



South Central AGM - Masters Report

Once again the profile and participation in Masters hockey continues to increase. This year I am pleased to say that this year a South Central teams in the old Wessex Supervets Fixtures Alliance moved across to an EH South Masters Open – Men's 060 South League.

I would also like to make a personal call out to **John Ingram-Marriott** from Warlocks & Handbags for continuing to push masters hockey with a seemingly unending opportunity to get games almost any day of the week.

EH Area Tournaments

Disappointingly, for yet another year South Central failed to enter a Men's Over 35 team into the competition. As the feeder for Masters hockey, this is a vital age group to get involved in Masters hockey. Unfortunately the volunteer I thought I had found last year did not take up the challenge to take the organization on, I will persevere.

This year we did however, under the management and drive of **Des Legg** we had a full South Central representative team in the Ov75 age group.

We had some excellent results this year, but I would like to make another big call out to **Colin James** who managed our Ov65s. For 'reasons' he lost four of the younger, a number of which are England Players to the Ov60s and had to use Ov70s which he did with the support of Peter Cowan, without weakening the Ov70s too much who once again won silver with just 1 point in it.

Results from this season's area competitions:

Women

O35 – 2nd
O40 – 2nd
O45 – 7th
O50 – 3rd
O55 – 1st
O60 – 5th
O65 – 3rd

Some great results all round and overall showing an improvement from last year, well done everyone.

Men

O35 – No Entry
O40 – 4th +
O45 – 2nd +
O50 – 1st +
O55 – 1st +
O60 – 1st
O65 – 7th
O70 – 2nd
O75 – TBC, to be played mid week 16th/17th June



Area Tournament Hosting

Once again South Central were asked to host two competitions but this time at least on different weekends. Women's Over 45 at Basingstoke and Men's Over 60s at Bournemouth. Both venues were used last year and once again the local teams from Bournemouth Headed up by John Stuart and Basingstoke headed up by Miranda Smith did another great job. Next year it would be good to get other two pitch venues to come forward and volunteer to take it on.

Without umpires of course we would be lost and once again David Boyle and the South Central team came up trumps. Thank you everyone involved.

John Stuart
Chair South Central Masters

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