



St Ives Hockey Club

Chairman - Simon Fairhall Secretary - Sandra di Lustro Treasurer - John Foxcroft

TO: **St Ives Hockey Club Members**

August 2009

Dear member

Welcome to the new season. I am pleased to start with the news that the Management Team has arranged for the purchase of new kit for the Club. This will include, for all Adult & Youth members, a shirt, shorts or skort and socks. We do not expect delivery until a little way into the season, to give you the opportunity to advise the correct sizes wanted; it will probably be in time to be considered a very early Christmas present! I am pleased to report that Club Umpires and Goalkeepers have been included, and I would like to thank Kishor Shah for making the arrangements, and to Kukri for the deal offered. I am also very pleased to announce the sponsorship of the Women's 1st Team Squad by D R A Fabb Contractors.

There have been some changes to training times, specifically the move of 1st / 2nd Team Squads for men and women to Wednesday's and Club Training now on Mondays. The Club training on Monday's will be under the direction of a new coach **Alyn MEREDITH**; it will start on the pitch at 8.00pm, but it is important that we get best value for our hired pitch time and therefore members should be ready to start at 8.00pm having already warmed up. **Simon SHORTER** will continue to coach the 1st / 2nd Team Squads whilst we are currently investigating some Goalkeeper specific sessions for adult, youth and junior goalkeepers.

Youth Hockey sessions on Monday's and the Academy on Friday's continue as before; we have the men's 4th Team intended as a junior development side again, and are keen to develop a similar arrangement within the women's section, including the establishment of a 4th team. At this time we are awaiting the outcome of a funding application, which will enable us to recruit a Director of Coaching / Development Officer to ensure that there is a clear link up between all our coaching of youth and junior players, as well as the purchase of hockey equipment for our local Primary Schools.

As with many others this Club is dependent upon a few individuals who are undertaking a significant amount of work on your behalf. This is not just the elected roles such as Chairman, Fixtures / Umpires Secretary etc but also the organisation of activities such as summer hockey and training, Club Day organisation and bar-b-que, communications and publicising the club, organising kit and equipment, and Phantasy Hockey and this therefore is a plea to all members to make a contribution. Roles and tasks are normally fairly well defined so that you can see what it is you might be taking on, but you do not have to do things in the same way as others have done them in the past, life would be so boring if you did and different people have different skills to contribute!

Over the summer we have adopted a number of new Policies and Codes of Conduct in support of our progress towards **Clubs First** (England Hockey's quality standard for Clubs). Whilst most of these apply specifically to juniors it would be remiss if we as a senior section did not also adopt the same standards we are expecting of juniors and their parents. Specifically this relates to behaviour both on the pitch and the sideline – respecting officials and their decisions, and the opposition, and playing the game competitively by fairly. I urge all members to ensure that St Ives Hockey Club is known as a good club in all these respects.

My final point before the important information for the season section is to highlight the importance of communication. The Management Team, and Selection Committees meet regularly, and collectively and individually will do their best in their respective tasks and for the

Club based on the information they have available to them. They have a responsibility to seek out appropriate information and also a responsibility to share details of discussions / decisions – in the main this is done through the website, emails, noticeboards and through cascading information through Captains (Club and Teams). But there is a responsibility on you - if you have any questions or queries, want to know or express your view on something, please make contact with the appropriate person / meeting, rather than waiting for something to happen, or not happen, and then grumble!.

Membership Subscriptions, Match Fees, and Reimbursements 2009/2010 Season

As agreed at the Annual General Meeting, the membership subscriptions, match fees, and reimbursement structure for this season are detailed below.

1. Membership Subscription

To be paid by those playing more than 5 senior games a year. Please note that subscription for club membership entitles you to games, both in the season and through the summer, pre-season fitness, social events and free senior training throughout the season. I am pleased to report that in 2009-10 it also entitles you to a free set of kit – shirt, shorts/skorts and socks.

