can give.

Like all large Clubs, our running costs are significant; for example, our pitch hire alone is in excess of £60,000 a year, and affiliation fees, cup and league entries and

appointed umpire costs a further £10,000. Quite rightly we need tight and timely financial management to make this work, and it is imperative that all subs and match fees are paid in full and on time, and we respectfully request all Members to play their part. Please help Team Captains each week with complete match fee payment.

Winchester is a great Club, where long term friendships are forged, and as a group we learn from and help one another, over the years. As the picture on the right shows, 18 years ago I and my co coaches had great fun organising and coaching a wonderful group of Mini's.

So good to see 8 of this team group still involved across the Club, and my privilege to umpire a 3rd team game last season with 4 of them playing! We hope you will continue to make long lasting friendships this season.

Our Junior section is a highly successful and busy group, and last season achieved fantastic success both outdoor and indoor, and by placing many individual players into the EH Hampshire development and representational programmes. However, we continue to need greater involvement from parents as managers, coaches and assistants to build on this success.



Winchester HC provides an excellent opportunity to get involved;

**#JustAsk #makeadifference
#beinvolved**

Winchester has a solid Club development plan in place, and there two areas in particular I you're your attention to.

- The first is Coach and coaching development. The Club remains keen to develop players coaching skills with funding support for progression through the EH coaching programme. Many of our existing coaches have started as parent player coaches, taken the initial course, and gone on to be come successful team junior, senior and even EH regional coaches. If you would like to join this programme, of be part of the Juniors coaching team, contact either myself or Peter Jenkinson.
- The second area is umpire development. We are fortunate to have our own umpire

coach, assessor and development officer in Graham Beck, and we encourage more members to take up the whistle – in addition to their playing career. Our objective is to get another ten people qualified to Level 1 this season – so I encourage those interested to make contact with Graham or Club Captains. As ever, the Club thanks all appointed and volunteer umpires who kindly take the time to umpire our matches, and they can be assured of a warm welcome here at Winchester - **#thirdteamwhc**

IMPORTANT VACANCY NEWS

The Club urgently needs a couple of people to take on the Club Welfare role, which provides an important link between England Hockey and all our Coaches and Volunteers, making sure we keep best practice up to date. The Club will provide and pay for all relevant training. This role also provides good contacts within England Hockey, and the opportunity

to develop and become involved at EH regional and even international events. If interested in becoming this key member of the team please contact myself or Peter Jenkinson as soon as possible.

I will endeavour along with the leadership team to develop the Club and its resources, as we continue to pursue our ambitions on and off the pitch this season. We welcome support, help and involvement from players, parents, associates and partners. Our new website is a hugely improved communication tool, and we look to make the most from this in the coming season.

Wherever and however you are involved with the Club, I wish you a successful, fun and rewarding season, playing with friends and team-mates. Just as importantly, I look forward to meeting and talking with everyone across the Club during the season – on and off the pitch! As ever, if you would like to get involved or simply make contact – I would be delighted to hear from you.

Andy Craig

chairman@winchesterhc.co.uk



Mens Club Captains News

It's great to be back. The summer has been really busy getting things planned for this season and I can't wait for the season to start. Generally across the men's section teams are playing well and getting good results, this season we hope to continue that.

The 1st XI have held their own in the top division of the South League and this will be their 3rd season George Harris continues to coach the team and will be helping to develop an excellent generation of young players who are forcing themselves into contention for the squad. Kieran Molloy will continue as captain. We will be aiming to improve on last season's performance with a more settled squad.

Last season was tough for the 2nd XI after losing several players to either injury or being drafted into the 1st XI for similar reasons, after relegation on the final day of the season we will be looking to rebuild, introducing yet more young players around a senior core. Howard Chaplain-White has volunteered to help with coaching which will help the team improve results.

Credit goes to Ollie Britt and the 3rd XI, despite a three point deduction by the league for a fixture mix-up they managed to win Hampshire division 3 and are now back in Hampshire 2, we will be aiming for the top end of the table.

The Academy welcome Simon Hazlitt back onto the turf, alongside a strong group of senior players the Academy will once again refresh its young players and build the next wave of stars. They will be coached by Howard Chaplain-White who will be working hard to improve each player.

After a two seasons of success Jon Staplehurst has stepped aside for Andy Card and Sam Birkbeck to take over in charge of the 5s. Thank you both for stepping up. One of our most social sides last season they also did very well in their league and will be looking to improve on both fronts this season.

We are very lucky to have Richard Macer leading the Whippets again this season. As usual his objective is to introduce the youngest talent at the club to senior hockey. Every season the team improves from start to finish. An indication of how good he is at doing this is that we started the team at the bottom of the league pyramid and have been promoted again, now in Hampshire division 7.

The vets section of Wizards and Wanderers as always will be making sure they enjoy playing as much as winning. If you are interested in playing solely in a veteran's team please let me know. If you know someone who could be tempted back to hockey then this is also a nice place to join up.

Thank you to all my captains, vice-captains, team treasurers and umpires, everything you do for your club is greatly appreciated, not least by me.

