



Men's Club Report 2025/2026

- A challenging and competitive year for the five Men's Club hockey teams from 3s through to 7s. Unfortunately, the 8s team was withdrawn to ensure numbers available across the teams.
- Division 1 North: the 3s were led really well by Captain Matt Webb in a challenging league and finished 9th despite many weeks with a bare 11/12 players. A strong core of players has been developed and holds well for next season.
- Division 2 East & Central: the 4s and 5s were competitive throughout the season but struggled with numbers for longer distance away matches. The 4s orchestrated by Captain Louis Driver finished 9th, and the 5s led by Captain Chris Hancock finished 8th.
- Concorde & Saxon Division 1: the 6s and 7s were orchestrated by Rob Cooke with 6s finishing 7th in a tough league and 7s finishing 9th.
- Mens 6s. Thank you to Mark Nicol for being a wonderful captain for the first half of the season. He unfortunately had to drop away due to injury, we wish him well with his recovery. Richard Peden and Marty Pellow helped out with match days for the remaining fixtures and the team finished strongly.
- Mens 7s had a great season only really hampered by injuries. We were competitive in all games we played even if not so aggressive as some other teams!
- Mens 8s were up to 3rd in the league before dropping out after Christmas due to reduced availability. But we managed to combine with the 7s and get most players some match time in the new year. We had a notable friendly Vs the juniors which was a real pleasure and we just managed to make our experience show to get a right win, to the relief of some Dad's!
- Across the club we had a good number of Dad and son combinations! Great to see!
- The Captains worked well together week in week out to get the five teams out and enable +65 players to represent the Club each Saturday and enjoy fast, fearless and fun hockey
- Pleasing to see amount of Junior players enjoying Men's hockey and playing in teams right from 7s through to 3s. This holds very well for the future and an important area which must foster further next season.
- The West leagues are being restructured for 26/27 and will hopefully provide opportunity for competitive hockey with a little less travel.
- The five teams will continue to provide a range of opportunities for players, whether Juniors developing, Seniors returning to hockey, Students enjoying competitive and social hockey, Masters continuing to play, through to Senior players enjoying competitive and enjoyable level hockey. New players always welcome and so please contact Chris Hancock, Rob Cooke and / or Marty Pellow if interested.



- Big thank you to Coaches for the weekly training sessions - Andrew Silcox and Marty Pellow. Important that we line up Coaches for next season.
- Goalkeepers - we have been very lucky with GKs this season with only one occasion of playing without a dedicated keeper because of a late car breakdown for an away game. We have new old young and student keepers helping out across the teams with some wonderful commitment and great performances. For next season it would be great to have a GK coach/manager who can help with balanced selection and GK development.
- We welcome new captains and support for next season. Fresh input and succession is always welcome to keep us moving forward. Age (or lack of) is not a barrier! Captaincy is not hard if enough people help out.
- Injuries played a major part this season with many regular players struggling and with some notable incidents in games, with a lot impacting January availability! So maybe we need more work on conditioning and avoiding impacts.
- The training setup was difficult at first due to lack of priority slots available. But by overlapping sessions access to quality training improved. Unfortunately overall numbers were lower than we would like from November onwards, and we would like to encourage more consistent take up next season. It would likely help with key areas including team building, consistency of standards, goal scoring and injury avoidance.
- Junior progression. It's great to see progress made by all players across the year, but especially with club juniors. We have a number of boys who have played 8s last year or this year and gone on to do well in the 3s, 4s and 5s. They have done us and themselves proud.
- Umpires. From a club captain perspective I can't thank the umpire volunteers enough. Umpiring availability and standards this year have been excellent and I think there is a positive connection that encourages more players to take it up.
- Admin. Thank you to everyone who helps keep the club moving forward, sorting out all the daily and weekly issues, planning ahead, etc. Thank you SO MUCH.

