



30 November 2014

Dear members and friends,

Here is some information about what's happening at the Club.

There was a Board meeting on 26 November 2014 (6 months after the AGM), at which reports and updates were presented covering activities at the operational levels within the club's four Divisions: Development, Finance, Hockey, House. There will be a combined Board/Management Group meeting in January 2015.

- **Fixture Card.** The 2014-15 Fixture Card is now on the website, here:

<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SAHC%20Fixture%20Card%202014-15.pdf>

Our thanks to Adrian Stephenson. We thank members (and the Sounding Board Group) for supporting the move to a soft copy version. If anyone is unable to print it - or spots anything needing correcting - please say.

- **Club clothing.** Please support the range (great gifts!), including:

- SAHC beanie: £7.50.
- SAHC Hooded Top: £25.00.
- SAHC Training Top: £18.49.
- SAHC Fleece: £22.00.
- SAHC Rain Jacket: £19.00.



Available from: The Hockey Centre, 200 Beech Road, St Albans, Herts AL3 5AX. www.hockeycentre.com - 01727 865264 or 01727 226128. Or online (click "St Albans Leisurewear") at:

http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/pages/page_19294/Club-Shop.aspx

- **Social Events.** Dates for your diaries (further details to follow from the Social Secretaries):
 - Christmas Party will be 13 December 2014.
 - Quiz Night will be 24 January 2015.
- **EuroMasters: 21-28 August 2015.** The European Masters competition is being hosted at our Club on these dates. The delivery committee for this event is chaired by Benny (Helen Anton) who says this:

St Albans Hockey Club is delighted to be one of the hosting clubs for the European Masters Tournament in August 2015. Our Oaklands venue will be the home for the Men's Masters 40+, 45+, 50+ and 55+ age groups which will run from Saturday 22nd August -Friday 28th August 2015. (The Women's Masters and the Men's Grand Masters are also being held that week at Old Loughts and Southgate respectively). This is a fabulous honour and for the club to be chosen to host such a prestigious event and a delivery committee is busy liaising closely with England Hockey to make this a successful and memorable tournament. It will showcase our sport and SAHC as a high profile club. Please put the dates in your diary! There will be an opportunity for you to come forward and volunteer to help in the many aspects of the organisation. Plenty of volunteers will be required to help us host this event successfully. Come and support and see some fantastic hockey at this level! This event is being held at the same time as the Men's and Women's EuroHockey Championships at the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre. Watch this space for the recruitment drive! Book your holidays at another time! Don't miss out!

- **Who's Who at SAHC.** Thanks to everyone (more than 100+) who have participated so far. The (original) first edition can be seen here (where the current, updated version will be uploaded soon):
<http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SAHC%20WHO'S%20WHO%20BOOKLET%20VERSION%20FOR%20EMAILING.pdf>
 The form for providing your information is here:
[http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SAHC%20WHO'S%20WHO%20INFORMATION%20SHEET%20\(1\).docx](http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/clubs/65/docs/SAHC%20WHO'S%20WHO%20INFORMATION%20SHEET%20(1).docx)
- **Holiday hockey camp: April 2015.** Following a brilliant half-term hockey camp in November 2014, there will be another holiday hockey camp at Oaklands organised by Ellie Watton in April 2015, to be followed by a summer 2015 holiday camp: dates and details to follow from Ellie.

- **Photography.** We thank Club Photographer Chris Hobson for his continued brilliant work in capturing our teams, and our youthwork, in action. We will be making further use of Chris's work in the clubhouse in 2015. In case you haven't seen them, enjoy these:
http://www.chrishobsonphotos.co.uk/section760192_644867.html
http://www.chrishobsonphotos.co.uk/section760192_638553.html
- **Important vacancies.** We urgently need to find:
 - *Umpires Liaison Officer* - Andre Hugo will be handing this over at the end of the current season. We are very grateful to Andre for the job he has been doing and for continuing to the end of the season.
 - *Results Coordinator* - to communicate results promptly and effectively. We (and the *Sounding Board Group*) regard this as a top priority.
 - *Press Reporter* to take over writing up a weekly news report for publication in our local newspapers. See:
http://www.stalbanshc.co.uk/pages/page_27973/Press-Releases.aspx
- **Subs.** Thanks to all who have paid promptly, and to the Membership Secretaries and Finance Division for their work in collecting and following up. I will be writing to those whom our systems record as still owing subs from last season so we can clear these.
- **Schools Project.** Lottie Porter is coordinating our Schools Project, generously sponsored by Maureen Roe, in which Schools Ambassadors will visit local junior schools to introduce children to the sport of hockey, leaving flyers promoting our Sunday colts sessions and holiday camps.
- **Club Dinner/Ball 2015.** Holly Parsons is liaising with Oaklands about a club dinner/Ball for the spring/summer 2015, open to all. We hope that members and friends, parents and members of the *Tangerine Army* will support what we hope will be a well-attended annual event.
- **SAHC Mugs.** Alex Spencer is organising new ceramic SAHC mugs to be sold from the clubroom bar (£7.50 each) which should be available soon.
- **Partners.** Thank you to all our First Team Partners and Youth Hockey Partners. The *Members and Partners Booklet* and all relevant forms are accessible on the website www.stalbanshc.co.uk under "members & partners". The current picture is at the end of this letter.

The Board thanks the CEO, Management Group, club captains and Heads of Divisions, and all those who continue to help our club in any way. Please do not hesitate to raise any ideas or issues or offers to get involved. Season's greetings.

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Our *Partners* make a special financial contribution (£9 per month) to help our initiatives with the first team squads and/or youth hockey. Details of the scheme are in a *Partners Booklet* on the SAHC website. Our current signed-up *Partners*, to whom we are very grateful, are:

OUR PARTNERS

FIRST TEAM PARTNERS

1. Anon G	11. Mike Grainger G	21. Phillip Martin G
2. Anon	12. Peter Halliday	22. Kate Rudlin
3. Dorothy Allistone G	13. Geoff Hayward G	23. Mike Skittery
4. Peter Beard	14. Peter Hazell G	24. Alex Spencer
5. Harry Birtley G	15. John Knight G	25. Adrian Stephenson G
6. John Blain G	16. Mark Lavers G	26. James Tompkins G
7. Dave Burns G	17. John Layfield G	
8. Andy Connop	18. Matt Leedham G	EXTRA DONATIONS
9. Nick Edmonds G	19. Mike Lloyd	£42 DA
10. Mike Fordham G	20. Linda&Norman Macleod	£79 PM

FTPs extra funding raised so far £2,929 (30.11.14)

YOUTH HOCKEY PARTNERS

1. Anon G	11. Mike Grainger G	21. Maureen Roe
2. Dorothy Allistone G	12. Geoff Hayward G	22. Adrian Stephenson G
3. Ed Bevin	13. Peter Hazell G	23. James Tompkins G
4. Jenny Birch	14. Annie Hems	
5. Harry Birtley G	15. Quentin Keeling	EXTRA DONATIONS
6. John Blain G	16. John Knight G	£42 DA
7. Dave Burns G	17. Mark Lavers G	£59 NE
8. Nick Edmonds G	18. John Layfield G	£62 QK
9. Mike Fordham G	19. Matt Leedham G	£892 MR
10. John Garner	20. Phill Martin G	

YHPs extra funding raised so far £3,539 (19.11.14)

G = Gold Partner

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