



## Welcome to the February 2023

### Newsletter

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### Masters Hockey Update

#### Growing the Hockey Family

A beautiful sunny day a few weeks ago, saw both Salisbury Strollers and the visiting Bournemouth Masters teams celebrating a young and spritely Mr John Youings' 80<sup>th</sup> birthday before and after their league fixture.



Not only did they manage to celebrate with a very enjoyable game (and a glass or two of champagne afterwards),

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Masters hockey is such that a small age allowance was granted to get three generations of the Youings' family; John (80), his son Mark (51) and Grandson Lawrence (12) all playing together in the same game.

There are very few sports that could accommodate that. Congratulations all 3 of you. And thank you to Salisbury and Bournemouth for helping keep Hockey the family game.

It's that time of year again where we start to look at selecting South Central Masters representative teams for the England Hockey 8 Area Tournaments. In the Ladies section volunteers have once again stepped up and trials are set and teams being organised. We hope to be fielding mostly pure South Central teams this year but joint South-Central/South East teams may still be a reality.

On the Men's side of things it's once again not looking good with only the Ov45 and Ov70 teams having volunteers to run them (thank you Jez and Des). Most of the teams last year were joint teams with only a few South Central volunteer organisers stepping forward (yes that did include Jez and Des!). Once again this year volunteers have not stepped up and so once again the South Central Men's section representation at the Tournaments could be another disappointment, which is a great shame because we know there is huge talent out there and these competitions are great hockey opportunities, great fun and one of the stepping stones to winning that England Cap.

So please step forward and volunteer to our Masters Chair, John Stuart at [chair.masters@southcentral.hockey](mailto:chair.masters@southcentral.hockey)

You can also visit the South Central Master web page to see contacts: <https://southcentral.englishhockey.co.uk/south-central-hockey-masters>

## Adult Leagues Update

The Adult League Management Committee are grateful to all the teams that have rearranged their fixtures after the cold weather postponements. Still a few to be done as soon as possible.

Teams are reminded to look at the regulation below, with regards to player transfers.

### 7.5.2 Last Registration Date

7.5.2.1 There are deadlines for a new registration (i.e., a player who has not played for another club in a League match in England and Wales or another country)

Grades 2-5 - a player must be registered by 1st February.

Grade 4-5 only. Players may apply to ALMC for the registration after this date to play for a club at Grade 4 and Grade 5 only. ALMC has the discretion to approve such registrations.



## Finance Update



Thank you to all the club treasurers for paying their Annual Subs and H1 Umpire Fees.

We have debtors beyond the 30 days terms of the following clubs who will be receiving interest charges as per agreed at the 2022 AGM.

Banbury HC  
Eastcote HC  
Winchester HC

All Umpire expenses who sent in their bank details **HAVE BEEN PAID**. If you have not been paid it is because we do not have your bank details. Please send them to [finance@southcentral.hockey](mailto:finance@southcentral.hockey)

## Officiating Update

We often hear from clubs that there is a severe shortage of umpires and we in South Central are not alone in that.

As an Area Officiating Committee we cannot magic more umpires out of the air - but we can help clubs to develop their own umpire development process. But we can't help if we don't know who wants help and what sort of help they need.

Please get in touch with our Club Liaison Lead, or any of the AOC, to talk about what your needs are and whether, and how, we can help.

Umpire development needs to be club driven - so start your club on the road to umpire development and get in touch.

There are some clubs who have very successful programmes, but many more clubs who bemoan the lack of umpires without apparently taking the necessary steps to develop umpiring as an important element of club life.

Help us to help you. Your sport needs you.

<https://southcentral.englishhockey.co.uk/officiating/officiating-contacts>



# Vacancy for Vice Chair of the Board of Directors

## Purpose

To support the Chair in providing the vision, leadership and business planning to help develop all aspects of the Area, from playing and development to running the administration and fundraising. Ensuring that support for succession planning is in place, for the benefit of all.



## Key Tasks of the Role

1. To understand the responsibilities of the Chair and to perform those duties in the absence of the Chair (see Chair Role Description).
2. To support the Chair and undertake work assigned by the Chair.
3. To attend all Board Meetings and participate as a vital part of the Board leadership.
4. To chair the Directors' meetings in the absence of the Chair.

## Is this Role for you?

If you are aspiring to be a future leader, developing experience in effective management and business administration, strong communication skills, and a diplomatic and discreet manner, you could aim to hold the most prestigious, highly respected and incredibly rewarding position within the Area, fostering your skills by working alongside the Chair and ensuring that the Area reaches its full potential.

If so please send your expressions of interest in this role to [operations@southcentral.hockey](mailto:operations@southcentral.hockey) including your credentials and reason for applying.



## Key Adult League contacts

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