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The Newsletter of Salisbury Hockey Club

A word from the Chairman:

As the league season goes into February, it is always good for a club to have a team in contention for promotion. With two teams up at the top - it is even better. Well done to Ladies 1st XI and Men's Strollers for setting the challenge in their respective leagues. The Men's 1st are also doing well but are a long way off the lead in their division. Keep it up and good luck in the run-in to the end of the season.

There are a number of diary dates for you. A Quiz Evening at the Club on the Saturday 19th promises to be good although there is a clash with the Strollers Christmas Outing(!) also booked for that night The Club Dinner is happening in March (19th according to my diary) which will also include the usual presentations.

We also start the Tournament Season in April with Ladies 3rd Team Tournament on 3rd April and Junior Tournament on 10th. On the day before, we are planning to hold the usual President's Day social afternoon of hockey. Further details to be published.

I am pleased to report that the Junior Section has been awarded £240 from the Mike Slade Scholarship in order to bring specialist coaching to the club for the benefit of our juniors and junior coaches. This will take place early next season.

Jan Baker and Peter Curtis have embarked on the Salisbury District Council/Salisbury Area Sports Club Development programme on behalf of the Club. This is a programme which will help us go forward for club accreditation which is essential for future grant applications and helps in the running of the club. There are sessions planned covering various aspects of club organisation and management. Please talk to them to find out more about it.

We are hoping to support the cricketers in a self-help decorating weekend at the Club in April. Arrangements are to be finalised but volunteers are required who can help with building and decorating work. Hopefully, the cricketers can access funding to do some decorating which will keep the old pavilion going until such times as we can get the new one up. More details to be published shortly.

And finally..... It is not long until the end of the season and planning starts for next season. It is important that we make some decisions now which will affect what we are doing next season. We are looking at a fourth ladies team for Saturdays and the possibility of another mens vets side. We also need some new captains - Men's Club Captain is one post vacant as Richard is concentrating on his umpiring. We also need a new captain for Mens 2nd XI as Greg wishes to join the Vets. There may be others who have done their bit and want to give up. So please start discussing within your team who is willing to run things for next season so that we go into the summer with somebody in the frame. Also on the men's side - we need a Club Captain who wants to do the job. It could be you!

From Richard Barter,

Hello one and all, hope that your new year has started well and any resolution's you may have made you are sticking to, for reference my month off of the alcohol went smoothly although a night out with the 1st team boy's and about 5 or 6 pints of Diet Coke went well apart from the many visits to the toilet.

August Festival, we are looking to find at least 20 people to commit to helping all weekend over the Festival weekend from either section. It is a very big event to carry off, with lots of jobs to be done from Friday morning to Monday night raising a considerable amount of money for the club. We had a small team last year who worked tirelessly all weekend, this it not good enough, 1 day, half a day, all weekend, we need **HELP**. Please e-mail if you would like to help, richard.barter@btconnect.com or come and talk to me, I'm the large supposed to be blonde but ginger one.



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Web site. If you would like to add a match report from your team each week to the web site again contact me.

Have a good rest of the season.

Richard Barter – Men's Club Captain

Ladies Section

First XI v Firebrands 2nds won 3-1

Salisbury secured the most valuable three points of the season thus far with a rousing victory against their closest rivals, Firebrands. With the league top spot being the prize for the match winners, both teams were very aware of the significance of this match. Salisbury were certainly nervous at the beginning given what was at stake and because Firebrands were the only team that have beaten them in the league this season.

The opening exchanges in the first ten minutes were pretty even with both teams exploiting gaps and pushing forward at every opportunity. The pace and nature of the game was established immediately with ferocious tackling and closing down leaving everyone in no doubt that this was going to be a close match throughout.

Firebrands took the lead half way through the first half with a quick counter attack catching the Salisbury defence on the back foot. Salisbury keeper had no chance against the ensuing shot which took a deflection off a Salisbury player to give the visitors the lead. Salisbury responded immediately and within five minutes had earned a penalty flick following illegal use of the stick to prevent a certain goal. Miranda MacTaggart coolly slotted home the ensuing penalty to bring the home side level going into the break.

