# **Epsom Hockey Club**July 2025 Newsletter



Hopefully everyone is enjoying the Summer break but also looking forward to the new hockey season starting very soon.

The Committee has been very busy in the background sorting out leagues, fixtures, coaching and pitches for a seamless transition into the 25/26 season.

Holiday camps are in full swing and the summer leagues have been well supported.

As part of our growth and evolution, we've decided to rename some of our teams to better reflect our hockey community. Alongside these fresh identities, some of our women's teams will be transferring to the London leagues, presenting new challenges and opportunities for us to showcase our talents. Further details below.

### Clubhouse Build Update





The last month has seen really positive progress on the clubhouse front and a contractor has now been selected following the competitive tender exercise. This is a hugely important step forward and incredibly exciting – THE CLUBHOUSE IS COMING!

The next 4-6 weeks will see the final specifications and design drawings prepared for the contract, legal documentation drafted, pre-commencement planning conditions discharged, construction transport management plan approved and site set up and preliminaries implemented. The targeted start date for the 34 week construction period remains September.

It won't be long until you are all moaning about mud and the lack of car parking at OSL!

Your donations are still needed to ensure that we get the best clubhouse possible - PLEASE PLEASE do give generously and we look forward to receiving your support in all our fundraising initiatives over the coming seasons.

Donations can be made via the just giving page (there is a link on the hockey club website). https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/clubhouse

As always any fundraising ideas, sponsorship or larger donations are gratefully received - don't be shy! Please drop Emma a line at chair@epsomhc.co.uk

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Getting ready for the new season!





Please come along and join us for the start of the season club day.

Recruitment of new members is so important to the growth and progress of the club. We need you to spread the word and invite friends and family to join us. There is an introductory bonus if you do!



#### New team names and leagues.



#558EV 2025-26 SEASON		
M1	MEN'S 1S	L PREMIER DIVISION
M2	MEN'S 2S	L DIV 3 SOUTH
МЗ	MEN'S 3S	L DIV 4 SOUTH WEST
M4	MEN'S 4S	L DIV 5 SOUTH WEST
MUS	MUSTANGS	L DIV 5 SOUTH WEST
MAV	MAVERICKS	SE DIV 4 OAKS
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ЕМВ	EMBERS	SOUTH O40S PREMIER
os	OLD SCHOOL	SOUTH 050S PREMIER
RAM	RAMBLERS	SOUTH O50S SOUTH EAST
VAG	VAGABONDS	SOUTH O60S SOUTH

Watch this space....we are looking to reintroduce Fantasy Hockey for the new season - if anyone has any experience of this and could help out, please contact Lucy Jalland on eventsmanager@epsomhc.co.uk



#### 300 Club

Don't forget to sign up to the 300 club. It's so easy to do, helps the club and gives you the chance of a cash prize!

As we look to the future we want to build up to 300 entries per month hence the name. To enter either simply set up a standing order for £10 per month or £120 annually

Payee: Epsom HC 300 Club Account number: 51808762

Sort code: 23-05-80

Reference (300, first name last name)





### A few other reminders......

As Subscriptions will be requested shortly, please check that you have paid all outstanding match fees and debts. We don't want to have to chase you up!

Remember - "No pay = no play"

Any issues, please contact Alex Waine on treasurer.hockey@epsomsportsclub.co.uk





Please update Teamo with your vehicle reg and details - there are cameras installed at Woodcote Road so if you park there and haven't registered your car, you could end with a visit from the postman and a fine to pay.

If you've changed vehicles or have new drivers in the family, don't forget to add these!

Keep us updated on your news and match results - please send photos and news to our Social Media guru, Natalia Anda on communications@epsomhc.co.uk.

Don't forget to tag us on any hockey posts on instagram @epsomhc

## What's been going on.....





Congrats to Chris & Carlos who won silver medals with Scottish Thistles Mo60s in the International Grand Master Festiva



Congrats to all the Epsom women at the Area Masters o50s championships in Nottingham. Woodsie came home with a silver medal with @southeasthockey and Vicky, Anne, Kathrin, coach Spuggie and coach Karen had a blast with @hockeyforlondon!

