



END OF SEASON NEWSLETTER 2017-18

So here it is, we have come to the end of another splendid season at Sonning HC. Summer hockey has started, the longer days and summer sunshine have arrived, so here is a quick wrap-up with a final Newsletter!

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Ladies:

- Further introduction of a number of colts to the senior ladies section
- Even more ladies volunteering to umpire
- Got all 6 teams out every week (except one)! Which is no small feat given recent seasons!
- Lots of great cakes baked; socials had; & the usual Sonning banter on an off the pitch

Men:

- Strong seasons from our Men's 1st and 2nd teams
- Relegation avoidance by our Men's 3rd, 4th and 5th teams
- Starting to integrate our juniors into senior hockey - emphasised by multiple junior award winners at our End of Season Dinner

CLUB PHOTO

Another year, another awesome end of season club photo; thanks to Mike Petch for taking the photo:





END OF SEASON DINNER - AWARD WINNERS

A big thank you to Neil Pursell (Men's 1s) on organising such a wonderful EOSD at The Penta Hotel! It was a fabulous evening! There are lots of Sonning Heroes out there!!

For those who missed the evening, or perhaps those who were there but can't remember(!) please find a list below of all our wonderful award winners:



2017-18 SENIOR TROPHY WINNERS

The Spirit of Sonning – Chris 'Toon' Roberts

Umpire – Jonty Rider

Sue Hicks Goalkeeper Award – Amy Ringshaw

MEN'S AWARDS

1st XI – Jimmy Manser

2nd XI - Luke Wise

3rd XI – Pete Mitchell

4th XI – Richard Smith

5th XI - Matthijs Van de Waal

6th XI – Anton Churchill

Top Goal Scorer – Jimmy Manser

Best Newcomer – Richard Smith

Most Improved – Jacob Cowper

LADIES' AWARDS

1st XI - Katie Patterson and Katharine Pike

2nd XI – Ruth Purdy

3rd XI – Sam Johnson

4th XI – Emma Fishwick

Vets XI – Joanne Thubron

5th XI – Honor Hargreaves

Avis Lincoln Top Goal Scorer – Erica Wong

Best Newcomer – Emily Lewis

Most Improved – Isabella Marino

SONNING HOCKEY CLUB



END OF SEASON DINNER



HOCKEY 4 HEROES – 31ST MAY

The ladies Hockey 4 Heroes OpEndure will be visiting Reading on their eight-day fundraising tour. They will be tackling eight military challenges and 28 games of hockey over the eight-day period. Six players from Sonning's Ladies 1st team are part of the squad and they will be taking part in three 'home' matches along their route on Thursday 31st May.

Games are taking place on the **Reading Waterbase** pitch and the schedule is as follows:

15:30 – Reading Uni

17:00 – Sonning HC

19:00 – Reading HC

Please get down and **show your support** for this great event!

You can also **sponsor them** here: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/opendure





THE COLTS' SECTION

Another fantastic season of hockey in the Colts section with Tuesday night training for the U12's and Wednesday's for the U16 – a big thank you to all the coaches, parents, helpers for their efforts.

The U12 sections entered more teams in to the Thames Valley Minis than we have managed in previous years with great results against our usual rivals. We also had an amazing result in the Wokingham Year 6 tournament with the Aldryngton and Earley St Peters school teams that got to the Final being comprised of 75% Sonning players. Earley St Peters also went on to win the Year 6 County version of the event at Bisham Abbey, no less, with a team completely made up of Sonning Colts.

In the U14 section we entered a Boys and Girls team in to the Mercian Development leagues, playing 5 local teams home and away. The Girls team struggled with matches being snowed off but still managed to come third despite not playing all their games, a great thrashing of Reading 7-2 rounding off the season. The Boys struggled with availability but scraped a fifth position. The great thing about this league was getting out and putting all that hard practice into action but also a number of Girls stepping up to play in the Boys matches and also loads of 10 and 11 year olds stepping up to play two or three groups higher.

A huge positive was seeing seven Boys and nine Girls all training with the Adults and playing Saturday matches with Anton, Honor, Isabella and Jacob all receiving Senior awards at the EOS dinner. We also had three U16's helping with U12 training and a 14-year-old Girl umpiring her first Ladies match on a Saturday. This is what it's all about. Roll on next season!

