



The End of Season Piglet!

MIXED SUMMER HOCKEY

EVERYONE WELCOME

Starting Wed 7th May 08

7:30PM till 9:00PM

Cost £2.00

For further details contact

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Players Night

Players Night is going to be at the Club on
3rd April at 7.30pm.

Come and hear the real stories behind the newspaper headlines from each of the Captains, their big fibs, and dubious anecdotes.

The Development Committee will be putting up the targets for next year so that we can discuss these and be happy with what they mean for all of us in the coming season.

A great night to get together with everyone.
Don't miss it!

April 08

End of Season edition

Features:

- Keeping In Touch Lunch
- U15 Boys progress to the Quarter finals of AE Cup
- U16 Girls win Cheshire Tournament
- Tales from the Dug-Out
- Men's & Ladies Section Season Reviews
- Details of 40 Club dinner.
- Friends of DRHC



Friday 18th April
at Eaton Golf Club

The day starts with coffee on arrival followed by 18 holes of golf and a three course meal. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams, as well as nearest the pin and longest drive. The cost for a four person team is just £200.

To enter a team please contact Mark Goodyer
mark.goodyer@mbna.com

Keeping in Touch Sunday Lunch

On Sunday 9th March, the club held a Sunday Lunch organised by Mark Goodyer at which 40 current / passed members attended. Two founder members, Bill James and Lego Jones who played in the very first Ramblers team in 1946 were the star attendees. The event, designed to keep members in touch, coincided with two big junior All England Cup games. Details of this can be found overleaf.

Tales from the Dug-Out

Roger Wickens was the Club Coach and the Men's 1st XI were playing a crucial promotion match against Winnington Park. Winnington Park had a skilful but volatile mid-fielder who was giving us a lot of trouble. Rhino Brown was being rested on the bench and said to Roger "put me on Roger, I'll get rid of him for you". Nobody is quite sure what Rhino did to the guy, but with 5 minutes to go he was off with a Red Card!

This editorial is for sale in all good book
shops and some rubbish ones too



JUNIOR STARS



U15 Boys Beat Telford to secure a place in the Quarter finals of AE Cup

The U15 Girls and Boys played in the last 16 of the National Cup on Sunday 9th March at the Club.

The girls put on an excellent performance but a solid Wakefield defence prevented them from converting their goal scoring chances enabling Wakefield to go through to the quarter finals.

The boys had better luck and beat Telford 6-1. They now play Coventry and North Warwick for a place in the semi-finals. GOOD LUCK BOYS!

Under 16 Girls Win Cheshire 7's Tournament

Big Congratulations must go to Deeside's U16 Girls who took part in the Cheshire 7s Tournament on Sunday 16th March. They put on a fantastic performance to win the Tournament. They won 6 games, drew 1, scored a staggering 38 goals, conceding just 3. A Goal scoring fest!

No Badger Culling Here!!!!

This years Badgers Team is of course an amalgam of some of last seasons all conquering Beavers and a cadre of last seasons incredibly experienced Badgers and it has been a triumph of experimentation and truly mind boggling hockey. Also, for the second year the rotation of more able Beavers into this set-up has reaped rewards both for the individuals and both teams with a Badgers to-date record of 18 Played, 13 Won, 4 Lost, 1 Drawn, 84 Goals For and 26 Against. The maturity of play and improvement is a testimony to

their commitment, hard work and spirit and is exemplified by the seasoned captaincy of Ed Peel, also some 10 Badgers make up the bulk of the DRHC U15 Squad in the Quarter Finals of the EH National U15 Cup, we wish them well against Coventry & North Warwickshire on the 6th April.

This year a judgement by those involved with the Badgers have nominated Jamie Hallinan the 'Most Improved Badger', others nominated in this category were Will Leaman and Adam Dunbavand.

Will Leaman is named 'Badger of the Year' with others nominated being Josh Parkinson, Ed Peel, Huw Barrett, Harry Dodd-Moore & Ben Leaman.

Congratulations go out to all those nominated and a Certificate and a £25 Barringtons Gift Voucher will be presented to the winners at our last game on March 29th.

Thanks go out to Nick Peel for his usual excellent umpiring, Chris Helm for his focused training sessions ably assisted by Malcolm Hill and to Roger Barrett & Sally Parkinson for running the team.

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For all your Physiotherapy Needs contact Penny Brown, Physiotherapist at the newly formed;

"10 Bridge Clinic"



A new "Health and Wellness" Clinic set up just outside Mickle Trafford, offers an unrivalled experience in total wellbeing. 10 Bridge Clinic is owned by a team of professionals from various backgrounds; Fitness, Physiotherapy and Professional Football—including **Michael Owen**, Richie Partridge and Mark Browes who is the Managing Director & Physio. Penny has had experience of working with both National Premier Division and International Hockey teams. Visit www.10bridgeclinic.co.uk for further details.

Season Reviews.....

Men's League Review

Well, we did what we said we'd do. We aimed to maintain the Firsts in the Northern Premier for their first year; to protect the position of the Third's in the Division 4; and use the Fourth Team to develop last year's Badgers. Anything else we got, we'd regard as a bonus. We managed the first two relatively comfortably, and the Development squad has also been pretty successful in bringing the younger players through.

