



4th August 2009

Dear Member,

I hope that you have had a great summer break and now welcome you back with news for the 2009/10 season.

Training commencing

Men's training is already in full swing, after starting back on the 28th July.

Ladies training is scheduled to begin on the 13th August, @ 18.45, with all ladies training together until coaches divide teams.

Training times are to remain the same as last year.

Monday: Ladies 3rd & 4th, 19.00 – 20.30pm

Tuesday: Men's Teams: 19.00 – 20.30

Ladies 1st & 2nd : 20.30 – 22.00 (Warm up at 20.15)

Thursday: Ladies 1st, 3rd & 4th: 18.45 – 20.00

All men's teams & ladies 2nd: 20.00– 21.30

For insurance purposes it is necessary for all members to pay €30 off their subs before they start their first training session.

For those of you still actively involved in playing, make sure that you attend these training sessions as regularly as possible so that we can begin the season with the strongest squads possible.

New Coaches

A lot of work has been put into getting new coaches for the men's and ladies 1st team for the coming year. This is good news for all Weston teams and the growth of our club going forward.

Alan Browne has been appointed coach/player for the men's 1st team. Alan brings with him an incredible record of 14 years as a senior player with Glenanne in which he won every honour in the domestic game.

The ladies section recently appointed Brian Scully as first team coach and the ex-Fingal and Dublin University first team captain also joins us as a player.

Fundraising

Weston's annual Golf Classic took place in Lucan Golf Club on the 19th July. A great day was enjoyed by all who attended. I would like to thank everybody who helped organise and all the volunteers on the day who make this event happen. This event made over €3,000 for future training and development.

Our fundraising efforts must continue to ensure that our astro pitch is maintained into the future, and that we can invest in training and development. Fundraising events will be organised throughout the season. These will all be advised through the website as soon as dates are agreed.

Ladies open session invite from Brian Scully

All ladies members should have received the following email in recent weeks from Brian.

Hello all,

My name is Brian Scully, and I will be coaching the Ladies 1st XI for the coming season. It is my intention, due to the fact that I am coming in fresh to the club from the outside, to have a series of open sessions for anybody to attend before people train with their respective teams that they may have played on in seasons past. The first of these will take place on Saturday August 22nd.

These sessions will be geared towards anybody who would like to be considered for 1st XI selection for the upcoming season, and also for anybody who just wants to get back into the swing of things for the new season, regardless of which

team in the club you play for. The focus of the sessions will be on improving the execution of basic skills (receiving, passing, hitting, movement etc) and on improving our conditioning.

I look forward to seeing as many of you there as is possible!

Regards,

Brian

Membership Subscriptions

The Club's subscription fees for the 2009/10 season.

	Insurance	Total Sub incl. insurance	If paid by 30/09/09
Junior (U16, U14, U12, U10, U8)	€30	€140	€100
Under 18's	€30	€140	€100
Students attending third level colleges, apprentices and unwaged adults	€30	€220	€170
Full Subscription	€30	€350	€300
Social Member		€30	€30
Associate Member		€200	€170

****Pay Subs before the 30th September 2009 & get discount****

- Please arrange to pay your appropriate subscription to your team captain or a member of the Club's committee before 31st October 2009. Please note that the Club's rules regarding the payment of subscription fees will be strictly enforced. Team captains will be informed that the player is not available for selection and training facilities will not be available to the individual in question.
- We have no wish that any member of the Club should find themselves in this situation, so if you foresee any problem in relation to payment of subscriptions, please contact Adrian Graham so that we may discuss the issue with you in the strictest confidence.
- For insurance purposes it is necessary for all members to pay €30 off their subs before they start their first training session.

Memberships Subscriptions – Direct Debit Mandates

In an attempt to ease payment of the subscriptions for the upcoming season, a Direct Debit facility will be available for the €170 and €300 subscriptions. For those who wish to avail of this facility, payment will be debited from your account over a four month period, September to December. A direct debit form is enclosed with this letter and if you wish to use this method of payment please complete the form and return it to a member of the committee. There will be an additional €4 fee to avail of this facility bringing above subs to €174 and €304 respectively, thus giving four payments of €43.50 or €76.00 per month.

