



The Goalpost

The Newsletter of Salisbury Hockey Club

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Words from the Chairman

Another season draws to a close with Salisbury celebrating success. As I am sure you all know, the Ladies 1st XI won their league convincingly with two games to spare and the Strollers with a game to play look certain of promotion but need to beat Basingstoke in their last game of

season on 9th April to win their league. Congratulations to both teams.

We have also enjoyed the Club Dinner and presentation of Awards. Well done to Hayley Dunbar for getting over 70 club members and partners together in one place for a very good evening. Our guests for the evening were nominated as those who had given particular support to the Club through regular umpiring. Those were Jan and Chuck Baker, Peter James and Ian Woodcock plus their wives. We also invited Hazel Weeks to thank her for her many years service as treasurer to the Ladies. The Trevor Shepherd Award for services to the Club went to Jane Owen for her work with the Juniors and support to the Ladies but unfortunately she could not attend. Players of the season for the Ladies went to: 1st XI Mary Harris; 2nd XI Angie Bryant; 3rd XI Gill Thorne. For the Men: Andy Grandfield (1st XI and Journal Player of the Year), Robert Blenkinsopp (2nd XI), David Sturdy (Swifts) and Mike Bedford (Strollers) were the recipients. Well done to them. I was also very honoured to be given a cut-glass tankard by the Club in respect of my spell as Chairman - thank you all very much.

I was also particularly pleased to report at the dinner that Bronwyn Derry and Emma Rowland Jones were successful in the West of England U21 trials and thus represented the West in the nationals before Easter. I have not heard how they did but it is excellent that they have achieved success at that level.

Although the season is drawing to a close, there is still hockey to come. We shall be holding our usual Presidents Day on Saturday 16th April. This is an opportunity for us to

get together as a Club and play some mixed hockey. Further details and timings elsewhere in the Newsletter but try to come along for an end of season social.

The Ladies Tournament at the Club took place today (3rd April). Blessed with good weather, it seemed to be going well. Thanks to all those who worked to make it happen. On Sunday 10th, the Juniors are holding their Annual Tournament. Support needed from all. Please try to get down to help and support our youngsters and those who dedicate their time to youth hockey.

Those who were down at the Club over the weekend will have noted the effort going into decoration of the Club House. Thanks to all those involved. There were a number of cricketers who spend time painting our changing rooms and the outside of our club - unfortunately the Ladies were busy with the Tournament today but I don't think that we, as a Club, really pulled our weight in this exercise. I know that the notice went out late but I'm sure a few more could have spent a couple of hours helping. We have offered help in supporting the cricketers with the Lashings Match on 24th July. Please keep the date free in your diary - we are looking to help with food and stewarding. This is important fundraising for the new Pavilion.

Continuing with the Sports Club, the AGM is on **Thursday 12th May**. Please make every effort to attend. This is our Sports Club, you are all members, it does not run itself and it is important that we all give it support to secure the future of hockey in Salisbury. The least you could do is to come to attend the AGM to understand the issues which we face. So again, put it in your diaries for 7.45pm.

We are also drawing our financial year to a close. Please could you ensure that all monies are passed to the Treasurers as soon as possible. Our AGM is on **Monday 20th June at 7.30pm**. Again, please put this in your diary and make every effort to attend. As I reminded you at the Dinner, I shall be stepping down from the role of Chairman and this passes to the Ladies. I am also conscious of the need to replace Richard Barter as Men's Club Captain as well as the Vice Chairman role passing to the Men's Section. These are both important roles which need to have someone who is prepared to make a serious commitment to the Club. I don't want us to be sitting at the AGM trying to fill key positions. Please can you think about the role you can play in the Club and contact me, Richard or Jane to get more details if required. The Juniors are also in need of more adults to help, so perhaps you feel that you could make a commitment on Sunday mornings. If so please contact Ant Derry or one of the existing Junior coaches.

This year has also brought about an increase in the number of Ladies and at times spare players at Men's Vets level. As a result, we have decided to field an extra Ladies team in the League next year. We are still considering the Men's Vets but it would help if any current 1st, 2nds or Swifts regulars who would like to play Vets, would let me know asap. We do not want to weaken our senior sides but if there are players who wish to come down into Vets now, it may give us the numbers to run a second Vets team. But we need to make that decision soon.