In terms of comparisons, all of our teams are in a higher division, or higher in the same division, with only one exception, than the equivalent Chester teams. The same is largely true of Oxtan and of Timperley, and we run more sides than any of them.

End of Term Form Reports

The Top form settled well, with a few hiccups, and all new boys done good and fitted in well, especially young Hornby who came over from a school in Manchester after Christmas.

The Seconds could still get promotion to the next class, but let themselves down on a couple of critical examinations. Captain Stammers is delighted to be higher up the form than his cousin, Chester.

The Third form maintained its position in the A stream and worked hard in their mocks to secure a quite comfortable grading in their final exams.

The Fourth form showed that youthful enthusiasm if helped by a bit of age, is helped by a bit of age and wisdom is enough to sustain them at the midstream level where their results were marginally better than the dogged performance of the older Fifth who had been put up a class last year, but hung on late for satisfactory results. The Sixth were perhaps unlucky to have two star pupils in their class, with others to come up next year, and did not quite make the gold star they might otherwise have deserved.

Severe truancy problems in Form Seven meant that the classroom was often only half-full and Prefect Pinnington did well, again, to get so far up his class, in spite of losing some of his exam answers at Oxtan.

A good couple of terms for the school, but all have to attend every day and work even harder to get the success which they ought to achieve next year.

Ladies League Review

The Ladies Section had a season of mixed successes.

Is National League beckoning for the Ladies 1sts?

Throughout the season the 1st XI have played some of the best hockey seen by the team in recent years. In spite of a number of injuries pregnancies, Inspiration coaching from Coach Wells along with hardwork & commitment from players has seen the squad finish a creditable 2nd place in North Premier League—just missing out on playoffs for National League. Well done Girls - National League next year!

2nds & 3rds have had a more challenging season—although putting in some excellent performances on the pitch, results did not always go their way and unfortunately both teams face relegation.

40 Club Dinner

We plan to have the annual dinner of the Club, with some new members this year, probably on the 25th May, by when those who have been touring Gibraltar may have regained the power of speech. This extravaganza is being organised by John Aitken and James Dick, and we all know what to expect from them. Get it in the diary now. Further details to follow shortly.

Geography Lesson

The Men's 1's go to Timperley who have a fearsome striker who represent Barbados and who therefore, as any ful no, is called a Bay-z-shun. Ben Lamont however is positive that he's called a "Barbarian", and is even more convinced when he sees him in a black and white striped shirt. Wrong game and wrong name. Money well spent there, Monty, (hint: drop Geography A Level).



"FRIENDS OF DEESIDE RAMBLERS HOCKEY CLUB"



Have a chance of winning a **CASH PRIZE** and support DRHC by joining

"FRIENDS OF DEESIDE RAMBLERS HOCKEY CLUB"

You are hereby invited to join the "Friends of Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club" for 2008. This is a new initiative aimed at raising funds to help the development of the club, especially the junior section.

Last season DRHC achieved England Hockey's Clubs 1st accreditation in recognition of its efforts in providing a safe and friendly environment for children to participate in hockey. This accreditation requires the club to provide qualified coaches as well as safe equipment and facilities for its junior members. All of this costs money, and every year the club needs to raise a considerable amount in order to finance the training of coaches and the maintenance and development of its facilities.

We are keen to keep membership subscriptions affordable for all, and rely on fundraising activities to supplement our finances. We are therefore asking as many people as possible, players (past and present), supporters and parents to support the club by joining "Friends of Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club". Each entry costs £25 (you can have as many entries as you want!!) and each has an equal chance of winning a cash prize. The size and number of the prizes will be dependent on the number of entries.

To enrol, please complete the enclosed entry form and return it with your cheque as soon as possible to the "Friends of DRHC" Administrator, as detailed on the entry form (**closing date 30th September 2008**). The draw will take place on Monday 6th October 2008 at 7.30 pm at the DRHC Clubhouse, Tiverton.

Copies of the entry form can be downloaded from the DRHC website www.drhc.co.uk.

We look forward to receiving your response and we thank you in advance for your support.

Best Wishes

Su Baird
Friends of DRHC Administrator

Keith Hindley
Promoter



FRIENDS OF DEESIDE RAMBLERS ENTRY FORM



Please enrol me as a "Friend of Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club" for 2008.
I/we understand that the prizes are dependent on the number of entries into the draw
(40% of receipts will be paid in prizes allocated as follows:- 25% 1st Prize; 10% 2nd Prize; 5% 3rd Prize)

Entry Number	Name	Address	Tel No	Signature
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Please complete as many entries as you wish, accompanying each with a payment of £25. Please send your total payment by cheque (payable to Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club) and return with the completed form to the Administrator:-

Mrs Su Baird, 7, Orchard Croft, Guilden Sutton, Chester, CH3 7SL **BEFORE 30th September 2008**

The draw will take place at 7.30 pm on Monday 6th October 2008 at The Clubhouse, Tiverton CW6 9NA.

Tickets may not be purchased by anyone under 16 years of age.

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