

2 April 2015

Dear members and friends,

Here is some latest information, following the Board meeting on 30 March 2015.

- **New appointment: Martin Scanlon, Club Head Coach.**

The Board is delighted to announce the appointment of Martin Scanlon to the post of *Club Head Coach*, on the recommendation of Director of Hockey Andy Bowskill. Martin will perform a hands-on role delivering coaching for senior club members (ladies and men) and colts (girls and boys), working with our other coaches and coaching coordinators. He will forge new links and recruit new members and be a visible presence at the Club on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesday evenings. Martin will be a point of contact for all players (ladies, men and colts) and parents and will provide input to selection issues. As *Club Head Coach* Martin will attend and coach on Wednesday evening Club training (19.30 - 21.30), act as a Saturday *Pool Coach* (alongside his playing commitments with our men's 1st XI) and attend Sunday Colts where he will coach and undertake a match management role. Alongside his *Club Head Coach* role, Martin will also be involved in links between SAHC and schools through our *Schools Project*, will act as senior coach on SAHC Camps, will assist and lead on Masterclasses, and will be able to undertake private individual and small group coaching.



Martin represented England at all junior levels, was selected for the 2009 Junior World Cup and played for Great Britain U21s during the 2009 Youth Olympics in Sydney, Australia. He has a degree in Sport & Exercise Science from Loughborough University and is a Level 2 qualified coach. For the 2014/15 season he has been Head Coach at Preston HC guiding the men's 1st XI to promotion from the North Premier Division. His previous clubs include Loughborough Students and Beeston HC where Martin played three seasons in the EuroHockey League and won the English Premier League twice before being diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. His circumstances have raised awareness and funding for Leukaemia & Lymphoma Research through the #score4scan campaign www.justgiving.com/samward15.

Martin's last match before starting treatment was winning the England Hockey cup final 2012 with Beeston. He was able to return to play for Beeston in 2013/14 and for Preston at the end of the 2014/15 season. For 2015/16 he intends to train and play with the SAHC Men's 1st XI squad. Martin is Ellie Watton's boyfriend and was guest coach on Ellie's first Masterclass at SAHC in September 2014. He has coached on the SAHC holiday hockey camps and has appeared since December 2014 in the *Who's Who At The Club Booklet* on the SAHC website. In March 2015 he was SAHC's first ever *Schools Ambassador*, taking Quicksticks hockey into local junior schools.

- **AGM: Thursday 21 May 2015 7:30pm at Oaklands.** All members are invited to please come along and have your say. We're planning written reports in advance. To make a comment or raise a question email mikefordham@hotmail.co.uk or use the *Questions and Comments Form* at:
http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/pages/page_28975/AGM-2015.aspx

Here are some background papers inviting your views on:

- **Clarence Park and the future**
<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/CLARENCE%20PARK%20PAPER%2030.3.15.pdf>
- **proposed training schedule**
<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/TRAINING%20SCHEDULE%20PROPOSAL%20PAPER%2031.3.15.pdf>
<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/Proposed%20Training%20Schedule%202015-16%2030.3.15.pdf>
- **subs**
<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SUBS%20PAPER%2030.3.15.pdf>
- **SAHC Youth Holiday Camps at Oaklands: 8-10 April 2015.** Weds 8th and Thurs 9th are all-inclusive for ages 8-16, including goalkeepers, of any level or experience. Fri 10th is for more advanced players ages 14-19, including keepers, playing adult league hockey or at JAC level or above. Here are the posters:
http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/pages/page_27604/Junior-Summer-Camps.aspx
[http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/A4%20Junior%20Hockey%20Camp%20Leaflet%20\(Final%20Draft\)%20-%20April%202015.pdf](http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/A4%20Junior%20Hockey%20Camp%20Leaflet%20(Final%20Draft)%20-%20April%202015.pdf)
[http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/A4%20Advanced%20Hockey%20Camp%20Leaflet%20\(Final%20Draft\)%20-%20April%202015.pdf](http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/A4%20Advanced%20Hockey%20Camp%20Leaflet%20(Final%20Draft)%20-%20April%202015.pdf)
- **Club Day: Saturday 25 April 2015.** This from Pippa Martin: It is that time of year again! The Annual Club Day 2015 is upon us. It will be taking place on Saturday 25th April 2015. Adults tournament will begin at 12:30pm, but if anybody fancies helping with the colts tournament please do let me know: that will begin at 9am. BBQ and beer will be served as usual, and the club will be open in the evening for a little party! At this stage all I need from you is to email me to register your interest. Once all have replied are in, we will arrange teams and let you know your colour week beginning 20th April. If you want to play in this year's Club Day please contact me via email: pips_martin@hotmail.com to register your place.
- **The Hockey Centre at Club Day 25.4.15.** John and Philippa Hurst are planning to have the club 'shop' set out at Club Day (25.4.15), for sales of all hockey and club kit. This is also a perfect time to get an order in for club clothing, buy a club mug from the bar, or grab a beanie from the President.

