

BRIDGEND HOCKEY CLUB

Rambler 2018/2019



Chairman's Report

So the season is upon us once again and what a season it promises to be. All our senior Mens and Ladies teams will once again be in league action, with the Mens 1st & 2nd XI's being promoted which means games across the bridge for both teams. The success on the field of all our teams will be down to you and your availability and commitment to the club, we can only continue to get up all divisions and further in cup competitions with your help. We are running 4 mens and 2 Ladies teams again this year in leagues and also both a ladies and mens development side, which can only help the youngsters and returning adults to get experience of competitive hockey.

Training is key for success and we have had the help of a coach last season, Lee Marshall, this will continue this season and will benefit both Ladies and Mens sections, as well as passing down through development and youth sections. Training is included in any fees that we pay so use the facilities we have.

Our youth structure goes from strength to strength and provides a future base for our club. If you can help out in any way please contact Andy Schofield, youth manager.

We have great facilities at Pencoed, and thanks to Andrew and his team at Bridgend County Borough Council for all their support, please respect the facilities and make sure that we abide by the club rules and the rules at Pencoed.

Once again we are very lucky to have the Haywain as our after match facilities and we are made so welcome by Mark and his staff. Please try and get back for food and to socialise after games to support this.

Here's to another fantastic season of Hockey

Cheers

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Chairman Bridgend Hockey Club

Men's Club Captain

Well, I think that this is going to be an interesting year!

The success that we enjoyed last year came as a result of a massive effort on behalf of the management and players, for what seemed like weeks on end we were barely able to field a full squad for each of the four teams; but we managed, and more than that, we secured promotion for both the First and Second teams, maintained our league position for the Thirds and the newly created Fourth's achieved what seemed unimaginable at Christmas when they were providing a solid foundation for every other Welsh team, by winning a sequence of games and rising up through the division. We also managed to field a very successful Youth and Development team.

Key to our success last year was the consistent availability of the majority of club members. Captain Coleman was able to field a largely unchanged team for the entire season, an eclectic blend of youth and significant experience which stormed to an early promotion and secured the League winners title before the last few games of the season. However, supporting the First team, the Seconds did not enjoy such luxuries, led by Nick, week in-week out battles to maintain a viable and competitive squad were successful, as a result of the Captain's faith in the younger players rising up through the club. It is these players who will be called upon to maintain the position of the higher teams this year.

The Thirds were regularly four or five players short following selection on a Tuesday, but Junior Murphey always managed to find sufficient bodies, and developed an ethos of success which enabled his team to hold their position in a competitive division. The movement of youth up through the club may ever more 'experienced' squads being fielded this year, but the expectation of success must be maintained.

Andy 'Badger' Schofield, alongside his trusted generals, has created a breeding ground for the Club's youth to develop their game and move up through the ranks, this must continue if we are to maintain our current position and compete with our rival clubs in South Wales.

To maintain our position, every club member must make the effort to be consistently available, so that we can stay competitive, communicating availability at the earliest possible opportunity; attending Tuesday training with Coach, Lee Marshall has seen a huge benefit on playing technique and style throughout the club and has enabled all players, no matter how long in the tooth to develop their game to fit the 'Bridgend' style.

This season will be a challenge, this season will be 'interesting' but with the support of all playing members we can continue to build our position within Welsh Hockey.

Jon Rubery

Ladies Club Captain Report

It is an honour to be representing the ladies section this season as club captain. Last season had the highs and lows that can truly only be experienced through playing hockey. The 1stXI comfortably maintained their position in division 1 for the forth coming season having finished mid table. Following a much needed restructure of division 4, the 2nd XI are now in division 5 which will hopefully benefit the team with much needed extra matches. The development squad having finished 5th in the league will continue to be led by Angharad in the South-Central Development division.

Looking back at last season and beyond, it's clear to see how far the ladies have come in terms of results. Thanks to a dedicated band of volunteers the girls youth is going from strength to strength. Many of the U15's have now come through the youth ranks to play in the development squad, and some 2nd XI, and have acquitted themselves well. The direction for this year must be forward, continuing to develop the youth players with an eye to the future. That being said we can not accomplish this without the aid of coaches, as always, we are looking for volunteers to assist on a Monday and/or Sunday.

Every season we need to grow and build on our successes, but also ensure we don't repeat our failures, as such training needs to be a priority this season. With the introduction of the club coach, Lee, to training on Monday evenings, we look to build on the foundations set by Jon last year and strive for promotion for both the 1st XI and 2nd XI this season.

I'd like to thank everyone in advance for their time and dedication for the forthcoming season.

Tania

Youth Manager's Report

Welcome to the new season, one in which we are aiming to build upon the excellent foundations we have established within the youth section of the Club.