Tip tap,

Swiftly

menscaptain@winchesterhc.co.uk

Welcome to the new season

Welcome to the 2019/20 season at Winchester Hockey Club. A big welcome to those of you who are new to the club, and welcome back to those who have come back for more! It's great to see so many people joining the club – over 350 to date – and we look forward to having as much success on the pitch as we did last year. There are a few places left in all age groups so if you know anyone else who fancies giving it a try, please invite them to visit the club website to register.

All the resources you need, including training times, fixtures and key contacts are available on the club website:

www.winchesterhc.co.uk.

There's also a link there to Masuri, the club's kit supplier, and their online store, where you can order training or match playing kit.

TEETHING PROBLEMS...

The new season is well under way and all squads are now in full swing training and looking forward to their first matches or festivals. We've had a few teething problems this season such as failed floodlights at King's – apologies if one of your training sessions have been affected and please bear with while we iron those issues out.

TEAM MANAGERS REQUIRED

We're really grateful to all those who volunteer their time to help run the club, particularly those who help out with the training and running teams for matches. Without them, the club cannot function. We have coaching and management teams in place for most of the squads we run, but we always welcome additional volunteers! We are in the unfortunate position of starting the season missing a couple of key roles in the coaching/management team for the under 16 and under 18 girls squads. We really need a team manager for each of these girls' age groups. If there's anyone out there who is happy to help out coaching or to help manage teams (no experience of hockey required – it's an admin role that supports the coaches in sending out availability requests and team lists etc) please contact me via juniorchairman@winchesterhc.co.uk.

RECRUITING TO OTHER ROLES...

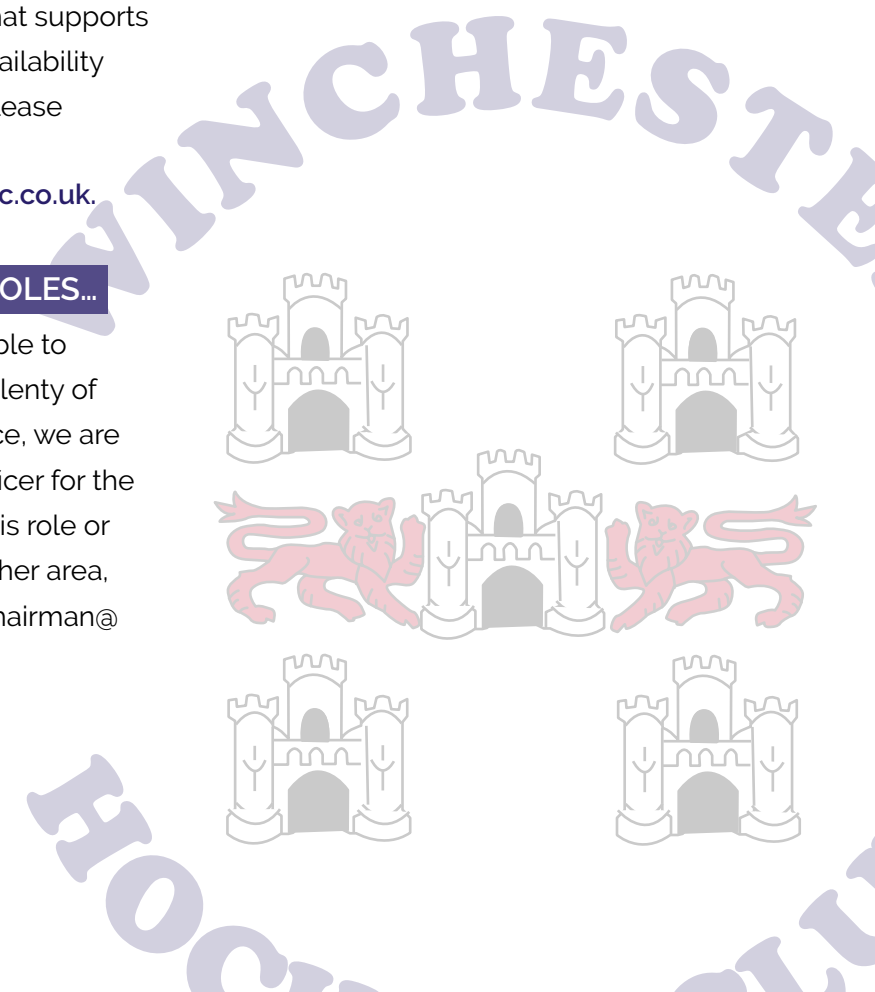
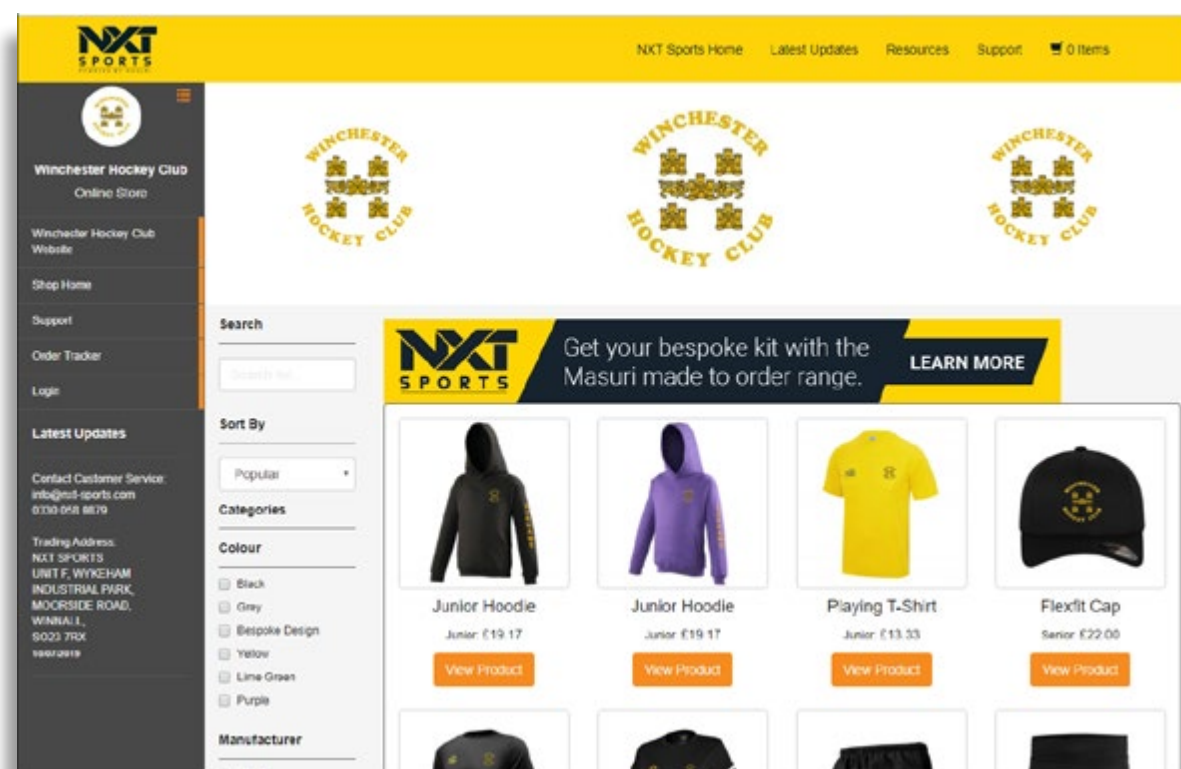
If you don't feel that you are able to help out coaching, there are plenty of other ways to help. For instance, we are looking for a Child Welfare Officer for the club. If you are interested in this role or want to offer support in any other area, please contact me via juniorchairman@winchesterhc.co.uk.

