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London Hockey Masters Annual Report June 2024

League

The third year of the Masters leagues was possibly the best yet. Most of the nine leagues were very competitive and came down to the wire with final positions only confirmed after the last one or two matches. With Easter very early this season some games were carried over and there were a quite a few re-arrangements, but generally all played in good time as the weather didn't have too much of an impact.

Congratulations to all our winners and runners up. See Appendix 1.

Full results can be found at this link [South Masters League](#) and on the [London Hockey Masters website](#)

We say goodbye to Andover MO40 and Eastcote WO45 who have struggled to get teams out this year, though we hope they will return at some point, but welcome 6 new teams.

MO50 - Surbiton Jokers, Sevenoaks

WO35 - Marlow, Havant

WO45 – Bromley & Beckenham, Surbiton Sages.

Southgate have reinvented themselves as Hendon & Mill Hill Phoenix

We have 52 teams from 34 different clubs in the men's leagues and 20 teams from 17 different clubs in the women's leagues.

See Appendix 2. For the league structure 2024-25

Fixtures are currently being generated for the new season and it's hope we will publish them in the next few weeks. We are also working alongside the adult regulations to update for the new season.

Strategy

There is a huge amount of Masters hockey on offer, and we hope it will continue to grow.

League structures are bedding in well. We are particularly delighted to welcome Sevenoaks from the SE. Our aim is still to attract more South East and South Central teams so there will be Masters leagues in all Areas in the South of England. A premier division structure with more local Area leagues sitting underneath, as feeders. We are in constructive discussions with Areas and leading clubs about this.

The leagues will continue to be administered by London Hockey Masters. The Area League Delivery Committee remains as Sara Walker, David Lloyd-Williams, Maureen Henderson and Paul Marks. My thanks to the group for all their help and support delivering the leagues again this year.

Representative Teams

With another big push to the clubs at Christmas time, a further 120 players came forward for consideration for our London teams this year. Following a huge project last summer, increased clarity over eligibility for Area representation as we enter the third year of the tournaments, has helped ensure virtually all players are playing for the right Areas.

For the first time we entered a London only MO35 and WO65 team and sent more players to the WO70s friendly. Our MO75 are still combined with SC and SE but we hope to split as soon as enough players come of age. Our squads are growing in numbers and quality and have had more training than last year and still want to have more again next year. The enthusiasm is fantastic, and squads are really enjoying their tournaments. Results to date are below.

Seven of our 16 squads had new leads this year and all have done a great job. Many thanks to all our age group leads, managers and coaches who have worked so hard this year.

London Wayfarers and King's House School Sports Ground has once again been our London base and my thanks to them for their great support and hospitality.

Tournaments have been placed all over the country as Areas share the hospitality and delivery. London is hosting three of the tournaments this summer. The MO55 was at Southgate HC and the WO50 was held at Surbiton HC. My thanks to David Lloyd Williams and Mark Bennett for being the TO and TD at Southgate and to Steve Quincey as TO and his team at Surbiton for all their great organising and delivery. Both tournaments were a great success.

We are also hosting the MO65 at Richmond HC for the first time and huge thanks in advance to Mike Rose for being such a great TO for us there.

My thanks too, to Peter Mackintosh and Nku Davies from London Officiating who have appointed all the umpires to the three tournaments. They have used them as development opportunities and put great teams in place with umpire managers to support all umpires.

Teamo has once again worked very well for us. We have aligned our membership with our London Juniors to be more cost efficient and have over 550 Masters members on Teamo.

Area Tournaments 2024 Placings - To Date

	Lead	Position
MO35	Ali Whiting West Hampstead	7th
MO40	Jack Marfleet Teddington	To be played
MO45	Stuart Ripley Old Cranleighan	2nd
MO50	Ken Hoad Bromley & Beckenham	2nd
MO55	Julian Taylor Tulse Hill & Dulwich	4th
MO60	Vadim Jean Tulse Hill & Dulwich	To be played
MO65	Rob Leach Old Cranleighan	To be played
MO70	Henrik Kjellin Hampstead & Westminster	To be played
MO75	Greg Hutchings Old Cranleighan	To be played
WO35	Fran Low Wayfarers	4 th
WO40	Sian Craze Surbiton	1st
WO45	Kerri Lendon Harrow	1st
WO50	Val Beveridge Surbiton	5th
WO55	Jo Close Wimbledon	2nd
WO60	Sara Walker Teddington	4th
WO65	Jo Price Southgate	6th

Kit

At the end of this summer, we will have come to the end of the three-year payback deal to London Hockey Ltd for our sets of red shirts. They will become the property of the Masters, and we will look to buy more sets next year and refresh bags of balls and bibs etc.