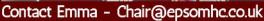
Thank you to @jazzapplesuk and the Jazz Apple Foundation for their grant and the massive box of apples they sent to Epsom HC - a fantastic and healthy post hockey snack.





Our Walking Hockey squad enjoyed an awesome afternoon tea session at the clubhouse with croquet & ping pong after their final walking hockey session before the summer break!











### **KEY SOCIAL DATES**

- 28th Aug W1s/M1s Takeover @ Junior Coaching
- \* 31st Aug Hockey/Cricket social @ Woodcote
- \* 5th Sept Club mixed hockey tournament @ OSL
- \* 6th Sept Club day @ OSL
- \* 7th Sept Junior fun day @ OSL
- \* 20th Sept First league games social
- \* 4th Oct Oktoberfest
- \* 18th Oct Team social the
- \* 1st Nov Halloween social
- \* 15th Nov Team social tbc
- \* 6th Dec Christmas quiz
- \* 13/14th Dec Santa hockey tournament @ Woodcote
- \* 28<sup>th</sup> March End of Season informal event
- \* April TBC End of Season formal event

As usual each of the teams will be putting on fundraisers during the season.

If you have any ideas or want to get a date in the diary, please contact our new social events manager, Lucy on eventsmanager@epsomhc.co.uk.

Please come along and support the Epsom hockey players to take on the cricket section in a cricket match.

> SUNDAY 31 AUGUST at Woodcote Road

> > 12.30pm start

Bar open!

#### Sponsor Us Today Boost your brand while supporting sports





#### Become part of the team:

- Exposure to 800+ members, visiting hockey, football & cricket teams, and our many supporters
- Inspire young minds over 400

Your sponsorship can be tailored to your needs and can include:

- Website & social media adverts
- Kit sponsorship
- Club event sponsorship

#### Please follow us on Social Media



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#### Who's who.....?



#### GENERAL COMMITTEE 2025-26 SEASON

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Secretary Sue Everest **Treasurer** Alex Waine Men's Captain AJ Cerqueti Womens' Co-Captain Sarah Orr & Becky Harris Junior Co-Chair Torben Andersen & Mark Sydenham Welfare Officer Nita Underwood

Membership Secretary Majid Azam **Events Manager Lucy Jalland** Social Media Manager Natalia Anda

Website Manager Robin White **Facilities Manager Duncan Holmes** 

Sports Club Hockey Director

Director of Hockey

Simon Everest Mary Booth

Emma Andersen

James Harris



### <u>Umpiring</u>

A big thanks for Chris Gamber who has been coaching umpires this summer and has enabled the club to get 9 more umpires assessed at Level 1. Thanks also to Richard Wilson and Glyn Jones for carrying out the assessments and to the admin man, Rich Elev.

There is still a lot more of you out there that we need to get involved - Teams are going to be under pressure to provide Level 1 umpires this season and going forwards.

Have a look at https://hockeyhub.englandhockey.co.uk/officiating

You'll find information and advice as well as some rules guizzes.

We are looking to put on a group session to get people started. Please get in contact if you'd be interested - chair@epsomhc.co.uk





### Junior Section News

Start of Season – 1st Team Takeover Friday 29 August at Old Schools Lane.



To get the season off to a flyer and to promote stronger links between the junior section and our men's and women's 1st teams, we are delighted to announce that they will be putting on a "1st team takeover" training session.

They will be running some fun skills sessions over the following times:

**6-7pm** All ages up to and including U12 (Year 7)





There will be no charge for attendance at these sessions although we would gladly accept any donations to go towards the fundraising effort.

There will be a barbecue at the pitchside and our fantastic new coffee hut will be open to sell hot and cold drinks plus snacks. It should be a really good fun social evening and we would encourage as many of you to join us as possible.

Details will be added to Teamo in early August.



Well done to the Epsom juniors playing in the TA cup in Nottingham last weekend and to those who took part in the County festival this week.