And finally, the August Festival is not far away. Bartie has decided that he cannot run it this year as he will be away. Adie Rigg has agreed to get things going but he needs people to come forward now to say they will help. Please contact Adie or send me an e-mail to volunteer yourself. The August Festival is a great event for the Club, we hope to hold the Veterans Festival on the Monday again so need to be getting

things moving. Again, these things don't happen by themselves, so please come forward to offer some help.

We have had a good season but these things don't happen by chance. A small number of people put a lot of their spare time into doing things for this Club. Some of us, myself included, need a rest. It would make it much easier if the workload was shared. So think about it. Even decorating the pavilion was good fun!

Best wishes,

Peter

1. Ladies Section

Congratulations to the Ladies 1st XI for gaining promotion losing only one game early in the season. The seconds worked hard and were unlucky to miss promotion this year. The thirds played well most of the season and finished mid-table.

The 3rd XI tournament took place on Sunday 3rd April. 9 teams took part, playing hockey in good spirit. Salisbury found themselves in the semi finals, after winning 3 and losing one of their group matches but lost to Bournemouth iv xi on penalty flicks, after drawing 0-0 in normal time. The final was an all Bournemouth affair with the iii xi overpowering the iv xi. The 3rd xi would like to thank all those who contributed raffle prizes and food to the event. They would also like to thank, Rose, Stella, Sally Nutbeem, Glenda, Karen Hitchings and Arthur and Sheila Flood who gave up their time to help on the day and Jane Tait, Ian Woodcock, Chuck and Jan Baker, GT, Andy Buckingham and Nicolette Rugg for umpiring.

We now look forward to summer league at Romsey contact Beth King for details.

2. Men's Section

SALISBURY 1ST XI - 1, ANDOVER 1ST XI - 4

Salisbury are now paying the price for having such a small squad with many carrying knocks. They didn't do too much wrong in this local derby; they were just tired after a spell of 9 wins in 11 games spanning the Xmas break. They still had plenty of chances & many more short corners than Andover but they looked drained & lacked spark. Everybody gave all they had but Andover deserved the points. Skipper James Whittle, Dan Dines, Ben Croxall & Scott Cowan had a tough job in midfield but they fought hard, helped the defence out when it was needed & pushed Salisbury forward whenever possible. Keeper Tim Green had no chance as Andover took the lead but Salisbury struck straight back with Andy Grandfield's 31st of the season. John Baker had a shot from a narrow angle & Christian Paine, Cowan & Dickie Head all forced the keeper into saves. However, Salisbury were caught on the break 5 minutes before halftime for 1-2 at the break. In the 2nd half, Salisbury won a whole series of short corners but could not make them count. The defence of Adie Rigg, Andy Miles, James Bament & Jamie Taylor were having to work very hard but stuck to the task & pushed high whenever Salisbury had the ball. A rare lapse then let Andover for their 3rd & Andover added their 4th with Croxall off the pitch having been yellow carded (min 5 minutes in the sin bin) for not retreating 5 yards quickly enough from an Andover free hit.

Club Captain

Dear all,

As this is possibly my last newsletter as Club Captain I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for standing by me over the past 3 years and to wish you all much success for the future. Don't worry I will still be around for years to come but just wanted to say thanks. I am still trying to find a replacement though, so if you can commit to a committee meeting once a month and maybe a selection meeting here and there you are right for the job.

Team Captains – James Whittle is continuing with the 1st team with Steve Maundrell taking over from Greg as 2nd team Capt'. This is a very important team within the club with these players feeding the 1st team. Thank you to Steve for taking over and giving the club some continuity within the team and Greg for the job he has done so far.

The Swifts are looking for a new captain, again an important job if you would like to have a go, let me know. The Strollers are riding high in the Wessex Master's with a win on Saturday to see them go above Winchester to finish the league as champions. Please come along and support if you can, game at 2.30 at the club.