- **Summer Hockey Begins Thursday 7.5.15 730pm.** The SAHC Summer Mixed Hockey League begins Thursday 7 May 1930-2100hrs on parallel pitches at Oaklands. All members and also colts from the U14's are welcome. The full schedule will be published soon but if you want to take part please contact Cath Hart (raemius588@gmail.com) as soon as possible so she can begin to sort out teams. As well as registering to play it would be a big help if you volunteered to CAPTAIN one of the five teams and/or UMPIRE. The bar will be open every week and we hope food will be available.
- **Women's Masters O40s: Sunday 12 April 2015 at Oaklands.** From Helen Anton (Women's Masters Organiser): Following our successful inaugural tournament last year we are delighted to host our Invitational Over 40 Masters competition on Sunday 12th April at Oaklands starting at 1.30pm. This year we have more teams entered; 10 in total, with teams representing most of the counties in the East. This will be a highly competitive tournament with Cambridge City (finalists in the 045 National Cup) will be back to defend their title. Along the way they may meet Sevenoaks, their opposition in the Investec sponsored final at the end of April. However, many of the other teams might spring a few surprises, including our very own 040s side. Spectators more than welcome. Please come and feast on the delights of some stunning hockey and a pitch side BBQ.
- **EuroMasters Hockeymakers.** Lots of volunteers still needed to help us host this event on 21-28 August 2015. Contact matthewleedham@btconnect.com.
- **Montages.** Seven wonderful new Chris Hobson photo montages are now installed in the clubhouse.
- **Awards 2014/15.** Congratulations to all winners. Here's the list:
[http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/AWARD%20WINNERS%202015%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/AWARD%20WINNERS%202015%20(1).pdf)
- **Ladies Club Captain.** Our grateful thanks to Liz Cleverly whose other commitments have meant she is unfortunately having to stand down as Ladies' Club Captain.
- **Results Service.** Thanks to Mike Grainger for filling in information on the website home page table.
- **Archivism: Charlotte Barrett.** Many thanks indeed to Boof for stepping forward (from over in the Netherlands) to offer help in compiling materials and information about the history and heritage of our club for the website.
- **How The Club is Organised Booklet Online.** The preview edition of the *How the Club is Organised Booklet* is here:
<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SAHC%20HOW%20THE%20CLUB%20IS%20ORGANISED%20%20BOOKLET%20PREVIEW%20EDITION%20MARCH%202015.pdf>
- **Mugs On Sale.** Alex Spencer's SAHC mugs are still on sale at the bar, £7.50 each:

<https://twitter.com/StAlbansHC/status/544146904561750016/photo/1>

- **Schools Project Launched.** Our first Schools Ambassador visits into local junior schools to do QuickSticks sessions have now taken place. The project booklet and poster are here:
<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SCHOOLS%20PROJECT%20BOOKLET%2011.3.15.pdf>
<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/School%20Project%20Poster%203.15.pdf>
- **TA Registration Always Open.** Please carry on signing people up here for our free *Tangerine Army* social membership:
http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/pages/page_27549/Tangerine-Army.aspx
- **Umpires Liaison Officer Needed.** We still urgently need to find a ULO to take over from Andre Hugo, to whom massive thanks.
- **Who's Who Responses Please.** Here's the Booklet and the Form. I am aiming for 200 entries by the AGM so please return your form to me with a photo:
http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SAHC%20WHO'S%20WHO%20BOOKLET%2018.1.15_low.pdf
http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/pages/page_28122/Whos-Who.aspx
- **Partners.** As the scheme reaches its first anniversary, I am compiling a report and writing to all current Partners. This scheme is making a real impact and we are grateful to them all. Can you join them? It's £9 per month (£18 for Gold). The *Members and Partners Booklet* and all forms are accessible on the website here:
http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/pages/page_27775/Members--Partners.aspx

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3. Dorothy Allistone G
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8. Andy Connop
9. David&Rosemary Davey
10. Nick Edmonds G
11. Mike Fordham G
12. Mike Grainger G
13. Peter Halliday
14. Geoff Hayward G
15. Peter Hazell G
16. John Knight G
17. Mark Lavers G
18. John Layfield G

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20. Mike Lloyd
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23. Kate Rudlin
24. Mike Skittery
25. Alex Spencer
26. Adrian Stephenson G
27. James Tompkins G

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22. Maureen Roe
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24. James Tompkins G

G = Gold Partner

As always: thank you from all of us to everyone who continues to help our club in any way; please do not hesitate to raise any feedback or offers of help. See you at the AGM?

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