

CJHA Newsletter - October 2010

We now have approximately 165 children at the club, all coming to training on a Friday evening and many getting opportunities to play matches. The club is run on a volunteer basis and we are very grateful to all the parents and helpers (generally past members) who support the club through the season. Many hands make light work and so if you would like to get involved (in any capacity – in most cases hockey knowledge and experience is not essential) then please contact Mike Woods or Julia Walker.

<p>Club Appointments</p> <p>We are pleased to announce that Vivien Mortimore is our new Child Welfare Officer, supporting Angie Pearce in this role.</p> <p>The Treasurer position remains vacant – This is an important position for the club. It doesn't need any hockey knowledge or experience. It is not too time consuming and any actions can be done at time which is convenient to that person – Contact Mike Woods if you are interested.</p>	<p>Reception Desk</p> <p>Gina Hage has done a great job in manning the reception desk at Balacarras on a Friday evening, however she needs a few more volunteers to spread the load – contact Gina if you can help.</p>
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<p>Coaches</p> <p>We have two helpers (Paul Lennon and Andy Good) attending a Level One Hockey Coaching Course over the month. Next Course is early next year - 31/1, 6/2 & 13/2.</p>	<p>Umpires</p> <p>We have two parents (Nick Parker & Steve Hewer) who have recently attended an Umpiring Course and congratulations to one of our former members (Helen Gregory) who has qualified as a Level One Umpire.</p> <p>Many of our past members are umpiring the junior teams – thanks (so far) to Tom Gabbott, Tom Mitchener, Matt Woods, Tristan Bradshaw, Katie Howard & Beth Maitland.</p>	<p><i>Whilst we have many volunteers and helpers on a Friday evening, we are always keen to encourage more.</i></p> <p><i>If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Julia Walker</i></p>
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Diary & Events

The Club diary (and Key Contact List) has been available for everyone at the Registration Desk.

A couple of events in the next half term that we would like to draw your attention to are -

- 3rd December Young Umpires Course (for U-12 & U-13) – details will be provided
- 10th December Fancy Dress (Christmas Theme) with prizes

Matches / Tournaments / Festivals

U-10 (by Mandy Bradshaw and Corrie Farrell)

The first U10 tournament of the season was played in unusually warm weather at Dean Close School. Cheltenham fielded two girls' sides and one boys'. Many had never played in a tournament before and one youngster had been playing hockey for only three weeks. A fiercely contested and thoroughly enjoyable event saw the girls end the afternoon with several 0-0 draws and wins against Dursley and Cirencester.

The boys fielded an 11 strong side to finish the tournament with 3 wins, 1 draw, and 1 loss. Brilliant performance from the team, considering for many this was their first experience playing in a competitive tournament.

It was a great introduction to the mini hockey festivals and we look forward to several more later in the year.

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NOTE – at U-10 level we do not have any goalkeepers. If any of the children would like to try out at keeping, then please contact Angie Pearce who will arrange this – kit is provided.

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U-14 Boys (By Mike Woods)

Cheltenham Juniors took a squad of 14 Boys to the City of Bath Hockey Club for the first round of the league matches in the England Hockey Regional Tournament against City of Bath and Marlborough.

Fortunately the rain eased and the games were played in good weather. Cheltenham led by Monty Chapman as Captain, produced a solid performance in the first game against City of Bath. After significant pressure, Andrew Boulton joined the attack and slotted home with a great strike from the top of the 'D'. The match was evenly balanced with both sides having chances. Despite several good saves from Henry Davies, eventually City of Bath were rewarded with a well worked goal to make it 1-1. This seemed to motivate the Cheltenham team and Gianluca Mech scored the winner after good work from Fabian Chess and Lawrence Hage.

The boys seem to learn from their first match and dominated the second game against Marlborough. Goals from Monty Chapman, Alex Hewer, Henry Turner and Ed Cutler gave Cheltenham a 4 – 0 victory.

The whole squad played well and worked well as a team. We look forward to the next game on Sunday 14th November. Thanks to all the parents and supporters and to Chris Boulton for umpiring.

