

## **Chairman's Report Basingstoke Junior Ice Hockey Development Club**

### **The playing Year**

A good year playing wise with all age groups playing A league hockey in the 2011/12 season.

### **Under 10s**

Coached by Stewart Wright, the team finished 8<sup>th</sup> out of 13 clubs in the U10 South League . There were many problems in this league with games being forfeited if you did not field 16 players on the day. The u10's lost points on some games they actually won by over 10 goals because they were one short on the bench on game day .

### **Under 12s**

Finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the under 12's A South league which was a great result as many believed that the Team would drop down a league at the start of the Season .The Arrival of Coach Natz Aldridge changed the whole season for the under 12's who became a more competitive team, showing improved structure to their hockey and a much improved team spirit .

### **Under 14s**

Went undefeated in Under 14 B league South to win the league without dropping a point. A great result for Leah White and her team who managed to develop and use all of the players in her Squad. Next years U14 Team will now compete in the U14 A League South.

### **Under 16s**

Coached by Andy Compton the team finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in The Under 16's A League South and narrowly missed going to the National finals.

### **U18s**

Coached by Andy Compton, the team finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the Under 18's league South. A great performance for this team as most of the team were U16 players playing up. A good effort in a tough U18 league

## **Representative Honours For Basingstoke Players**

U10 Sam Brooks was selected for the South West Conference Under 11 side and has been selected to attend an under 11 England Trial.

U14 Jordan Lawday was selected for the South West Conference Under 13 side

U16 Hugo Tibbits was selected for the South West Conference Under 15 side and under 16 England Team.

Cameron Wynn was selected for the South West Conference Under 17 side and the Under 16 England Team

Jake Florey was selected for the South West Conference Under 17 side

Connor Standing was selected for the South West Conference Under 17 side, the under 16 England and GB Teams

As well as players we have Coaches who are working within the South-West Conference set up. These include Graham Watt Head Coach U17 ,Nicky Watt assistant coach U17, Ryan Watt Assist coach U15 and Craig Agass, South West Goalie Coach.

## **The Club**

The Club ran fairly smoothly for the whole year without too many issues .This was due for the most part by the efforts put in by the team Managers and Coaches and Treasurers. These people give up so much of their time along with the parents who help on match days with the off ice tasks which need to be done in order to put the teams on the ice .

Many thanks to the board members who work so hard to keep the club running.

Carol Chandler our treasurer who puts in endless hours to see that we have the fees in from players to pay the ice bill each month and deals with the ever increasing work load that Registration involves.

Keith Hope Fixture Secretary who battles with the difficult task of ensuring that teams get the game time they need to fulfil fixtures in a very busy rink schedule.

Carol Anne Watt Secretary who helps deal with the Administrative side of the Club, is Our Child Protection Officer and Chairs the South West and Southern Area Committees.

Graham Watt, our Head Coach .

Many thanks to to our Coaching Staff: Graham Watt, Stewart Wright, Natz Aldridge, Leah White, Andy Compton and Craig Agass who were assisted by, Stuart Mogg, Matt Lawday, Russell Coker and Mickey Walker. Without these guys giving up their time each week the Club would simply not function.

Once again The Club faces a tough year, increases in ice time cost and the loss of any Council funding means fees are reaching a point where many people have to make sacrifices to enable their kids to play hockey .

The Club needs to broaden its outlook and attract more players of all levels to increase the playing numbers .The SticknPuck program will be replaced by “Lets Play Hockey “ Scheme which will use weekend sessions to identify potential players and then help incorporate them into the u10 and u12 teams practice sessions during the season .We must increase the number of kids playing at the club or the fees will get to a level that is not sustainable by most families.

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