



Stroud Hockey Club

Junior Newsletter

February 2012

Dear Parents and Junior Members

We are well into the second half of the season now. The adult side of the Club has started League games again and the Badgers and Vixens are also back playing games. Junior training sessions are likely to be colder and possibly wetter, so please make sure you turn up with appropriate wet weather and warm kit. Don't forget to bring plenty to drink, too, as it is important to keep yourselves hydrated during our, often intensive, sessions. New-style hoodies are available from the Stick Club in Cheltenham, tel: 01242 250185. If you would like one of these, please call the Stick Club to order one and state your required personalised name prior to collection from the shop. Turn-around time is usually 1 week, as long as there are sufficient numbers in stock.

Badgers Hockey (U16 Boys)

Craig Wathen has kindly agreed to play Badgers hockey for the rest of this season, as all but a handful of games clash with adult matches. Craig ensures we continue to have a good-standard, experienced adult player to help guide the youngsters and teach them more about the game.

Badgers contact: Rob Fynn tel: 07900 693422 email: robertfynn@hotmail.com

Vixens Hockey (U16 Girls)

Heidi continues to captain the Girls' side and they have a match this Sunday. We have an excellent number of players this season and the quality of the Girls' hockey is continuing to improve.

Vixens Contacts: Heidi Helper-Dalton tel: 07817 468227

Boys U12

This Sunday, there is the first of the two remaining tournament for the Boys (5 Feb 2012 and 11 Mar 2012).

Stroud aims to enter a Boys' team on the assumption that there is a coach available to run the side.

Unfortunately, there are clashes with County JAC matches, meaning we may struggle to get managers/coaches for those dates. As always, we will do our best to cover these.

Training

Our final Junior hockey training session of the season will be on 20th March. As always, keep an eye on the Club website for any News ... www.stroudhockeyclub.com ... there are also Twitter and Facebook pages that you can access from the Home Page.

Finally - **your support is needed!** We request your help to keep our Club prices as low as possible. Please could parents write and/or email Stroud District Council and Stratford Park Leisure Centre to ask why there are **NO Junior** rates for use of the Astro turf. As a Club, we play a single rate, regardless of whether an Adult team or a Junior team is using it. This is not the case for the other facilities available at Stratford Park, so why should it be for the Astro turf? Please address your letters to Ray Figg at Ebley Mill and/or the Leisure Centre Manager at Stratford Park.

