

Club Chairperson

Since the AGM the Club has had a vacant chairperson position on the committee. Les Satchell is currently standing in as a temporary Co-opted Chair until a permanent member can be appointed.

The committee are therefore interested in hearing from anyone wishing to fill the position. The appointment will give the opportunity to shape the future direction of the club as it moves forward with increasing membership.

Main chair roles are:

Chairing monthly meetings.

Active in discussions on club policies with voting rights.

Point of contact for the club along with secretary.

Anyone interested in filling the role can apply in writing to the committee. To apply please submit a letter of intent to a committee member or via your manager. Closing date for applications is Thursday 19th June.

Your Committee is:

Chairperson : Les Satchell (Temp co-opted)

Dep. Chair : Nigel Davies

Secretary : Chris Rose

Treasurer : Ian Walters

Membership : Ann Baxter

Committee : Mark Lane



Congratulations to the Junior Flames 2007 squad, who took part in the European Cup at Essen, Germany over the Whitsun weekend.

Having qualified for the tournament by taking the bronze medal at the 2007 Bisha Nationals, meeting the top European teams was always going to be a challenge.

The team played magnificently throughout the weekend, never being totally outplayed, not even by the eventual 2008 European Champions - TV Augsburg of Germany.

The team finished a creditable 9th place,. This is a tremendous achievement for the team, especially considering less than two years ago nearly all of the players were playing for the Junior development teams.

Full match reports, together with more pictures are available on:

WWW.SWINDONFLAMES.COM



New Face at the Croft



The Committee are delighted to have secured the services of Mark Beggs, as a consultant coach for Swindon Flames Skater Hockey Club.

Mark Beggs is one of the top Ice Hockey Coaches in the UK, having previously been Club Coach at Swindon Junior Ice Hockey Club and he is currently a National Team coach. Mark has previously played skater hockey and is looking forward to working with the Club.

Mark's role is one of a mentor to our existing and new coaches and to develop a coaching strategy within the club.

Mark has already met with several of our present coaches, and as a result of these meeting, training times have been amended as follows:

- Rookies -Saturday 1200hrs -1300hrs**
- Peewee -Saturday 1300hrs -1430hrs (Flames & Reds)**
- Youth -Saturday 1430hrs -1600hrs**
- Junior -Friday 1830hrs -2000hrs (Flames & Reds)**
- Senior -Tuesday 2100hrs -2230hrs**
- Goalies - Friday 1800hrs -1830hrs**

The above times will operate from Friday 13th June

The combining of the playing squads will ensure sufficient numbers to allow effective training session to be held, whilst increasing the training time for all members.

Play Ups—Only those players who are registered **team players** with the next age group are allowed to train up initially. There will be an on going assessment process, and players will be invited to train up based on attitude and ability.

SSHC Coaches

Any parent or player wishing to become involved in coaching should speak to a Committee Member or Mark Beggs. There has never been a better time to become involved in coaching within the club. Your club needs you.

Senior Team Coach

The above position is presently vacant, and the Committee would welcome applications. Application forms are available from the Club Secretary and should be returned by Tuesday 17th June 2008.

Bisha Nationals

As a result of your feedback, your Committee has been in correspondence with Bisha concerning the venues of the National Championships.

Due to logistical issues with the erection of the temporary rink, there is no likelihood of returning to Torbay in the foreseeable future.

This years venues/dates are being finalised, with both the Peewee & Youth likely to be held at Rotherham, and the Juniors and Seniors being held at Bisley.

Neck Guards

The Committee would like to remind all players of the need to wear full protective equipment for ALL training sessions. This is a requirement of the BiSHA Insurance Company. Likewise, jewellery needs to be removed/taped.

Water Bottles

Please remember to bring a full water bottle to all training sessions. Coaches have a responsibility for players health, and can ask players who appear to be dehydrated to leave the training sessions.

With the new longer sessions, together with the summer weather, this is an important issue.

Balls , Balls and more Balls

To assist players to practice their skills away from the Croft Centre, the club have a limited number of new official BiSHA Hockey Balls for sale at only £1.60 each. It is hoped that such an initiative , combined with the branding of the training balls, will see the continued reduction in the number of balls disappearing each week. Please speak to your team manager if you wish to purchase a ball

Keep up to date on all team results, latest SASH league tables and all the latest club news & events at:

WWW.SWINDONFLAMES.COM