Registration evening, 18th August

This year the club are going to run a registration evening to allow people to sort out subscription in time, to take advantage of discounts and direct debits.

This evening will be held on the 18th August, from 19.00 until 21.00 in the club house.

This will allow people register before or after training on the evening.

The Direct debit form is attached, please print it out and bring it with you filled out to speed up the process.

Annual General Meeting

At the AGM held at Finnstown Country House Hotel in May 2009 the following committee were elected for the 2009/10 season:

Details of the new committee for Weston Hockey Club

Chairman	Emmet Hutchin	087 9190729	emmet_hutchin@colpal.com
Club Secretary	Nicola Harris	087 6371096	nicolaharris222@hotmail.com
Club Treasury	Adrian Graham	087 2948805	adrian.graham@concern.net
Men's Match Secretary	Derek Tucker	087 2420129	dertucker@eircom.net
Ladies Match Secretary	Margaret Ryan	086 8541011	margaretryankennedy@gmail.com
Ladies Club Captain	Anne Kelly	086 8214388	anne.kelly@pkelly.ie
Men's Club Captain	Shane O'Hare	087 6185113	shane@alliedcarpets.ie
Ordinary Members	Garvan Drohan	086 8059890	garvandrohan@gmail.com
	Emer Ryan	087 2769720	emerryan@yahoo.co.uk
	Dean Maguire	086 6053780	maguiredean@hotmail.com
	Karl Taylor	086 8710333	karltaylor9@hotmail.com

The following sub-committees were created to aid the main committee.

Facilities committee:

Ivan Walpole 086 8581280 ivanwalpole@richmondmarketing.com

Youth committee:

Alec Birnie 0872544527 abirnie@bkd.ie

Club Captains

This will be our sixth season having the benefit of club captains, whose role is to supervise the men's and ladies playing sections of the club and to be the direct link for playing members to the committee. Anne Kelly and Shane O'Hare will be helping the match secretaries, coaches, selectors, captains and vice captains ensure that everything is running smoothly during the course of the season. If you feel that there is an item which requires the committee's attention, be it a problem you are having, an idea you have for improving an aspect of the club's approach or just a general comment, Anne and Shane will be on hand to deal with it or pass it on to the committee as necessary.

Junior Hockey

The 2009/2010 Season Junior Hockey Registration will take place on Thursday 03 September 2009 – 7.00pm to 9.00pm in Weston Clubhouse & Saturday 05 September 2009 – 2.00pm to 4.00pm in Weston Clubhouse.

Training will start back on Sunday 13 September 2009

Boys & Girls age groups catered for:

U8, U10, U12, U14 & U16

Places will be limited for further details please contact:

Telephone 086 3590763

Email: westonhc@gmail.com

The Junior Committee is as follows:

Chairperson	Alec Birnie
Secretary	Emmet Hutchin
Treasurer	Margaret Lowry Hayes
Match Secretary	Mairead Darcy
Committee Member	Brian Percy
Committee Member	Barbara Ryan
Committee Member	Leona O'Toole

See note below from Alec

We had a very successful season last year in the Junior Section with the U16's achieving great results in all their matches. We are also very proud of our U14's, U12's, U10's and U8's who are progressing extremely well. There were many successful hockey blitz days during the season with eg. Three Rock Rovers, Suttonians and Glenanne Hockey Clubs.

It is our intention this year to expand the Junior Section of the Club and to promote hockey further for children at local level.

We also intend to engage the services of a professional Coach for our new 2009/2010 hockey season.

We look forward to a busy Junior Hockey Season which will start on 13 September 2009. So if you are interested to experience playing hockey on what is a 'state of the art' floodlit astroturf hockey pitch and with a real family club please contact using above details.

*Alec Birnie
Chairperson Junior Section*

Please use our Website

www.westonhockeyclub.com

As most of you know, all Weston news and happenings appear on the website, so make sure to log in and check it out.

We need you to help keep the website up to date. If anyone has news items and photos from recent Weston events, please send them on to Emer Ryan at emerryan@yahoo.co.uk

Key dates to remember

Men's training 28 th July
Ladies training 13 th August
Registration evening 18 th August
Junior registration 3 rd & 5 th September
Junior training 13 th September

I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Regards
Nicola Harris
Club Secretary