



Tring Hockey Club Newsletter



ALL THE LATEST NEWS AND RESULTS FROM THE HOME OF HOCKEY IN HERTS.

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Well that was it, summer is over the clouds have returned, the temperatures have dropped; it can only mean one thing - a new season of hockey is up on us! As you read this, the captains and coaches will be busy plotting their strategies for the season ahead. Training started Wednesday 9th and the annual Club Day gets going on the 13th (see below). A number of pre-season games have been organised to brush off those cobwebs and reintroduce you to your stick before the real hard work begins at the end of the month.

Off the field the club relies on a lot of goodwill from a small number of people who run and operate things for our enjoyment and ultimately for the bettering of Tring HC. So please remember, your support as members of Tring Hockey club is vital, not only at events such as the Comedy Nights but in attending the training sessions and other club events throughout the season starting with the Club Day on Sunday.

Finally, if you have any contributions for the newsletter then please send to me and we will include here, it is after all your weekly newsletter! If you can think of anything else you would like to see here then please forward your thoughts to: wallim3@hotmail.com. OK that's all for now from this first edition of the new season. I hope you enjoy. **NJW**



Open Day

Sunday 13th September

11am - 2.30pm

An open day has been organised on the grass pitches at The Hockey Club House on Sunday 13th September from 11am til 2.30pm.

There will be hockey skills stations with prizes, a BBQ lunch, bouncy castle and a chance to buy new kit from Chiltern Sports.

Volunteers are still needed to help - if you can spare an hour or so please contact Simon Webb. simon.webb@ntlworld.com

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An introduction to the teams this season...



**SOUTH
HOCKEY
LEAGUE**

Middx, Berks, Bucks & Oxon - 2009/2010

1st XI

Captained again by Matt Hyde the senior squad had a tough season in the top flight and will want to put that well out of their minds once the new season starts in the restructured MBBO. Operating this season in the MBBO Regional 2 Division a lot of the old faces are still around with several local derbies to whet the appetite with local rivals Aylesbury & Amersham high on the must win games register. They start their campaign on 3rd October entertaining Eastcote.

2nd XI

With Webby arranging things in the 2nd XI, the re-jig of the MBBO league structure sees the 2nd XI placed into the 4th Division, 4 levels below the senior squad. One big local derby to look forward to is with Amersham, but the division still includes the usual suspects they have come across previously. With several pre-season fixtures planned the 2nd XI will be looking to hit the ground running once the season starts gets going on the 3rd October with a trip to OMT.

3rd XI

The Legends are again being superbly run by wee Ben Holman who has vowed yet again this is his final season. A very up and down season last time out the boys will be looking for a greater deal of consistency if they are to challenge for league honours. In Division 8 of the MBBO Open league, they have all the usual foes with the addition of Reading University, Ramgharia, Gerrards Cross & Bicester to add to potential scalps. Pre-season starts on the 12th with the visit of Rickmansworth to the Tring Astrodome before the league start on the 3rd with a trip to Witney.

Development XI

A number of the youngsters who started last season for the development team ended up in the Legends (3rd XI) and with yet another crop of youngsters coming off the colts conveyor belt, competition for places in the starting XI is again expected to be keen. They find themselves in Division 9 and will be champing at the bit with the prospect of winning promotion and playing alongside the Legends in the 8th next season. Phil Lewis is the off field co-coordinator while it is likely Andy Aikens will again be directing on field operations. They have a few pre-season games planned before the opener at home to Phoenix on the 3rd.



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LONDON HOCKEY LEAGUE

Vets

A new head for Vets to follow into battle with Beast assuming the mantel from Eric who has finally been able to step down to spend more quality time with the family! In a reorganized Veterans League, rather than an East/West split the teams have been split into a 1st and 2nd division with Tring in the 2nd. A pre-season warm-up with the Super Vets on the 19th precedes the opening game of the season at St Albans. This is so accommodate the annual visit of our Dutch cousins from Hilversum on the weekend of the 3rd October.

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Supervets'

Phil Withers again leads the Supervets into battle. After the warm-up with the Vets on the 19th they start the league campaign with a visit to Staines.



1st XI

Tring Ladies 1st XI will again compete in the Premier Division. Bryony Bennett will be looking for the girls to go one or two steps better than they did last season and seek out one of those automatic promotion spots. New places to visit this season include Saffron Walden & Letchworth while coming down from the top flight is Vauxhall Chiltern, wherever that may be!! A pre-season game is arranged with Eastcote on the 19th and then straight to league action travelling to newcomers Vauxhall on the 26th September.

2nd XI

Tracey Hockley has assumed reins of the 2nd XI and will be hoping for more consistency from her troops and challenge in the upper half of the table. Still in Division 2, 2 levels behind the senior squad, they have 2 new local derbies to prepare for with Aylesbury and Berko joining the division. Several early pre-season games start on the 12th before they start up the league season by hosting Aylesbury on the 26th.

3rd XI

The thirds will have Kate Stokes at the helm and while still plying their trade in Division 5 will be hoping that with competition for places they can build solid foundations for a promotion push come the New Year. A full pre-season campaign is planned before they will host Queenswood on the opening day of the season.

Developments

After a good first season in the bottom division, Tring's ladies development will also be welcoming new faces to the ranks. The division is a team lighter than last season but with 2 newcomers in Broxbourne & Queenswood the girls will be excited in building on last year's experience and become one of the division big hitters this time around. Looking ahead to a friendly on the 19th at Bedford, they will entertain Hertford on the 26th as the season starts.

SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER TRIOLOGY TRIO

This excellent band has been booked to play to Tring Hockey Club.

8pm til late.

It is the first social of the year so please support it whole-heartedly!

Tickets are available from your captains, Vicki or David Lane.

Cost £10 for adults, concessions for under 18's and family discounts available!

Entry is strictly ticket only so get them this weekend.

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**More Comedy Club Nights
Are Coming – Watch this space
Reserve the dates!
14th November 2009 & 31st January 2010.**

Training

Club training is every Wednesday evening at Tring School Astro - Developments 7 to 8pm; Club 8 to 9pm.

1st XI mens and womens training are held on Thursday evenings at Halton Astro 8 to 9.30pm.

Junior Coaching is Sunday (from 20th September) at Tring School Astro from 9.30am.

'The Parting Shot'

TPS is hard at work on his current fitness regime ahead of the new season and will join us once he has returned from his summer training camp. Ed

That's all folks



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