Adult Member:

Membership Subscription **£88*** Match Fee **£8**

** If membership subscriptions are paid or direct debit notification received before the end-September then membership is £80. Please also note that until these membership subscriptions are paid match fees are £9*

Youth Member - playing for a senior team, including a member in full time education

Membership Subscription **£44** Match Fee **£5**

** If membership subscriptions are paid before the end-September then membership is £40. Please also note that until membership subscriptions are paid match fees are £6*

Guest Member - a player who is invited to play for the club prior to paying membership subscriptions (and playing no more than 5 times per year):

Appropriate match fee plus **£1** per match

Junior Member – boys and girls attending junior coaching, including Academy.

Membership **£22 per term** Match Fee **£2**

** If memberships subscriptions are paid or direct debit notification received in September and January then membership is £20 per term.*

Family Discount - A family of three or more players who have paid their yearly membership subscriptions will receive a 10% cash back.

Club 'pool' shirts will be available for new players to the club and guest members when they represent the senior sides, but remain club shirts. Once membership subscriptions have been paid a shirt (and shorts / skorts and socks) will be supplied by the club and retained by the member. Youth members, who have paid their membership subscriptions and are required to play regular Saturday hockey will also receive shirts, shorts / skorts and socks.

2. Methods of Payment

Membership Subscriptions

Membership subs may be paid in full or by instalments (a maximum of 8 instalments commencing September) as follows:

- 1 Using the Club's Standing Order facility (see attached).
- 2 Pre-dated cheques submitted during September to cover the whole amount
- 3 Other personal option requests made to the CMT.

Full membership fees are due in September 2009 unless you have opted to pay in instalments.

The CMT require confirmation of the intention to pay by instalments [standing order or cheques] before the end of September. Please contact John Foxcroft on 01480 465352 or by email at john@woodsideuk.net

Cheques are payable to **St. Ives Hockey Club** and should be sent to the Club Treasurer: John Foxcroft, 32 Woodside Way, St Ives, Cambs PE27 3JQ or handed to the Team Captain.

Match Fees

These **must be paid in full** to the team captain on the day of the game.

3. Reimbursements

Home game teas

Each home game will provide teas that will consist of an initial cup of tea, provided and billed by the centre, and sufficient food for both teams provided by a nominated player. Food reimbursement is up to a maximum of £20 per home game will be paid to the provider out of the match fees collected by the captain.

Mileage

Mileage incurred by a shared vehicle travelling to away games will be reimbursed at a rate of 18p per mile. A maximum of 4 vehicles will be reimbursed. This will be paid to the nominated driver out of the match fees by the captain.

Umpires

A fee of £5 may be paid to the team's club umpire by the captain out of the match fees.

Key Reminders

Website - Keep an eye on it for the latest news on your Club events, training sessions and fixtures – Don't miss out.

Phantasy Hockey – this season's information will be issued shortly, make sure you join in, have some fun and help the Club raise some much needed funds.

Social Events – Simon Penney our Social Secretary is working on events for this season if you have any ideas let him know social@stiveshockeyclub.co.uk

Club Day - Saturday 5th September 11.30am – 4.00pm. Please let the following know if you will be attending so the final plans can be made for the teams
Andy at mens@stiveshockeyclub.co.uk or Julie at ladies@stiveshockeyclub.co.uk

Contact details - this letter is issued to members via email; if however your copy has come to you via the Royal Mail then we do not have a working email address for you. The Club uses email to communicate to members throughout the year and therefore you should make sure you do not miss out on a key message.

Also, please ensure you inform the Club of any changes to address, telephone numbers or emails **and if you have not yet filled in the new personal details form please can you do this** (a copy is attached / available on the website).

This is definitely my last season as Chairman but I look forward to a successful season both on and off the field. I believe that we have a lot in place to be proud of, yet have the potential to continue to develop in many areas.

Simon Fairhall

Chairman - for and on behalf of St Ives Hockey Club