August Festival – Adrian Rigg is going to take charge again this year and needs your support to do this, I was going to do it but I will be out of the county that weekend, first time in 12 years or more I will not be at the festival (boo hoo). E-mail Adrian please and lend him your support. (Arigg@lucent.com)

Ben Croxall will be organizing summer league this year so if you fancy a game give him a call.

Web Site - I will continue to maintain the web site as long as you send me the info to put on it. So don't be shy, send it to me, richard.barter@thehockeynut.co.uk

Again thanks to one and all

Richard

3. Building Fund News

People might like to know that our Building Fund stands at £11,654 and the Cricket Section stands at £6,493. £1000 is to be used to set up the Lashings cricket match in July from which they hope to raise £10,000

4. Trainee Umpires

Are you keeping up your practice on umpiring? Remember you need to umpire 3 matches before you can

be assessed. Take the opportunity of umpiring during the summer. Chuck Baker 01985 213448 or jan.baker9@btinternet.com

5. SUMMER LEAGUE

Men wishing to play summer league should contact Ben Croxall 07917177019 or b_croxall20@yahoo.co.uk. The games will take place mid-week at Southampton. The ladies contact is Beth King 07855391521. These games are mainly played at Romsey School.

6. Cricket Club News

On Tuesday May 3rd Wiltshire take on Kent in what may be the last of the Cheltenham & Gloucester Trophy ties played by the county. This follows ECB's decision to exclude minor counties from the competition. Skipper Russell Rowe says they won't start as favourites, but who knows? * We just hope for decent weather and good support". Ticket snow on sale £7 (£8 on the day) Parking £3 for the day.

Sunday 24th July sees the return of the star-studded Lashings side to South Wilts. With such players as Richie Richardson and Courtney Ambrose and others, another day of mouth-watering cricket skill is in the offing. Tickets £6. Corporate hospitality tickets are available at £49.50 for each match. Tea is also included in the Lashings match and guests will have the opportunity to have a Lashings player at their table during lunch.

For more details contact Jamie Harvey on Salisbury 417674.

CONGRATULATIONS

We must offer our best wishes to Andy Hollywood on his recent marriage to Jo. Attended by family and friends, the wedding day was a great success and there were a few faces from the past present, (Condom, Jabba, Chris the Tax). It was a beautiful day and the Rose and Crown provided a great backdrop for the ceremony. Andy

and Jo went to America for their honeymoon, visiting Gracelands (uh-huh) and Las Vegas.

7. Juniors News

Now the season is approaching its end we have just the remaining traditional events left. On the **10th April** is the U18 and U14 tournament starting at 10.00 at the club. There will be no training on this day. On the following weekend, **April 17th** the minis go off to Andover for a tournament and there will be normal training for the rest. On the **24th April** we have the usual end of season parent's vs. juniors' hockey match ending with a barbecue. All junior members and parents welcome.

Congratulations to all those members who made the county and regional hockey sides. We wish all those attending trials for next season's county sides all the best.

The Junior Section is desperately looking for parents to come forward and help with coaching and managing junior sides. Please would anyone interested approach any of the committee or existing coaches and coaching courses can be arranged. We would also like to thank all those coaches and helpers who have assisted this season with training sessions and managing teams.

This season we have also had a couple of Duke of Edinburgh candidates helping our coaches at training sessions on Sunday mornings. Should any members be who are on either the Duke of Edinburgh or Step into Sport programmes wish to help next season please contact any of the committee or coaches. Lastly may we wish everyone a great summer.

Mike Slade Award



If you would like further personal advice and under no obligation, contact:
Duncan Heather 01722 - 502786
Mobile 07834375872

Or contact Cath Burgess for other options.

The junior section was awarded a contribution from the Mike Slade Scholarship to bring in a specialist coach to hold several coaching sessions early next season. The photograph shows a group of junior members receiving this award on behalf of the junior section.

