

MAIDSTONE HC



COUNTY HOCKEY!
THREE UNDER 13 MAIDSTONE HC
GIRLS PLAYING FOR KENT THIS
YEAR - HARRIET DAY, ANNYS
FEARON & ROSIE GALLIGAN.

Coaching Changes

There are some really important improvements on the way. First, the great news is that Tom Nissen has agreed to be the Club Coaching Manager, with overall responsibility for setting the direction of coaching in all three sections - Ladies', Men's and Juniors'. This is in addition to the great work he has been doing as Ladies' 1st team coach. Second, during the Summer months there will be mixed

hockey coaching on Tuesday evenings, 7.45 to 9.15pm. Starts on April 5th. Open to all Adult Club Members and Juniors by invitation. Thirdly, next season we have the continued use of the New Line Learning Academy indoor hall. But by popular demand from top players, both genders will use the facilities be on Thursday evenings. Starts in September.

Snippets

- * Wonderful that Adi Lake has agreed to be the Men's Fixture Secretary, replacing Dom Angear who had too many commitments.
- * At their match against Wapping on 5th March, Maidstone Ladies' 1s experienced two cut eyes in about five minutes. First a Wapping player, then our own Cara Jones (see below). They were rushed off to H&E of Maidstone hospital for a 3 hour wait! Oh, we won 7-1.



ADI LAKE - NEW MEN'S
FIXTURE SECRETARY



MAIDSTONE HOSPITAL, 1PM.
CARA + WAPPING PLAYER



MHC U16 GIRLS IN ACTION

Top Teams

Our first teams have had different experiences this season.

The Men's 1s have had a difficult year, and now know that they will be relegated from South Prem at the end of the season. But it's pleasing to note that the squad is looking to re-build and re-approach the new season 11/12. Here's to a quick bounce back.

The Ladies 1s are firing away at the top of East Prem, and if they win another match are promoted back to the National League (Conference East), which they left 2 seasons ago. They are 3 points ahead of second team Brom Becks, and with an unbelievable goal difference of 91 - 32 more than BB! To date they've scored 113 and conceded 22. Fingers crossed!

Kent Cup

Maidstone HC are still in two of the Cup (Kent & EH) competitions. The Ladies 1s are in the Kent Cup final again having played just one match! They play Canterbury at Canterbury on Finals day. Our Ladies were due to face either Sevenoaks or Cliftonville in the semis, but first Sevenoaks withdrew from the q/f's giving Cliftonville a walkover, then Cliftonville did the same withdrawing from the s/f. Both claimed they could not get teams up!!

The Men's 1s beat Marden in the quarter final (on penalties), but unfortunately lost 1-8 to Brom Becks

The Mixed XI lost in round one of the National Mixed Trophy, but are making progress in the Plate. We beat Addiscombe in Round 1 and now travel to Burnt Ash for Round 2.

The Kent Cup Finals are on Sunday 8th May at Canterbury.

Events

As we reach near the season's end, there is a flurry of activity on the events front. All in the Clubhouse.

* **Sat 2nd April, 7.30 -**

Dancing Through the Decades. A classics MHC disco, with optional fancy dress theme of the 60s, 70s, & 80s. Best team will win a prize!

* **Friday 8th April, 6.00 -**

Junior Awards Night. Awards are presented to those juniors who are 'Best Player of the Year' or 'Most Improved Player' in their age group. Plus 'Junior Clubperson of the Year'. Afterwards, Cube-like games for all.

* **Saturday 9th April, 6.00 -**

Club AGM. This is preceded at 2pm by an Intra-Club mixed tournament - all ages and abilities (See Lizzie D). Plus a Bar-B-Q

Single System

The County Junior Academy Centre (JACs) are operating this spring. They are now into inter-county match mode. Maidstone HC is hosting the U13 & U14 Girls on Sunday afternoons. The top squads of each age group compete in the regional county finals on Sunday 15th May (remember Kent is U14 champions, and U13 runners up). The top girls will be selected to attend the Junior Performance Regional Centres (JPRC). On **Sunday 3rd April** are the **assessments for the Mid Kent Junior Development Centre (JDC)**, which will operate at this Club this Autumn. These are open to any child from a school or club, who wants to get their foot on the first rung of the Single System ladder.

Assessments are also at the Club, at 2pm for U12s, 3pm for U13s & 4pm for U14s (both genders). Umpires needed please.

* **Sat 21st May, 7.30 - Adults Awards Evening.** Black Tie. All the key awards will be presented. Authentic Indian Cuisine (courtesy of Kirit), followed by a live band.

Two ticket options -

2 course meal, awards & band = £15 (restricted to 90)

Awards & band = £5

Tickets from Lizzie D, Laura L, Matt E, Swaff & behind the bar.

Umpiring

Congratulations to Sarah Chapman, who has now qualified as a level 2 Umpiring Coach. This means she can coach umpires up to Regional level (ie East or South). A real feather in her cap - well done!

Men's Meeting

On Friday 1st April, 8pm, there is to be a Men's Hockey Meeting.

The season is rapidly approaching a close and there are still number of issues that have been raised throughout the course of the year. To provide a platform for you to air any grievances, and to give Matt E the opportunity to move things forward it was thought best to hold an open meeting for all of the Men's section.

The bar will be open, the Chairman will be in attendance and whilst it hoped the meeting will be relatively short, your ideas for development of the Men's section of the club will be gratefully received.

Matt looks forward to your attendance on the evening, and your input into YOUR club.

Leaving

Gill Thomson, responsible for Kent at England Hockey SE, is leaving to enter the world of PR. We wish her well.