

Oxford Hawks Hockey Club Colts 2009/10

Welcome to another season at Oxford Hawks Hockey Club Colts Section — our nineteenth since the section was started in 1990. We continue to hold England Hockey's Clubs 1st accreditation which confirms that we are a safe, effective, child friendly environment and an organisation that follows good practice guidelines. Training starts this year on Sunday 13th September. One big change from previous years is that all training will now be at Banbury Rd North.

Last season

As you can see from the following list of achievements, last year was another very successful one for our young players. It is particularly pleasing that these achievements are across all age groups. While being very proud of these successes, we are also proud of the fact that we have large numbers of children attending on Sunday mornings and enjoying playing hockey in a fun environment.

- Winners Oxon Girls Development League
- Winners Under 11 Boys City of Ox Tournament
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- Winners Oxfordshire Under 16 Boys League
- Finalists Under 11 Girls Oxon Minis
- Quarter Finalists under 11 Girls South Minis
- Finalists Under 8s Rover Festival
- Finalists Under 10s Rover Festival
- Finalists Under 14 Girls Rover Festival
- Finalists Under 14 Boys Rover Festival
- Runners up Oxfordshire Under14 Girls League
- Quarter finalists Under18 Boys Mercian League
- Last 16 of England Hockey Knockout Cup Under15 Boys

Colts Trophies

The trophies for Player of the Season in the Colts section were awarded as follows:

Boys — To be presented

Girls — Emily Munsey

Well done!

Documents and Policies

Together with this newsletter you will receive a copy of our Membership Form, Young Person's Guide and our Parent / Guardian Guide. These and the other policies and statements including our Anti-bullying policy can be found on our website www.oxfordhawks.homestead.com .

Training — age groups

After considerable thought and discussion, we like other Oxfordshire clubs (and clubs across the country) have decided to follow England Hockey and Oxfordshire Hockey Association and organise our age groups by birth year and not school year. All cups and competitions that we compete in with the exception of the Mercian League now have an eligibility date of 1st Jan and not 31st Aug as in previous years.

Under 8s children born in 2002, 2003 or later

Under IOs children born in 2000 or 2001

Under 12s children born in 1998/01 1999

Under 14s children born in 1996 or 1997

Under 16s children born in 1994 or 1995

Under 18s children born in 1992 or 1993

Please remember, it is club policy for children to train and play with their own age group unless specifically advised otherwise following discussion at a Colts committee meeting.

As indicated above, the new season will start on Sunday 13th September 2009

at Banbury Road North. All training will take place at Banbury Rd North; therefore training times have altered slightly from last season and will be as follows:

Age group	Time	Coaches	Venue
Under 8s	9am to 10am	Richard Fogden and Russ Warner	Banbury Rd North
Under IOs	9am to 10.30am	Lisa Scragg	Banbury Rd North
Under 12s	10am to 11.30am	Nick Gordon and Gary Mahon	Banbury Rd North
Under 14 Girls	11.30am to 1.00pm	Sue Clark and Lisa Scragg	Banbury Rd North
Under 14 Boys	1.00pm to 2.30pm	Alison Chapman and Paul Dunleavy	Banbury Rd North
Under 16	Girls 11.30am to 1.00pm	Linda Phillips and Andy Warne	Banbury Rd North
Under 16	Boys 1.00pm to 2.30pm	Nick Rogers and Pete Bennett	Banbury Rd North
Under 18 Boys	TBC	Neil Chilvers	Banbury Rd North
Under 18 Girls	TBC	Andy Warne	Banbury Rd North

Registration

Enclosed with this newsletter is a membership form for the coming season. Please complete the form and return it either:

By post to Jan Roche, Church Farmhouse, Sunningwell, Abingdon, Oxon.
OX13 6RD

Or bring it up to training on Sunday morning.

Completed forms should be accompanied by a cheque for the annual subscription of £30. It is important -that everyone returns a form as we compile a new membership list each year. It is also very important that we have up to date contact details and medical information.

Training / Match Fees

Training fees are £2 per session. All match fees are £3.

Fixtures

We have entered boys teams in the Mercian League at under 14, under 16 and under 18 age groups. We have also entered the Oxfordshire Boys Under 14 and Under 16 leagues. We have entered girls teams in the Oxfordshire League at Under 4 and Under 16 age groups and have entered the Under 16 and Under 18 England Hockey Cups for both boys and girls.

Our younger players — Under 8s, 10s and 12s have opportunities to play in a range of friendly games against other clubs and a range of competitive tournaments including the County Minis Tournaments for under 10s and Under 12s (previously for Under 11s and Under 13s).

Development Teams

A great strength of Oxford Hawks is our commitment to bringing younger players into senior sides as they mature. We have development teams (sides that combine older juniors with experienced senior players) in both the Mens' and Ladies' sections of the Club, The Fledglings and The Harriers respectively. Both sides won their respective Leagues last year.

Important dates

The last training session before Christmas will be on Sunday 20th Dec 2009; this will be followed by President's Punch with mulled wine and mince pies — all welcome.

Christmas party for the Under 8s and Under 9s — mid January.

Mouth Guards / Shin Pads

For obvious reasons, it is important that all young players come to training adequately equipped for the activity they are taking part in. The wearing of shin pads is mandatory with the use of gum shields strongly recommended. We also ask parents to ensure that children are appropriately dressed for the

weather and that on cold and wet mornings they have sufficient warm and waterproof clothing to allow them to enjoy the session. Potentially enjoyable sessions can become a miserable experience for any child who is cold and wet!

Kit

For younger players, Jan has a supply of new hockey sticks that can be bought on Sunday mornings — price in the region of £10. Other items of clothing including Hawks hoodies, base layers, Beanie hats, gum shields and socks can also be purchased from the club shop.

Website / Club emails

The main club website is www.oxfordhawks.homestead.com . This contains information about the Colts section as well as the senior section of the club. A lot of information can be found here. In particular, we are hoping to be able to post details of cancelled training in poor weather (ie a frozen or snow covered pitch).

A weekly newsletter, Squawks is sent during the season with details of what is going on in the club. You are given the opportunity to request to receive this on the membership form. If you wish to change your request, please contact Henri Coles on henri.coles@nielsen.com .

Clubhouse

We will continue to sell hot drinks and bacon butties on Sunday mornings in the clubhouse. Sunday papers will also be available — what a relaxing start to a Sunday morning!

Christmas Draw

Are you able to help run the Hawks Christmas Draw leading up to President's Punch on Dec 20 th '09? This is a major fund raising event for the club and a very important one as we look ahead to laying a second pitch. It would broadly involve distributing tickets to parents of Colts and collecting the sold counterfoils in with the money. If you are able to help, please call Paddy or Jan on 01865 735222. If you are keen to help with the Colt's section but not with the hockey itself, this is a great way to get involved!

And finally but very importantly

Parking at Banbury Road North

With all our training and matches now centred on Banbury Road North the pressure on parking spaces will be extreme. Please can we ask all parents to consider whether you could - instead - park in Cutteslowe Park (at the end of Harbord Road) and cut through on foot to the top of Banbury Road North — it is a very short walk and would help traffic management at Hawks immensely.

Thank you. We look forward to seeing you all in September. Best Wishes

Paddy Roche (Hawks President) and Sue Clark (Colts Co-Ordinator)