8. Your Contacts

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Ladies Results

Ladies 1st XI

CENTRAL Division	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
SALISBURY	17	16	0	1	64	23	41	48
FIREBRANDS 2	18	14	2	2	53	20	33	44
BAC	17	11	3	3	44	31	13	36
BEAMINSTER	18	7	3	8	45	54	-9	24
STURMINSTER	18	6	3	9	38	39	-1	21
WEST WILTS	18	5	4	9	37	43	-6	19
BRISTOL UNI	18	5	4	9	45	58	-13	19
WINSCOMBE	18	5	1	12	31	53	-22	16
MINEHEAD	18	4	2	12	44	59	-15	14
SOMERSET GRYPHONS	18	2	6	10	26	47	-21	12

Ladies 2nd XI

Channel 1	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Sidmouth	14	9	4	1	57	21	36	31
Weymouth	14	8	4	2	46	30	16	28
Bournemouth 2	14	6	5	3	32	20	12	23
Salisbury 2	14	6	2	6	40	27	13	20
Swanage & Wareham	14	6	2	6	39	32	7	20
Wimbourne Wayfarers	14	5	5	4	24	17	7	20
Yeovil 2	14	2	5	7	14	28	-14	11
Chard	14	0	1	13	11	88	-77	-2

Ladies 3rd XI

Channel 2A	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Gillingham	16	13	0	3	65	23	42	39
Wimbourne Wayfarers 2	16	11	2	3	43	16	27	35
Struminster 2	16	7	5	4	33	19	14	26
Poole	16	7	3	6	35	25	10	24
Salisbury 3	16	6	5	5	31	29	2	23
Bournemouth 3	16	6	4	6	29	29	0	23
Yeovil 3	16	5	5	6	30	25	5	20
Swanage & Wareham 2	16	2	2	12	11	79	-68	8
Bournemouth 4	16	0	4	12	6	38	-32	4

Men's Results

Men's 1st XI

		Hants Div 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	→	Haslemere	22	20	1	1	104	26	78	61
2	→	Yateley	22	15	1	6	74	44	30	46
3	→	Wimborne Wayfs	22	13	2	7	86	53	33	41
4		Andover	22	11	5	6	59	43	16	38
5		Weymouth	22	11	4	7	62	59	3	37
6	→	Fleet	22	11	3	8	54	47	7	36
7	→	Salisbury	22	11	2	9	82	78	4	35
8	→	Southampton Univ	22	11	2	9	67	52	15	32
9	→	Basingstoke	22	10	2	10	50	40	10	32
10	→	Ports & Southsea	22	4	2	16	46	80	-34	14
11	→	A'shot & Farnham	22	2	0	20	37	105	-68	6
12		Petersfield	22	1	0	21	29	123	-94	3

Men's 2nd XI

		Open League 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	→	Trojans 3	22	19	1	2	74	29	45	58
2	→	Southampton Univ 3	22	14	1	7	64	40	24	43
3	→	Southampton 3	22	12	6	4	66	35	31	42
4	→	A'shot & Farnham 2	22	11	6	5	50	33	17	39
5	→	Winchester 4	21	12	2	7	46	33	13	38
6	→	Ports & Southsea 2	22	9	1	12	54	56	-2	28
7	→	Yateley 2	21	7	5	9	46	45	1	26
8		Weymouth 2	22	7	5	10	51	62	-11	26
9	→	Haslemere 3	22	7	4	11	49	63	-14	25
10	→	Fareham 4	22	6	5	11	55	61	-6	23
11	→	Blandford 2	22	6	3	13	39	68	-29	21
12	→	Salisbury 2	22	1	1	20	32	101	-69	1

Men's 3rd XI

		Open League 6	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	→	Trojans 4	22	18	2	2	82	19	63	56
2	→	Winchester 6	22	17	2	3	87	32	55	53
3	→	Hamble 3	22	15	3	4	110	51	59	48
4	→	A'shot & Farnham 3	22	11	4	7	109	56	53	37
5	→	Blandford 3	22	11	4	7	64	42	22	37
6	→	Woking 5a	22	11	4	7	46	38	8	37
7	→	Southampton 5	22	9	6	7	67	44	23	33
8	→	Fareham 6	22	7	2	13	61	85	-24	23
9	→	Tadley 2	22	6	2	14	40	67	-27	20
10	→	Salisbury 3	22	6	5	11	46	84	-38	20
11	→	Ports & Southsea 4	22	1	4	17	20	117	-97	4
12		US Portsmouth 3	22	0	2	20	21	118	-97	2