It was Salisbury who got the perfect start to the second half. With increasing confidence and a desire to push forward more in the second half a great pass from the defence saw Miranda MacTaggart with space to penetrate down the right wing. Her pass fell to youngster Bronwen Derry who confidently lifted the ball over the sprawling Firebrands keeper for a sensational second goal. The match continued with end to end exchanges. Firebrands continued to pressure Salisbury with their skilful and fast pace but the Salisbury defence were a match for anything that was thrown at them. Despite Firebrands constant pressure and increased frustration, Salisbury kept their cool and pushed forward more and more, earning a series of penalty corners as reward. To the delight of the many who had come to support Salisbury Ladies, a superb strike from Linda Scrace from one of the many penalty corners gave Salisbury a third goal. Firebrands continued to come at Salisbury but it was Salisbury who held their nerve and secured the three points. This result sees Salisbury establish a four point lead at the top of the table. With 6 matches to play Salisbury are going to need to be at their absolute best if they are to hold onto the top spot and secure promotion.

Men's Section

From the Club Captain

The season for many teams are going well, although it does not make it easy when I unfortunately I loose the 2nds there only 3 points of the season, I am very sorry and very embarrassed, Greg and the boy's in the 2nds are turning out each week doing a great job in a tough league, Keep it up.

Richard

SALISBURY 1ST XI - 6, WIMBORNE WAYFARERS 1ST XI - 2



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After a 3 week break, Salisbury launched the 2nd half of the League season in cracking style by demolishing 2nd placed Wayfarers. The 1st 30 minutes saw them produce their best hockey of the season. Individually, Wayfarers were very quick and very skilful but Salisbury put in an exceptional team performance. Early Wayfarers attacks were clinically dealt with by sweeper Adie Rigg & man markers Rob Selbie, James Bament & Andy Miles. When they got hold of the ball, they moved it around the back, pulling Wayfarers out of shape & then releasing the midfield to direct the play. Both Christian Paine & Scott Cowan used their pace to good effect either side of the play makers Dan Dines & James Whittle. Dickie Head & Andy Grandfield were being given plenty of ball in the danger area & it was Grandfield who ended a swift move to put Salisbury ahead. Soon after, skipper Whittle scored his 1st goal of the season & should have had his 2nd minutes later but he fired into the side netting. Paine & Cowan both had chances from the top of the "D" & Grandfield missed the ball completely when 10 yards out. Head then beat the keeper to a cross to the right hand post but saw his shot at full stretch just trickle wide of the left post. 3 short corners then went unrewarded before Whittle netted his 2nd.

Salisbury kept ploughing forwards & screening Wayfarers into their own half. They peppered the Wayfarers keeper who then injured his back in attempting to save the 4th goal, scored by Head. With no substitutes, the game was halted for 5 minutes while an outfield player padded up. The score remained 4-0 at halftime which came 5 minutes later.

With Wayfarers down to 10 men, Salisbury should have killed the game off but they had lost their momentum & inexcusably, could not get it back. They kept gifting possession & an unstoppable short corner strike saw Wayfarers pull a goal back when Salisbury should have snuffed out the original attack in the Wayfarers half. Salisbury then won a series of short corners of their own but they failed to test the stand in keeper. In a rare moment of quality Salisbury play in the 2nd half, Grandfield scored his 2nd if the game but more laxness let Wayfarers in for another soft goal. Whittle sliced a shot wide before Head finally got a short corner on target for 6-2. Near the end, Paine went close with a reverse stick shot & Mark Smith ballooned a shot over the bar from 10 yards.

Club Clothing.

If anyone is thinking of buying a new TK rain jacket or tracksuit, a new club shirt or any other club clothing, please contact GT. He will be sending some clothing away for embroidery shortly. Also contact him for any other equipment you may need, Please do not just turn up on spec. 07736212696.



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*PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT TO A
SPORTSCLUB EVENT*

*Drive the winter out at our fund raising effort
for the new club house*

QUIZ EVENING

SAT 19th February 2005

MULLED WINE – NIBBLES - TABLE OF 5 for £10

Please book your table now

*Contact Andy Hollywood at the clubhouse on 01722
327108*

Salisbury HC Club Dinner
Saturday March 19th 2005
Grasmere Hotel
7pm for 7.30pm

Please see your captain for menu choices
Support at least one thing this season –
and it's not even for the building fund
IT'S FOR YOU!



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INSURANCE

Umpires/Coaches are reminded that the Club's Civil Liability Insurance only covers you for Club activities. If you Umpire/Coach for another club you are not covered by SHC insurance.

Umpires requiring insurance to cover them for umpiring outside club activities can do so through Chuck Baker, 01985/213448 or jan.baker9@btinternet.com Cost £4.50

PLAYERS OF SALISBURY HOCKEY CLUB SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE ADEQUATE PERSONAL INSURANCE COVER, AS SALISBURY HOCKEY CLUB IS NOT LIABLE FOR PERSONAL INJURY.

If you would like further personal advice and under no obligation, contact:
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