

Slazenger Junior Hockey

News August 2009

Time to brush the cobwebs from your sticks and enjoy a season of "NEW RULES – see link!!" Hockey at your club.

"Training starts" Dates

Although included on the "diary" I confirm first training dates:
Sunday 6th September (U10's Boys & Girls plus U12 Girls 9.15 – 10.30. Followed by U12 Boys plus U14/U16 Girls and Boys 10.15[through gate] – 12.00).
Monday 14th September (U14/U16's) 19.45 – 20.00 (warm up – off pitch) 20.00 – 21.00 (drills e.t.c. on pitch)
Not on the "diary" but of interest to juniors currently playing senior hockey. Training starts Thursday 27th August;
Ladies 7.30pm till 8.45pm
Men 8.45pm till 10pm.

Position Vacant (Urgently needs filling!!)

We are short of a team secretary to take charge of our U14 Boys. This does not necessarily require someone with coaching/playing experience. The essential part of the job is to make arrangements to ensure a team attends and is looked after at the six fixtures run by the YYHL through the season by contacting team members/parents e.t.c. Every effort will be made to provide umpiring and coaching assistance on tournament days. Please contact Steve Wood 07802 235805 stevewood17@googlemail.com or Alan Perry 07851034939 aperry@talktalk.co.uk a.s.a.p.

Goalie Training

We have made special arrangements for 4 training sessions for all goalies and anyone wanting to "have a go". These will take place from 10.00 to 12.00 every Sunday from 6th to 27th Sept (inclusive).

Diary for the 2009/10 season.

With this newsletter you should find a "Diary" for the season. All tournament dates are as communicated by the Yorkshire Youth Hockey League, also we have made early bookings for both pitch and clubhouse therefore other dates should remain unchanged. Additional dates may be added for any further events to be held by either the senior club or ourselves, watch for these on the notice board.

Membership for 2009/10.

All past and new members should find a membership form for next season enclosed. Please return your form with payment to your NEW treasurer John Brearton (before the start of the season would help with administration), if not on first attendance.

Group E-Mail.

This newsletter plus copies of all documents mentioned in this newsletter will be sent to all e-mail addresses we have on file (including some senior club and outside contacts F.I.). If this mail arrives somewhere it is not wanted, or doesn't arrive where it is, please drop me a mail so I can amend the files to ensure future communication is improved. aperry@talktalk.co.uk

Kit available from the club.

The sale of personalised "Slazenger" Hoodies from the same supplier as previously will continue, as will green socks (the latter being a "stock item").

Membership Drive/Flyers

New members or indeed anyone wanting to try the excellent game of Hockey are welcome at the club at any time throughout the year. However, the earlier in the season they start the more chance of them progressing to a higher level of play.

Any new starter can experience up to two training sessions f.o.c. You will find a few copies of a flyer with the newsletter (more are available), please use them to help "spread the word" about what your club has to offer.

Can I please make a special plea on behalf of the U10's and U12's both Boys and Girls. Although currently we have a membership of around 80 boys and girls we are particular short of players for these teams, so whilst thinking big consider "little".

U16 Girls Knock-out Cup

Following the separation of club and school competition, an under 15 knockout tournament was introduced in 2002/2003 to cater for the needs of clubs. Open to all affiliated clubs with the added benefit of a Plate competition for first and second round losers.

It is an 11 a side competition played regionally in the first few rounds and then it extends out to the whole of England. In 2006, the format of the finals changed from a knockout competition to a four team round robin. The competition is a straight knockout format until the quarter finals have been played. The winning quarter finalists go forward to play a four team round robin at one venue over one weekend. This format was established to mirror the type of tournament hockey that would be experienced at international level. This year the "age" at which this competition is being run has changed to U16. Tom White was successful in taking our U15 team to the quarter finals of the plate competition last year and has agreed to manage/coach a team at U16 level this year.

"Change" of events for the festive season

Your committee has suggested a change to the format of events we have run for the past few years around Christmas & New Year. Instead of holding the Parents v Kids tournament in the new year we intend to hold it from 3pm till 5pm on the 13th of December, and follow this with a Christmas Party of a similar format as in the past but starting and finishing slightly earlier. Please offer your feed back/thoughts with regard to this.

Personal equipment.

Slazengers will provide balls, sticks and other training aids to facilitate the coaching sessions. In addition to this, members should bring the following:

For training:

Essential: Shin pads, "Astro" trainers (trainers designed specifically for hockey are available, and are worth investing in), Good size bottle of water or sensible drink, suitable weather protection against sun, rain or cold.

Preferred additions: Gum Shield, lots of energy!

For Tournaments: All of the above are essential, plus more energy and lots of supportive family or friends!

Preferred additions: (Although team shirts are provided) Our recognised strip is green socks and white shorts for Boys, green socks and blue skirts for Girls.

We are more than happy if you wish to train in these colours.

Link to "New Rules":

www.Englandhockey.co.uk/news.asp?section=22§ionTitle=News&month=3&year=2009&itemid=5263