



Hockey Club

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Rover Oxford Hockey Club

Start of Season Newsletter

Don't forget that all the latest information is on our NEW web site:
www.rohc.co.uk

I hope you are all enjoying the summer break and are looking forward to the new season. This newsletter contains lots of information so keep it safe. You can also download it from our web site

Age Group - based on 1st Jan

All age groups this season are again based on your age on Jan 1st 2011. So this coming season, your age group is determined by your birth year:

- 1995, 96 - Under 16
- 1997, 98 - Under 14
- 1999, 00 - Under 12
- 2001, 02 - Under 10
- 2003, 04 - Under 8

No summer hockey?

We are sorry that this year there will be no summer hockey sessions. Attendance in the last two years has been disappointing resulting in us losing money. However, there is a course available with details coming up next

Summer Camp 24/25 August

There is a hockey summer camp taking place organized by Magdalen College School and held at Headington School. To register or for more information email info@living-hockey.com or visit www.living-hockey.com.

Leadership Course 19/20 August

There may be a leadership course for 14-16 year olds organised by our community coach, Greg Wade. Cost will be about £30 but this includes all tuition and resource packs. The course is aimed at teenagers who want to know more about coaching, planning, umpiring and working with young people. Please contact Greg direct to book on 07870 596135 or email info@gregwadecoaching.co.uk

Training next season

We have decided this year to combine the U16 and U14 girls on a Sunday whilst the boys U16's will continue on Wednesday nights.

Those who are not playing for adult teams or who cannot make mid-week training are invited to train alongside the U14 boys and girls on a Sunday morning.

Other than that junior training on a Sunday is the same as last year - see over for details.

New Website Design

The senior section are in the process of redesigning the main website with a new logo and lots of cool features. Hopefully by the time you read this it will be up and running at www.rohc.co.uk.

Active Kids Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who collected and handed in Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers this summer. We collected over 1100 points which means we have been able to order two sets of much needed bibs which should arrive before the new season starts. Definitely worth trying something different!

We still need Team Managers

We are always looking to appoint mums and dads as team managers to help the coaches and improve communications with each age group.

Being part of the volunteer team will help our coaches to focus more on delivering their sessions whilst you help with some admin to keep the children (and their

parents) informed about upcoming training and matches.

If you can help then please get in touch with any of the key contacts (below). You just need some basic IT skills and access to the internet so that you can send and receive emails. Just doing a little will help us a lot.

New Coaches

As a club we are always on the lookout for new coaches too. We can offer a number of courses that are often completely subsidized by the club covering all aspects of coaching from planning to delivery, child protection and first aid. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this rewarding volunteer role, please contact Nick Malden for more details.

Key Contacts:

Nick Malden	Youth Development Officer	01865 556422 nickm@maldens.net
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Other News in Brief:

- Our 'lads and dads' development team were runners up in their league.
- Our Mercian U16 boys - a combined team with City, coached and managed by Andy Roscoe made the league finals in Reading - a great achievement at the first time of asking.
- Our club U16 boys finished second in their league behind Hawks who we narrowly lost to early in the season

Your Coaching Team

Coaches/Managers

Under 8/10: Jim Mainstone, Jo Malden, Sue Geddes, Nick Malden and Pushpa Chaure

Under 12 Boys: Andy Roscoe, Roger Goodman

Under 12 Girls: Suzanne Williams, Nadine Hunter

Under 14 Boys: Roy and John Williams, Emily Malden

Under 14/16 Girls: Emma Forrester, Jon Buxton

Under 16 Boys: Nick Malden

Goalkeeping: Rob Flavin

Boys Development ('Badgers'): Mark Thomson

Mercian U16: Andy Roscoe, Chris Way, Ben Richards

Training Times (Sundays at Oxford Brookes)

Under 8/10: 09.30 - 10.30

Under 12 Girls/Boys: 10.15 - 11.30

Under 14+16 Girls/U14 Boys: 11.15 - 12.30

U16 Boys Training Times (Wednesdays at Iffley Road)

Iffley Road Wednesdays 6.30-7.30 starting 8th Sept.

Those who are playing in senior teams may be invited to stay on for the senior 1st/2nd training: Boys 20.30-21.30.

If you really can't make the Wednesday sessions, then you can join in with the U14's on Sundays. However, we feel it is important that you train with your own age group whenever possible.

Playing for the adult teams

We are keen to put forward as many U16's into the senior sides as possible. Contact Rich Oaks (boys) on 07717 202223 or Emma Forrester (girls) on 07951 909888 for details.

Key Dates for the Diary

Winter Training 2010/11 (Sundays at Oxford Brookes)

5th September - Training starts

24th October - Half Term break

5th December - Last training and 'Parents Challenge'

2nd January - Training resumes

13th February - Half Term break

3rd April - Last training date

U16 Boys training (Wednesdays 6.30-7.30 at Iffley Road)

8th September - Training starts

27th October - Half Term break

8th December - Last Training

5th January - Training resumes

16th February - Half Term break

20th March - Last training date

Other Key Dates 2010

28th March - Stix Awards

8th April - Club Evening

9th/10th April - Hockey Festival at Cokethorpe School

24th April - Easter Sunday

Mercian and Badgers League

Rover now offers exciting opportunities for boys u12 upwards to play high quality hockey. In partnership with City of Oxford we run u14 and u16 teams in the Southern Counties Mercian League which our u14's won in 2009, whilst in the Oxfordshire Development League we have a 'lads and dads' Badgers team, who were runners up in the league last year. If you would like to take part in the Badgers, please contact Andy Roscoe on 01865-241214 or roscoe.andrew@googlemail.com

18th Annual Festival Report - Alex Danson presents trophies

Over 750 children took part in one of the UK's largest junior hockey festivals on 17th/18th April at a scorching Cokethorpe School and Witney ATP over the weekend.

Unfortunately, regular visitors Banbridge Academy from Northern Ireland missed out as they were unable to fly due to the Icelandic volcano.

On the Saturday morning, the Under 8 competition was won by Aylesbury who beat Eastcote 5-1 in the final. Eastcote went one better in the Under 10's league winning a penalty shoot out 2-0 against City of Oxford after a goal-less final. City again lost out on penalties 2-1 to Under 12 boys winners Cheltenham after the game finished 1-1 in normal time.

On Sunday, City of Oxford again lost on penalties in the Under 14 boys final to Teddington but their fortunes changed and the club positions reversed with the Under 16 girls winning out against Teddington on penalties 3-2 after a goal-less final. The final game at Cokethorpe saw Oxford

Hawks beat Aylesbury 2-0 in the Under 16 boys final with a fine display of attacking hockey.

Great Britain and England star, Alex Danson was on hand to present the girls trophies and said "I'm amazed that Rover Oxford stage such a fantastic festival of hockey and the opportunity it presents for the children to display their considerable talents"

The Festival was not the only attraction of the weekend. On the Friday before, Rover held its club night with a feature match between members past and present in memory of Steve Vermeulen, the founder of the junior section who died in 2003. Many thanks to Richard Jess and Drew Vermeulen for organising this great event.

On the following Saturday evening we took over the Brookes Sports Centre for our Presentation Evening where the Stix Awards were pre-

sented along with trophies for the Player of the Year and Most Improved Player for each age group. A great evening to finish off a great season. Thanks to all who came along.

If you can help with next season's presentation evening, please contact one of the key contacts (overleaf)



Winners at the Presentation Evening - see the web site www.rohc.co.uk for more details