We have a rich heritage of players progressing through the England Hockey player pathway right up to national team level and many of our teams have enjoyed great success on the pitch. To the number of you who are involved in the Academy Centre or Performance Centre assessments, good luck over the next few weeks. However, the real sign of success for our club is to see all players enjoy their hockey and achieving their own goals, so please enjoy your hockey!

Here's to a successful season.

Peter Jenkinson

Junior Chairman



Ladies Team Update

TRAINING

Location: Kings School.

There will be a slight change in times, which are as follows:

Club training:

6:30-7:45pm starting Thursday 5th Sept

Ladies 2s

Meet 7:30 pitch-side from Aug (start date to be provided by team coach)

Ladies 1s

Meet 7:30 pitch-side from Aug (start date to be provided by team coach)

The first couple of sessions will give our coaching team the opportunity to ensure that you are training in the session where you will be most comfortable. Our coaching team are there to work with you to ensure you meet your goals so please do not hesitate to speak to them about what you would like to gain from this season. Your development is our priority and we'll do all we can to help you.

SQUADS

Our team captains have recently met to discuss preseason plans and potential squads for 2019-20. This is always a tricky task, especially before we're on the pitch therefore you may experience change over the next couple of months and further in to the season. Your personal goals, along with commitment and availability will be reviewed on a weekly basis when match selection takes place.

You will shortly receive an email from one of our team captains to confirm your availability for the upcoming season. We have a large number of players again this year which is fantastic – thank you for being part of Winch HC.

REGISTRATION

Please register ASAP at <https://www.winchester-hockey.co.uk/Application>. You will receive an email confirmation (check your junk folder) which includes your unique payment reference and the club account details.

Full £160

Senior GK £20

College/Uni student: £95

NEW - Uni of Winch: £30

NB: All subs for all members should be paid by 1st October.

AOB

We have a new club website! Take a look here. www.winchesterhc.co.uk

That's all for now. Should you have any questions at this stage, please drop me an email, text or give me a call.

See you soon.

Holly

WHC Ladies Club Captain

ladiescaptain@winchesterhc.co.uk



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We welcome conversations and support from new sponsors to join our successful team – please contact the Chairman at

Chairman@winchesterhc.co.uk

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**– Club Dinner Date –
– Saturday 2nd May 2020 –**

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