U-12 Boys (by Andy Good)

A brief update on the Festival on 24th October;

2-0 vs. Cirencester	Scorers	Norwood and Evans
3-0 vs. Winchcombe	Scorers	Norwood , Evans and Francis
1-1 vs. Wooton under Edge	Scorers	Hewer
2-0 vs. Lansdown	Scorers	Norwood and Francis

For the first Festival the boys played really well and were stretched by Wooton, Wooton will certainly be the team to watch this year.

U-12 Girls (by Phil Robson)

At the rearranged U-12 Festival on 25th October, the U12 & U11 girls were combined to form 2 reasonably matched sides – the Cobras and the Cheetahs. The Cobras won 4 & lost 1, and the Cheetahs won 3 & lost 2 (without a GK). It was glorious weather for both events and so children, parents and officials had a great time. Full report will be added to the web-site.

Kit / CJHA Sports Clothing (by Nick Parker)

"XMAS is coming, the Goose is getting fat and there are lots of stocking fillers available at Academy Sports"

Please visit

[:http://www.academyshop.co.uk/index.php?route=product/category&path=181_99_102&page=1](http://www.academyshop.co.uk/index.php?route=product/category&path=181_99_102&page=1)

For a full range of Cheltenham Juniors kit including Hoodies, tracksuits, socks and hats. Don't forget you can always visit the shop in Churchill Industrial Estate in Leckhampton

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As part of your 2010/2011 Cheltenham Juniors membership this year you can receive £10 off a training shirt. So for the smaller members that's a fantastic shirt for £4!! For the older kids (size youth and above) the price is £6. To claim your discount either pop in and see the guys at Academy at their shop or catch Simon from Academy at training on Friday nights.

U-14 Cheltenham Coyotes 4 East Gos 0 (Friendly) (by Phil Robson)



The Coyotes (U13/U14 Girls) Squad is preparing to play in the National U14 Girls Club Competition (Midlands), which means girls with dates of birth in 1997 or 1998 are eligible to play.

On Sun 10 Oct they had their first friendly against East Gos in a match that consisted of two 20 min quarters and two 15 min quarters. This was the first time that the Coyotes had played 11-a-side so it was a learning experience but they took to it extremely well and soon settled down into their new roles. We have a lack of defenders so most players had to try different positions but this did not phase them and possibly gave some of the forwards an insight into how difficult it is to be a back!

Once the defence realised that they did not have to play exclusively in their own 22 and that they could mark the forwards up to the halfway line, then they became very proficient at holding up the opposition and were generally successful at keeping them out of the circle. On the occasions that the ball did enter the circle, then Thryza Peters confidently kicked it away. Harriet Parker, Georgina Paton and Jemma Robson were particularly adept at tackling and clearing the ball. The workhorse in midfield was certainly Megan Mather who showed terrier like determination to chase after and win as many balls as she could, often setting up new attacks in the process. Ayesha Markham played two solid quarters at left midfield denying East Gos the opportunity to use their RM and supporting the attack when she could. Hannah Gleeson played confidently, mainly at CM, and scored 2 cracking goals with well struck shots from the top of the circle. Alixe Cook did plenty of running during two quarters at CF where she tested the E Gos defence to breaking point. India Blake and Maisie Wilshaw both worked hard and were justly rewarded with opportunities to get a goal each.

Other squad members who all played their part in a number of different positions were: Sian White, Harriet Wheeler, Saskia Beachus, Alice Gwynn and Lucy Eden.

Thank you to Tom Mitchener and Beth Maitland, who did very well on their first appearance as umpires, and to a very supportive crowd of parents. A great start - well done!

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Footnotes
Please can you ensure that your child is dropped off and picked up in a timely manner and safely. We do not want children walking down to the entrance of the car park to meet parents – especially now in the dark evenings. We also would prefer that you child is not dropped too early; if that is the case then we would encourage you to stay with them until their session begins.
We started the season with some poor behaviour from some children in the older groups. This has now improved, however we would like to draw everyone's attention to our Code of Conduct – details on the web-site: http://www.cheltenhamjuniorhockey.org/node/13