



## London Hockey Masters Annual Report June 2023

### **League**

This season was more settled than the previous year for all leagues. There was a change for the MO40 to a South League structure, with Premier, North and South divisions. The change has gone down well, although one or two teams in the South and North divisions struggled to fulfil their games. A new structure will be set for the coming season.

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

Full results can be found at this link [London & South Masters Hockey Leagues 22-23](#)

Sadly, we say goodbye to one or two teams but this year we welcome several new teams across the leagues with some teams moving up an age group.

MO40 - East London

MO50 – Old Cranleigh Barnstormers, East Grinstead Saints, Haslemere, Tulse Hill & Dulwich Fusillers, Wimbledon Levellers, Woking,

MO60 – Old Cranleigh Puritans, Reading Relics,

WO35 – Newbury & Thatcham, Romsey, Eastcote,

WO45 – Surbiton Sages

See Appendix 2. For the league structure 22-24.

### **Strategy**

We are continuing to build strong structures for Masters, giving players choices. This year the focus was on the Men's O50. We consulted with the Wessex Supervets Fixtures Alliance to see if they might join us. They have declined, and we appreciate there is a place for all kinds of masters hockey across the south of England, but we will continue our discussions with them and their teams.

The MO50 and MO60 leagues will also now be called the South Masters League to fall in line with the MO40 and the women's leagues. MO50 will have Premier and division 1 sitting underneath. As we continue to grow the number of teams, we aim to generate more local leagues for London, South Central and South East for both men's and women's leagues.

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 this year.

### **Representative Teams**

All the leads for our representative teams have worked very hard to get squads out again this year. Trials and training sessions were held across London but mainly at London Wayfarer's base, King's House School Sports Ground in Chiswick. This year we have 8 men's teams MO35-75s, with the 75s being a joint LDN/SC/SE team. We also have 7 women's WO35-65, with the 65s a joint team with the East.

An increasing number of new players have participated, and most teams have gone out with 17/18 players in their squads. All groups seem to have really enjoyed their tournaments. To date the WO60, MO65 and MO75 remain to be played.

Many thanks to all our age group leads, managers and coaches who have done a great job with their squads this year.

London hosted the WO40 Area tournament at Southgate HC and the and MO45 at Surbiton HC. My thanks to David Lloyd Williams and Ann Bedford, the Tournament Organisers at the respective venues. Both tournaments were a great success.

### Area Tournaments Final Placings 2023

	Lead	Position
MO35	Jack Marfleet	4th
MO40	Robin Willis	2nd
MO45	Spencer McDonald	1st
MO50	Pietro Attala	5th
MO55	Dom D'Mello	1st
MO60	Vadim Jean	5th
MO65	Rob Leach	To be played
MO70	Henrik Kjellin	2nd
MO75	Greg Hutchings	To be played
WO35	Eleanor Trafford	5th
WO40	Jude King	2nd
WO45	Clare Byrne	4th
WO50	Penny Woods	7th
WO55	Mel Bennett	7th
WO60	Sara Walker	To be played
WO65	Jo Price	4th

### **Kit**

We continue to share round the squad redshirts and selected players continue to pay a £12 fee towards payment for them. This is the second of a three year payback deal to London Hockey Ltd..

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

Sara Walker  
Chair London Hockey Masters  
10<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Appendix 1. League Winners and Runners Up 2022-23

<b>League Winners and Runners Up 2022-23</b>		
<b>South Men's O40 Premier</b>	1	Old Cranleighan Men O40 Stormers
	2	Epsom Embers
<b>South Men's O40 North</b>	1	Sonning Sundowners
	2	Old Cranleighan Men O40 Barnstormers
<b>South Men's O40 South</b>	1	Winchester Men O40 Wizards
	2	Havant Men O40 Bees
<b>London Men's O50 Premier</b>	1	Reading Men O50 Redsox
	2	Old Georgians Phoenix
<b>London Men's O50 Division 1</b>	1	Surbiton Magnets
	2	Old Kingstonian Men O50
<b>London Men's O60 Premier</b>	1	Indian Gymkhana Grandmasters
	2	Bromley & Beckenham O60
<b>South Women's O35 Premier</b>	1	Maidenhead O35
	2	Reading O35
<b>London Women's O35 Premier</b>	1	Tulse Hill & Dulwich O35
	2	Teddington Tornadoes O35
<b>South Women's O45 Premier</b>	1	Wycombe O45
	2	South Berkshire O45
<b>London Women's O45 Premier</b>	1	Ashford (Middlesex) O45
	2	Teddington Flamingoes O45

Appendix 2. League 2023- 2024

South Masters League 2023-2024		
<b>Men's O40 Premier</b>	<b>Women's O35 Premier</b>	
Epsom Embers	Maidenhead O35	
East London Men O40	Newbury & Thatcham O35	
Hampstead & Westminster Masters	Reading O35	
Guildford Pilgrims Men O40	Romsey O35	
Old Cranleigh Men O40 Stormers	South Berkshire O35	
Old Georgian Fire	Trojans O35	
Reading Rustlers		
Richmond Renegades	<b>London Women's O35</b>	
Sonning Sundowners	Epsom O35	
Spencer Masters	Surbiton Sloths	
Tulse Hill & Dulwich Artillery	Teddington Tornados O35	
Wimbledon Masters 1	Tulse Hill & Dulwich O35	
<b>Men's O40 South</b>		
Andover Men O40 Diamonds		
Bournemouth Men O40		
Havant Men O40 Bees		
Newbury & Thatcham Masters		
Salisbury Men O40 Strollers		
Winchester Men O40 Wizards		
Woking Men O40		GRAD E 4
<b>Men's O50 Premier</b>	<b>Women's O45 Premier</b>	
Epsom Old School	Eastcote O45	
Hampstead & Westminster Supervets	Oxford Hawks O45	
Indian Gymkhana Tigers	South Berkshire O45	
Old Cranleigh Barnstormers	Wycombe O45	
Old Georgians Phoenix		
Old Loughtonians Supervets	<b>London WO45</b>	
Reading Men O50 Redsox	Ashford Antiques	
Southgate Titans	Old Cranleigh O45	
Spencer Vintage	Southgate Flutes	
Surbiton Magnets	Surbiton Sages	
Tulse Hill & Dulwich Musketeers	Teddington Flamingoes	
<b>Men's O50 Division 1</b>		
Chelmsford Supervets Men O50		
East Grinstead Saints		
Guildford Gladiators Men O50		
Haslemere Men O50		
Old Cranleigh Hamstrings		
Old Kingstonian Men O50		
Richmond Rogues		
Sunbury & Walton Hawks Griffins O50		
Tulse Hill & Dulwich Fusiliers		
Wimbledon Levellers		
Woking Men O50		
<b>Men's O60 Premier</b>		
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 Centurions		
Surbiton Vintage		GRAD E 5