Last season saw our Under 11 Boys winning the Plate Competition – the first silverware for ten years in the youth section – I really want us to progress in all age groups and challenge the other big clubs such as Swansea, Gwent and Whitchurch. We had many other successes, with players representing the regional and national teams and importantly, both boys and girls progressing from the youth section to play for senior ladies' and mens' sides. I'm sure all who attended will agree that the end of season presentation was a great way to celebrate the achievements. We'll be seeking more of the same in the coming season.

As always we are indebted to the support of our coaches in running the teams and all the parents for their support whatever the weather and wherever the venue – thanks to all of you !

As last year we aim to run a mixed Under 9s team plus separate boys and girls teams at Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 with development training and games for those considering joining the senior teams.

We pride ourselves on providing a safe and fun environment for all the children that attend – if you think this can be improved we are always open to suggestions and offers of support. Training will take place on Mondays (girls) and Tuesdays (boys) from 6:30 to 7:30 although we may start the younger girls at 6pm (finishing at 7pm) in order to give them time to practice on the larger astro pitch.

Have a great season !

Andy Schofield

Youth Manager

Treasurer's Report

The Final accounts for the 2017/2018 season showed a welcome bottom line surplus of £815, even after incurring additional costs for the use of a Club Coach, and additional training costs to support the development of the younger (and in some cases not so young) members of the Club.

But we must remember that there are substantial benefits by stealth, in that we have not been charged for teas (many thanks to the Haywain) and I am sure not all Officers claim for expenses.

The Club operates on a turnover of around £20k, which needs to be tightly controlled, particularly as it is mainly cash based. Expenses are mainly incurred on pitch hire for Saturday games and midweek training, petrol for travelling to away games, affiliation fees to the WHU and the South Wales League, goalkeeping kit and other running costs.

This is largely funded by income from annual subscriptions and weekly match fees - **each player has a responsibility to ensure they pay their match fee to their captain** - especially when leaving the ground after playing the game.

All members are asked to do their bit to keep costs down, or increase income – BUT,

LET'S DO EVERYTHING TO GET FINANCIAL SUPPORT OUT OF OTHER PEOPLE'S POCKETS.

HAVE YOU AND/OR YOUR FAMILY/FRIENDS GOT A SHARE IN THE CLUB'S '100' CLUB?

FEES FOR 2018/2019

In order to contribute to the additional training costs of the youth population, a modest increase of £5 to the Youth Annual Sub was agreed at the AGM. Adult rates remain as last season.

The rates of payment for next season are therefore:

ANNUAL SUBS. FOR THE 2018/19 SEASON ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

Adults - Employed (incl Part-Timers)	£80
Youth – in Full Time education	£50
Unemployed	£50

STANDING ORDERS - Covers Annual Subs and Match Fees : NO CHANGE

To note: **Participants must commit to a TWELVE Month period when taking these out.**

Adult	£20 per month
Youth	£10 per Month

SATURDAY MATCH FEES :

Adult	£7.00
Youth (Post GCSE)	£3.50
Youth (Pre GCSE)	£2.00

SUNDAYS – only Half Match Fees to be paid by those participating in a SECOND game over a weekend, unless it is a rearranged LEAGUE game, when full fees are payable.

NO Match fees are payable for Youth league Games, usually played on a Sunday.

BUT a Charge of £2 per player is collectable for Development Games.

<p>NOTE: ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE - NO PAY, NO PLAY SELECTION FOR MATCHES WILL ONLY APPLY TO PAID UP MEMBERS, and Insurance (3RD Party) is only valid for fully paid up members. MEMBERSHIP FORM - PLEASE COMPLETE FULLY, AND LEGIBLY.</p>
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Who's Who!

President:	Steve Murphy
Chairman:	Adrian Hibbert
Vice Chairman:	Liz Pearce
Secretary:	Bev Sainsbury
Treasurer:	Jack Steer/Paul Jones
Men's Club Captain:	Jon Rubery
Ladies Club Captain:	Tania Harrison
Men's 1 st Captain:	Adrian Hibbert
Men's 2 nd Captain:	Nick Anthony
Men's 3 rd Captain:	Jon Murphy
Men's 4 th Captain:	Andy Schofield
Men's Development:	Paul Jones
Ladies Development:	Angharad Kitchner
Men's Masters Captain:	Denver Beer
Ladies Masters Captain:	Jo Poupon
Men's Fixture Sec:	Steve Sloan
Ladies Fixture Sec:	Bev Sainsbury
Men's Umpire Sec:	Steve Sloan
Ladies Umpire Sec:	Meg Hooper
Youth Manager:	Andy Schofield
Men's Child Protection Officer:	Andy Schofield
Ladies Child Protection Officer:	Jo Poupon
Extra Mangement Member:	Rhodri Owen
Media/Press Officer:	Emily Phillips

Dates to remember

Christmas Party: Saturday 15th December

AGM: Friday 26th April 2019

Presentation Night: Saturday 18th May 2019