Thanks to Kam Roopra and Total Hockey Ltd who have managed all the kit for us again this year. A great job.

My thanks to Marcel and Step and all the London Hockey Management Committee for all their support for our Masters.

Sara Walker BEM
Chair London Hockey Masters
7th June 2024

Appendix 1. League Winners and Runners Up 2023-24

London and South Masters Leagues Winners and Runners Up	
South Masters Men's O40 Premier	South Masters Women's O35 Premier
Team	Team
1 Old Cranleighan Stormers	1 Maidenhead O35
2 Spencer Masters	2 Trojans O35
South Masters Men's O40 South	London Masters Women's O35 Premier
Team	Team
1 Woking Mens O40	1 Surbiton Sloths
2 Salisbury Strollers	2 Tulse Hill & Dulwich O35
South Masters Men's O50 Premier	South Masters Women's O45 Premier
Team	Team
1 Tulse Hill & Dulwich Musketeers	1 Wycombe O45
2 Old Georgians Phoenix	2 South Berkshire O45
South Masters Men's O50 Division 1	London Masters Women's O45 Premier
Team	Team
1 Woking Mens O50	1 Ashford (Middlesex) Women O45
2 Guildford Gladiators Mens O50	2 Old Cranleighan O45
South Masters Men's O60 Premier	
Team	
1 Bromley & Beckenham O60	
2 Spencer Grandmasters	

Appendix 2. League Structure 2024-25

South Masters League 2024-2025	
South Masters Men's O40 Premier	South Masters Women's O35 Premier
Epsom Embers Guildford Pilgrims Men O40 Hampstead & Westminster Masters Old Cranleigh Men O40 Stormers Old Georgians Fire Reading Rustlers Richmond Renegades Spencer Masters Tulse Hill & Dulwich Artillery Wimbledon Masters 1	Maidenhead O35 Marlow O35 Reading O35 Romsey O35 South Berkshire O35 Trojans O35
	London Masters Women's O35 Premier
	Epsom O35 Surbiton Sloths Teddington Tornadoes Tulse Hill & Dulwich Vintage
South Masters Men's O40 South	South Masters Women's O45 Premier
Bournemouth Old Gits Men O40 Havant Men O40 Bees Newbury & Thatcham Masters Salisbury Men O40 Striders Sonning Sundowners Winchester Men O40 Wizards Woking Men O40 Old Peculiars	Havant O45 Oxford Hawks O45 South Berkshire O45 Wycombe O45
South Masters Men's O50 Premier	London Masters Women's O45 Premier
Epsom Old School Guildford Gladiators Men O50 Hampstead & Westminster Supervets Old Cranleigh Barnstormers Old Georgians Phoenix Old Loughtonians Supervets Reading Redsox Southgate Titans Spencer Vintage Surbiton Jokers Tulse Hill & Dulwich Musketeers Woking Men O50	Bromley & Beckenham O45 Ashford O45 Old Cranleigh O45 Hendon & Mill Hill Phoenix Surbiton Sages Teddington Flamingoes
South Masters Men's O50 Division 1	South Masters Men's O60 Premier
Chelmsford Supervets Men's O50 East Grinstead Men O50 Haslemere Men O50 Indian Gymkhana Tigers Old Cranleigh Hamstrings Old Kingstonian Men O50 Richmond Rogues Sunbury & Walton Hawks Griffins Men O50 Sevenoaks Men O50 Surbiton Magnets Tulse Hill & Dulwich Fusillers Wimbledon Levellers	Amersham & Chalfont Grandmasters Men O60 Bromley & Beckenham O60 Chelmsford Evergreens Hampstead & Westminster Grandmasters Indian Gymkhana Grandmasters Old Cranleigh Puritans Reading Relics Southgate Magnums Spencer Grandmasters St Albans Centurians Surbiton Vintage