

Club Development Project - Update from Council/Club President



We thought it appropriate to use the Newsletter to update you all on progress with the improvements to our facilities. Over the past few months we have completed a review of both the finances and the facilities with a view to implementing a sound plan to take the Club forwards. This has involved a huge amount of time and effort on behalf of Council, certain people bearing the brunt of the workload for which I am extremely grateful.

We have engaged and had a preliminary report from external consultants regarding use of the site and increased our dialogue with Trafford as we believe we can help them to deliver sporting facilities in line with their objectives whilst helping us to develop the facilities here. We have also had help from a number of members who have expertise in certain areas to help us determine a viable plan of action with alternatives.

We have agreed that the key objectives are the provision of all-weather hockey facilities and improvement of facilities. We have carried out a full review of the site and started to implement a plan to improve what we do for our members which may take some time to bear fruit so please support whatever changes take place.

Costs remain a major concern and Council are taking steps to ensure that we contain or reduce costs where possible to get the Club back on track and capable of delivering better facilities both on and off the field. Without improving our cash flow the Club cannot hope to progress and the continued support of all our members, staff and volunteers is vital if we are to be successful in raising the revenue needed to achieve what we seek to achieve.

We aim to hold an open meeting in a couple of months, once we have clarified what we believe is both practical and possible.

Finally, please support the Club as much as you can – we need to see increased use of the Club, both by way of new members, keeping our existing members and also revenue over the bars if we are to succeed. Function Room letting has fallen dramatically so if members or friends need a room please let us know!! Similarly our facilities are available to hire (for corporate events in particular) so again bear that in mind if an opportunity arises. Please channel all enquiries through Sue Laister (salescbookings@gmail.com)

Alan Buchanan

Second Sale Sports Club Beer Festival



The second Sale Sports Club Beer Festival will be taking place on Friday 11th September, 6pm to 11pm, and Saturday 12th September, 2pm to 12 midnight. There will be over 20 ales and ciders, music, food and this is a big event in the club's calendar so we need to make sure we raise as much money as possible. Tickets are available from online in advance via WebCollect. By purchasing in advance you gain a free pint over paying at the door). You can also sponsor a barrel for £50 – contact Heather Morrey heathermorrey@hotmail.co.uk or 07534 289062. If you are able to help out on the night then please let Sue Laister know – suelaister@outlook.com.

Function Room Hire – Free to members



For the next twelve months members can hire the Stockton room for private functions at no cost (other than bar takings of course!). If you are interested in booking the room please contact Sue Laister on salesbookings@gmail.com.

Changes to the club TV Package



We have previously been subscribing to both Sky and BT Sport, however it is proving increasingly difficult to justify the cost given the club's current economic position and the relatively low numbers of people who actually watch the TV at the club. We are therefore going to drop the BT package and just keep the Sky option. We pay a special rate for SKY under an ECB scheme which includes free Wi-Fi. Sky will have 116 live Barclays Premier League games next season, as well as International Rugby.

Sale Ale



In September the club will be introducing a personalised hand-pulled ale brewed by Thwaites, complete with our own logo on the pumps! Make sure you sample this when it appears.

Rugby World Cup - Sep 2015



The Rugby World Cup will soon be upon us. To mark the occasion there will be special screenings of some of the home nations' key matches in the function room, plus other entertainment courtesy of the Spartans – probably involving food and alcohol as well as rugby – watch this space for details.

Weekly Cash Prize Draw



Do you enter the Club Weekly Draw? There are big prizes to be won and the money provides a much needed boost to the club's funding, so please buy your tickets now if you haven't already done so. You can buy as many as you like at a cost of £2 per entry from behind the bar or (even better) you can pay online via WebCollect for £10 a month.



Congratulations to Helen Elcock, the second winner of Sale Sports Club's Cash Draw jackpot prize. Helen, the newly appointed ladies' hockey 3rd team, won the magnificent sum of £295 and was delighted to be able to put her prize to good use. "I will be spending it on club fees, 'clubbing it', and buying drinks for the Ladies Hockey 3rd team!"

