

Old Cranleighan Colts Newsletter 2014/5

Newsletter 13th March 2015

Season 3

Week 19



Week 19 – We are the Champions...(U10's) Girl Power...!

We came, we played, we conquered...! An unbelievable performance by the U10's girls last week as they travelled to Trinity School in Croydon. Set the task of winning the Surrey County HA Plate competition they only went and did it!! After a debate of playing in the cup or the plate competition, the team came back victorious. A fantastic achievement in the grand scheme of things playing against all of the established teams including Surbiton, Woking, Wimbledon, Teddington and Spencer to name a few. In fact 19 teams participated, and with this being our first proper competitive year on the circuit, a real rags to riches story! Well done to everyone involved, players, coaches (Debs, Jo & Adrian), not to forget the fantastic support from the sides of the pitch! Well done!! Here comes the Cup next year...!! The boys didn't fare as well and were far better than going out in the quarter finals this week. Better luck next year boys! This week...some important announcements, so please make sure you turn over to page 2. The Easter Funday is on!! Be there or be very square and not egg shaped..! Not long to go until the end of the season...come on sunshine!! O...C...s!

NB: End of Season Easter Funday...!! Miss it at your peril!!
Plenty for all the family... PTO for more details!

NEXT FIXTURES (22.03.15)

U8's Mixed Tournament at Home v Surbiton (8.30am – 9.45am) TBC – Please update DODDLE ASAP

U12's Girls Surrey Tournament at Old Kingstonian HC (10am – 2.30pm) – Please update DODDLE ASAP



U10's Girls Surrey Plate - CHAMPIONS

Sunday 8th March 2015. A date to remember. Under 10 girls brought home the first serious silverware for OC Colts since the colts section was created just under three years ago. Yes it's true the 10 strong squad beat 19 teams to be crowned champions of Surrey (in the Plate). Here's how they did it:

Six 12 minute games, 7 goals, three penalty flicks, dozens of attacking and defending short corners and excellent team spirit. The first game went off with a bang with outstanding play by Georgina B scoring 2 goals and Miri scoring 1 to see OC win our opening game three - nil. The second game was a tightrope and finished 0-0, our third game we won 1-0 due to a great goal by Amy. Game four was so close with 1-1 and required penalty flicks to decide who went through to the semi-finals.

The semi-final was so exciting even the supporters were starting to really get nervous and as coaches we believed we were Ferguson, Mourinho and Wenger as we played every tactic in the book. Fortunately for OC our goal keeper was on fire Evie triumphed as she saved severally excellent attacks on goal. 4 minutes before the end we scored and as quick as a shot we brought all the attackers of the pitch and our strongest defence held the game as we raced into the final. Leaving Wimbledon in tears on the side, we felt slightly sad for them but our supporters cheering soon made everyone forget about the losers and move on to the crucial final. So the final - the crowd was silent in anticipation - the moment had come for OC to shine. And they did. Once again it was close with 1-0 the final score, as Ellie scored a wonderful reverse stick sweep. OC were the champions.

Huge credit goes to all the girls as all 10 played equal role with the midfield and forwards rotating providing fresh legs and great pace (Evie, Anna, Kirstie, Georgina B and Ellie) while our strong experienced players at the back held firm (Evie T, Amy, Alena, Miri and Georgia W).

Without wanting to over egg the whole thing ... We were absolutely brilliant...!

Coach Debs, Jo & Adrian

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Player of the Day...!

Excellent work on the pitch again by all players, even the sun shone throughout the session as it smiled on so much talent and improvement in the sessions. Lots of the player of the day awards this week, so many we nearly ran out of space. However if you have not had your medal or even your picture in the newsletter and you have won the award, please email a selfie to ochccolts@gmail.com with a picture of your coveted medal around your neck!! Only a few weeks to go.....work hard, listen and play hard, but play fair....!!



U10's Boys Surrey HA Tournament

We entered the Surrey plate competition in good heart and with a close to full strength squad. Having competed well against a number of the stronger Cup teams our hopes were high. In the end the boys were disappointed to exit at the quarter final stage but it was valuable competitive match play experience and we will be all the better for it at the same time next year. Despite a lengthy warm up we began our group matches in an all too familiar lethargic manner and quickly found ourselves 2 nil down against a good Guildford side. Credit to the boys for coming back strongly in the second 'half' of the game when we shaded possession and chances but were unable to convert and so began our campaign with a loss.

This appeared to jolt the boys out of their "isn't it a lovely spring morning" mindset and they set about the opposition in their final two group games with gusto winning both comfortably. We then started the quarter finals in similar fashion and quickly went ahead with Alexander showing good pace and a deft touch to score. Unfortunately we missed a number of good chances to put the game to bed and were left to rue this as the opp came back with two well worked moves down the right hand side both of which led to goals, the second via a well taken short corner. The big lessons here were threefold. 1) we must play with a natural bias towards the right and keep the ball – and our players – moving at greater speed on what is the opponents weak side; 2) we must continue to work on our hitting and shooting; and 3) don't let Gavin give demonstrations with a your child's stick (sorry Lloyd!). We should have done a lot better but a hard lesson at this point in their hockey 'careers' won't do any harm. Special mention to Finn in goal who had little to do in most games but did well when called upon, and also helped out a team in another group meaning he played almost constantly through the morning! And a big thank you to Terry for his help coaching the boys all season and to all the parents / supporters.

Coach Terry & Gav

SPOT THE BALL "Ouch...!"

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Rewards
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**COMPETITION
COMING SOON**
Watch this
space..!



OC's CLUB
EASTER FUNDAY
Sunday March 29th 2015

The OC Club would like to invite you to an Easter Funday to celebrate the end of season.

There is plenty going on at the Club in Thames Ditton both on the pitches including:

OCHC Colts (Juniors) End of season hockey session
9.45am & 10.45am – 12noon

OC Mini Rugby (Juniors) last session before Easter
10.30am – 12.30pm

OCHC's 1st XI Men's Hockey v Sevenoaks HC 1st XI Men's Hockey
12.30pm – 2pm

Surrey Hockey Association Cup Final
2.30pm – 4pm

As well as off the pitch:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Grand Easter Raffle
- Barbeque / Spit Roast
- Tug of War Competition
- Bouncy Castles & Inflatables
- Full Bar and Catering Available

**FREE
ENTRY**

Old Cranleigh Club, Portsmouth Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey KT7 0HB

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