The Colts Summer sessions run every **Wednesday 18:00-19:00 from 6th June to 4th July**. The sessions are being run by ex-Olympian John Shaw and Chris 'Toon' Roberts.

We are **always looking for volunteers** to help with these sessions alongside the main coaches. Please do get in touch if you can help out - whether for just one session or more – email Anne Oke on anneoke17@gmail.com.





COLTS' END OF SEASON AWARDS

Most Improved

U07: Jessica Bell	(RU: Joseph Butler)
U08: Harry Johnson	(RU: Eva Dias & George Oke)
U09: Heidi Aston	(RU: Alex Barrett)
U10: Jasmine Curtis	(RU: Amelie Gibbons)
U11: Issac Thompson	(RU: Lucija Janosevic)
U12: Zainab Shakir	(RU: Nathaniel Paine)
U13: Katie Roberts	(RU: Charlie Orbell)
U14: Charlotte Dixon	(RU: Mia Wooldridge)
Georgia Dixon	
U15: Jorja McDonald	(RU: Alice Summerfield)
U16: Megan Thomas	(RU: Isabella Marino)



U08 Player of the year: George Barker

Club Junior of the Year: Olivia Barrett

Player of the Year: Rosa Brannen

Five Year Awards: James Allan, Zach Bonidacii, Jacob Cowper, Alex Hine, Isabella Marino, Tom Robinson, Daniel Stone

Junior Coaches Medal: Isabella Marino, Zach Bonifacii

Umpire Level 1 Theory: Freya Thompson

Berkshire Honours: Sean Barker, Olivia Barrett, Toby Hatfield, Freya Meadows Tuson, Charlie Orbell, Alice Summerfield

SONNING FESTIVAL (29TH JUNE – 1ST JULY)

Sonning Hockey Festival is a mere few weeks away... the weekend of **29th June – 1st July** sees the festival go live on our very own pitches! We hope everyone is ready for a great weekend of hockey and socialising!

We are still looking for volunteers for set up on the Thursday/Friday, bar shifts & litter picking over the weekend, BBQ help & cleaning up afterwards on the Sunday... there are many jobs to be done!

YOUR HOCKEY CLUB



The rota has been sent out so **PLEASE SIGN UP...** your help is really important to the successful and smooth running of the festival and is greatly appreciated, be it before, during or after. The festival is our biggest regular fundraising event for the club, in order to support our hockey. If for any reason you have not seen the rota and would like to help, please email Sharpy directly on jonsharp7@gmail.com.

If you've entered a team, you'll find further details for the weekend to share with your players here: <http://www.sonninghockeyfestival.co.uk/>

Also, if you're looking for a team, get in touch with sonninghcfestival@gmail.com.





SHC CODE OF CONDUCT

A reminder of our Code of Conduct, which we expect all our members to abide by at all times:

<http://www.sonninghockeyclub.co.uk/a/sonning-hockey-club-code-of-conduct-44840.html>

SUMMER HOCKEY

Summer hockey is **underway**, with both the men & women in action across the whole club throughout the week! If you want to get involved, here are the people to contact:

M1/M2s: Jimmy Manser

M3-M7s: Luke Wise

Roll-up (men): Tuesdays at 8pm - literally just turn up at our pitch. All welcome!

L2s/L3s: Emily Lewis/Sarah Wrighton

L4s/L5s: Christy Eyles Goldsmith

Over 30s (ladies): Charli Dale

***Email sonninghockeyclub@hotmail.com if you would like to get involved but are not currently.*

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Ladies USA team visit - **Saturday 2nd June 10:45am** (friendly match vs our ladies) with a BBQ for all after!
- BCSC (main club) AGM - **Wednesday 20th June at 8pm**. Get along to have your say!
- Our AGM - **Friday 22nd June at 8pm**. Again, get along to have your say!
- 2018/19 Season: Family Club Day - **Saturday 8th September** (provisionally)

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER 'NINGERS! #COTN

Any questions or queries please address them to: sonninghockeyclub@hotmail.com

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