

## Men's Newsletter – September 2009

The season is off to a flyer! What better way to start than with a victory over Bowdon? Well a better way is to do it in the Cheshire Cup! And a better way still would be to do it in their own backyard!

A long and hard preseason has paid dividends first time of asking with a 1 – 2 victory last weekend over the mighty Bowdon which has put the 1<sup>st</sup> XI in to the semi-finals against Bramhall. Well done to coach Rob Turner (don't ask where he plays!), new captain Matt Horan and the 1<sup>st</sup> XI squad.

This gives the rest of the section something to live up to in this weekend's first round of league fixtures so let's see what we can do!

### Your Committee

The hardy souls who are giving their time freely and, mostly, willingly to make sure we have a good season are:

Chairman	<i>Rob Judd</i>	Secretary	<i>John McGuire</i>
Treasurer	<i>Stuart Nicholson</i>	Fixtures Sec	<i>Kieran Jeffrey</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> XI Captain	<i>Matt Horan</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Manager	<i>Phil Taylor</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> XI Coach	<i>Rob Turner</i>	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Captain	<i>Matt Oakley</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI Captain	<i>Andy Murphy</i>	4 <sup>th</sup> XI Captain	<i>Vacant</i>
5 <sup>th</sup> XI Captain	<i>Dave Williams</i>	Vets Captain	<i>John McGuire</i>
Badgers Manager	<i>Steve Davies</i>	Subs Sec	<i>Dave McGuire</i>

Please give them all the support they need and if you are interested in helping out in any way please let us know, especially with respect to the vacant 4<sup>th</sup> XI captain's role!

### Website

We have taken the opportunity in the close season to completely relaunch the Timperley Hockey Club website. We now have our own site at [www.timperleyhockeyclub.com](http://www.timperleyhockeyclub.com) with a link back to the main club site.

The website has been developed by our very own 5<sup>th</sup> Team Captain, Dave Williams, and has been a joint venture between Men's Hockey, Ladies Hockey and the Junior Academy.

The website has loads of useful stuff for new and existing members such as; club diary, fixtures, calendar, player profiles, places to post match reports as well as a blogging function which I admit to knowing nothing about! If you want to be a celebrity blogger for the club let me know.

If you have any comments about the site please feed them back to me directly or through the snazzy email system within the site. We are still looking for content, especially photo's and historical data about the club so feel free to forward anything you think we could use.

### Training

As you all know the club training night is Tuesday. Over recent seasons there has been excellent attendance at the 8pm – 10pm 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XI training however the Club Session from 7pm – 8pm has withered to zero. The pitch is available for the section to use for free but at the minute we are not taking advantage of it. It would be great to build the 7pm – 8pm slot up again so lets see if we can get a few of us down for a run around, you never know you might enjoy it!

### **Kit**

We all want to look our best on the pitch and to this end John McGuire will be happy to take your kit orders. We are currently developing a full list of kit that will be available but the obvious items such as shirts, shorts and socks can be ordered from John straight away.

### **Sub's**

Being a member of a club as excellent as Timperley, unfortunately, does not come free. Please can you make every effort to pay your annual subs (£120) as soon as possible, as well as your playing levy (£20, full senior members only). If you have not paid your subs by the end of October the price increases to £130 so it pays to get in early!

As in previous seasons you have the option to pay your match fees up front which can save you a large amount of cash if you are going to be playing every week. The cost of paying up-front is £200 for 1st XI players and £175 for all remaining teams. This figure is reduced by 50% for full time students or members not in employment. Pay your captain or a committee member. If you are not paying up front please make sure you pay your captain each week.

### **200 Club Membership – Levy Waive**

Every month the club runs a prize draw called the 200 Club with cash prizes up to £100 as well as a snowball prize which currently sits at £250! Although the draw is run by the main sports club the hockey section receives money from it. To encourage you to stump up the mere £4/month to be part of this we are waiving this years playing levy for anyone who signs up via the standing order. To be fair to those members already in the draw they will also have this years playing levy waived. For details of how to join up see John McGuire or Rob Judd.

### **Juniors**

A quick line to note the progress of the academy. This weekend there are 15 recent or actual members of the junior academy playing in the senior sides, all the way from 1<sup>st</sup> XI to 5<sup>th</sup> XI. This shows that the countless hours put in by the coaches and committee of the academy are baring fruit. If you are a senior member playing along side one of our young protégés please make sure you look after them!

### **Pitch Adverts**

If you have a local business and want exposure to a captive audience of 100's of people a week why not put up an advertising banner on the Astro Turf? Prices vary depending on the size of banner you want. If you are interested please contact Rob Judd, Stuart Nicholson or John McGuire.

### **Date for diary**

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> October the club is holding an EGM to ratify accounts and close out issues from the AGM. The meeting will only take about half an hour and is an essential bit of running the club. Please make every effort to attend, unless of course you are away at Keswick with the 4<sup>th</sup> team!

### **Coming soon**

If you have any information for future newsletters or even want to take on writing them let me know.

Enjoy the season boys!

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