



17 August 2015

Dear members and friends,

Here's some latest information, following the Board meeting on 3 August 2015:

- **Some dates for your diaries:**

- **Wednesday 19 August 2015 7:30pm.** Pre-season club training night (ladies and men) at Oaklands (lead coaches: Club Head Coach Martin Scanlon and Ladies Club Captain Sarah Embrey). Clubhouse and bar open. All welcome.
- **Friday 21 August to Friday 28 August 2015 all day every day.** We host the 3rd European Masters Championships with 500 players, officials and visitors from all over Europe each day. All hands to the pump. Please come and watch or help (last minute volunteers welcome: contact matthewleedham@btconnect.com). Thank you to our brilliant delivery committee for all your hard work on this very time-consuming project.
- **Wednesday 26 August 2015 7:30pm.** Pre-season club training night (ladies and men) at Oaklands (lead coaches: Club Coaches Amy Kee and Dick Ashby). EuroMasters beer tent open. All welcome.
- **Thursday 27 August 2015 8pm at Southgate.** Southgate v M1 (pre-season friendly). Away supporters welcome.
- **Saturday 29 August 2015 2:30pm and 4pm.** Pre-season friendlies. M1 v Harleston Magpies 2:30pm. L1 v Southgate 4pm. Also Southgate v West Herts (men's friendly) 12:30pm. All spectators/supporters welcome. Clubhouse and bar open.
- **Sunday 30 August 2015 2:30pm.** M1 v West Herts (pre-season friendly). Also Southgate v Harleston Magpies 12:30pm (men's friendly). All spectators/ supporters welcome. Clubhouse and bar open.
- **Wednesday 2 September 2015 7:30pm.** Pre-season club training night (ladies and men) at Oaklands (lead coaches: Martin Scanlon and Amy Kee). Clubhouse and bar open. All welcome.
- **Thursday 3 September 2015 10am to 4:30pm at Oaklands Sportshall.** Oaklands Welcome Fayre for students. Please come and help us out at the SAHC stall. To volunteer contact mikefordham@hotmail.co.uk
- **Saturday 5 September 2015 all day.** Senior Club Registration and Trials at Oaklands. Organised by Club Captains Sarah Embrey and Ian Loffler. All welcome. Clubhouse and bar open.
- **Sunday 6 September 2015 all day.** Junior (colts) registration and sessions at Oaklands. All juniors welcome.
- **Tuesday 8 September 2015 8pm.** Pre-season friendly M2 v Amersham. All supporters welcome. Clubhouse and bar open.

- **Wednesday 9 September 2015 6pm.** SAHC Junior Academy launch. Session is 6pm to 7:30pm. Open to all in years 8-12. Lead coaches: Malcolm Emmerson and Amy Kee, with Club Head Coach Martin Scanlon.
- **Wednesday 9 September 2015 7:30pm.** Club Training Night. Clubhouse and bar open.
- **Saturday 12 September 2015 all day.** League season starts including L1 v Chelmsford.

Looking ahead:

- **Saturday 26 September 2015 7pm: Welcome Back Party.** First club social of the new season.
- **Saturday 7 November 2015 all day: Friends Reunited Saturday.** We welcome Past Presidents, Vice-Presidents and Honorary Life Members, plus Partners and Sponsors and former players to Oaklands. 1st XI double-header day: L1 v Hampstead and Westminster. M1 v City of Peterborough.
- **Situation Still Vacant: Umpire Liaison Officer.** Still nobody has yet stepped forward to take this on. As I explained in my letter of 6 July, this means the Director of Hockey will regrettably soon have to call upon the club captains and team captains to organise their own umpires.
- **Beanies on Holiday.** Don't forget to send your photo to mikefordham@hotmail.co.uk by 13.9.15.
- **Player retention and recruitment.** We need to retain our current players, re-recruit those who played for us previously, and enlist new players. If you can think of anyone we should be contacting, to stay or re-join or join, please let me know.
- **Summer camps.** Massive thanks to Ellie Watton for organising the brilliant summer camps last week (10-14 August 2015). Camp coaches included four current GB and England internationals plus U21 internationals and England Hockey's Talent Development Coach. One GB international, coaching for the first time on our camps, emailed me to say "the camp has been great. The children are amazingly talented and such a great bunch to coach". Another told me: "with Ellie being a teammate and good friend there was no way I wasn't going to get across to St Albans". Thank you Ellie.
- **Partners Scheme.** A special thank you, as always, to all of our *Partners*, listed below. I am hard at work trying to make sure we can expand the list. A big thank you to the new Partners who have already signed up. Please let me know if you can join or help me enlist someone to join this scheme for just £9 per month. The details are here:

<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/PARTNERS%20BOOKLET%202015.pdf>

As ever, our thanks to everyone who works so hard within the club. There is plenty to do so please do offer if you think you could help in a new way.

Mike Fordham QC (President)

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FIRST TEAM PARTNERS

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| 1. Anon G | 10. Nick Edmonds G | 20. Mike Lloyd |
| 2. Dorothy Allistone G | 11. Mike Fordham G | 21. Linda&Norman Macleod |
| 3. Peter Beard | 12. Mike Grainger G | 22. Phillip Martin G |
| 4. Harry Birtley G | 13. Peter Halliday | 23. Kate Rudlin |
| 5. John Blain G | 14. Geoff Hayward G | 24. Mike Skittery |
| 6. Andy Bowskill | 15. Peter Hazell G | 25. Alex Spencer |
| 7. Dave Burns G | 16. John Knight G | 26. Adrian Stephenson G |
| 8. Andy Connop | 17. Mark Lavers G | 27. James Tompkins G |
| 9. David&Rosemary Davey | 18. John Layfield G | |
| | 19. Matt Leedham G | |

YOUTH HOCKEY

PARTNERS

1. Anon G
2. Dorothy Allistone G
3. Ed Bevin
4. Jenny Birch
5. Harry Birtley G
6. John Blain G
7. Dave Burns G
8. Nick Edmonds G
9. Mike Fordham G
10. John Garner
11. Mike Grainger G
12. Geoff Hayward G
13. Peter Hazell G
14. Annie Hems
15. Darren & Alex Hincks
16. Quentin Keeling
17. John Knight G
18. Mark Lavers G
19. John Layfield G
20. Matt Leedham G
21. Christine Lockwood
22. Phill Martin G
23. Maureen Roe
24. Andrew Silverbeck
25. Adrian Stephenson G
26. James Tompkins G

G = Gold Partner