Tennis Practice



Now that the tennis season has completed practice nights are now back to keep those skills honed for next season. Ladies' night is Tuesday and Men's on Wednesday.

Tennis Coaching



Cardio Tennis is a fun, sociable group fitness class set on a tennis court and open to people of all ages and abilities. Supported by music you'll get to hit lots of tennis balls during your class and have a great cardio workout at the same time.

Cardio Tennis sessions – Tuesday (20:00 – 21:00) and a provisional session on Thursday (20:30 - 21:30)

Plus - Tennis Tuesdays – coaching sessions for Ladies (Tuesdays 19:00 – 20:00)

For more details contact our tennis coach Derick Barrett derick.j.barrett@gmail.com

Hockey Training



Hockey training is now upon us with the following sessions organised:

Ladies: Wednesday 7.30pm to 9pm

2nd September to 16th December, 6th January to 16th March
St Bede's College

Men: Tuesday 7pm - 9pm.

1st September - Tuesday 15th December and Tuesday 5th January - Tuesday 15th March
William Hulme Grammar School

Juniors: Tuesdays, 6pm to 7pm

1st September to 15th December, 5th January to 15th March
William Hulme Grammar School

Ladies Hockey - Round up from last season



First team just failed by one point to gain promotion to North Feeder League and performed well in the EH National Vase reaching the 1/4 finals.

Second team remain in Division 1 for forthcoming season, a tough year not made easier by long term injuries to key players.

Third team did really well having been promoted to Division 4 and managed to hold their own.

Ladies Vets had a fun season, reaching the last 16 of EH National Trophy, and finished runners up at Timperley 7's losing on penalty flicks in the final.

The new season approaches with pre-season starting in August. A few friendlies and then Cheshire 11 a side tournament on 5th September with the league starting the week afterwards.

Thanks to Mike Sambell for running the EH initiative of Back to Hockey / Rush Hockey over the summer period, some new faces who we're hoping will join the section for the new season.

Summer Tennis Camps



Three hectic weeks of tennis camp have passed quickly. The number of students has ranged from 10 to 15 per day. Activities have included tennis (of course) but also videos of Federer and Djokovic hitting some magic shots, table tennis, battleships or the odd quiz when rain stopped play. Thanks George and Christine for arranging use of the function room. Finally we gave one group a taste of cardio tennis – not sure they enjoyed my taste in music, but they jumped around, danced and hit some super tennis shots.

The secret of our success has been the brilliant support from the mums and dads and of course my assistants Ethan and Sofia. Having good assistants allows us to split a mixed age group into small teams and work closely on technique and then how to apply it. That way everyone gets to learn some new skills and they are challenged to bring these skills into a game situation. The children have enjoyed the mix with many extending their days on camp.

Sadly Summer Tennis camps finish on Friday the 21st August for another year. I will miss them, but we are back to school and a new junior programme, starting the 7th Sept 2015. For more information contact: derick.j.barrett@gmail.com, Tennis Coach.

Junior Cricket - Under-16's Win Cup Final



Sale Cricket Club secured its first trophy of the 2015 season on Tuesday with victory in Salford Youth Cricket Association Under-16 Cup Final. A sizable crowd gathered at Sale's Dane Road ground to see the home side defeat Radcliffe of the Central Lancashire League by 5 runs.

A crucial partnership of 50 between Joe Cannon (33) and Will Radcliffe (31) helped take Sale to a competitive, but not out-of-reach, 127. Radcliffe were soon in trouble against tight bowling from Mal Clarke (1-14) and Tom Kellett (2-9) but rallied to take the game into the final overs. Daniel Osborne, Sale captain and lynchpin behind the stumps, accepted the trophy. His team now have two crucial matches to achieve a league and cup double. The win was testament to the investment Sale have made in junior cricket and improving their facilities in recent years. The club has over 100 boys and girls competing in 8 teams from under 9 to under 16. A number of the Under-16's squad are competing regularly in senior cricket in the Vivio Cheshire County Cricket League.