

Welcome back everyone to the 2018/19 season. Hopefully by now you will have all shaken off the dust from your hockey sticks and you are ready for action.

Welcome especially to our new players: Abbie, Ali, Ali, Aiveen, Anna, Aoife, Cathy, Catherine, Deirdre, Doreen, Jessica, Maeve, Rachel, Ruth, Shauna, Sinéad and Susie. (Apologies if anyone is left out!) Welcome also to Deirdre, our new 1sts coach. We hope that you will all enjoy being a part of our club.

The season gets underway on Saturday, 29th September, 2018. We have four teams competing in the Leinster League in Divisions 4, 8, 10 and 11.

On **Saturday, 6th October**, all our teams will be playing at home. Don't forget if you have time to spare on Saturday before or after your own game, come along and support one of our other teams. On this day, we will be holding our annual **BOTANIC BIG BREAKFAST**. There will be plenty to eat for players and supporters, and if it is anything like last year's event, wear your expandable tracksuit!



COMMITTEE AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS

Botanic Hockey Club is like a swan - athletic, beautiful and serene. How do we accomplish this? Easily, because like a swan, underneath there are a lot of volunteers who are paddling furiously. This season's paddlers are:

Committee:

- **Co-Club Captains** – Anne Murphy and Phil Gallagher
- **Club Secretary** – Siobhán Dolphin
- **Treasurer/Garda Vetting** – Orla Murphy
- **Strategic planning** – Mikayla Sherlock
- **Leinster Representative and Registrations Secretary** – Mo Smyth
- **Events and Fundraising Coordinators** – Emma Hinchy and Eimear Godfrey
- **Junior Liaison** – Claire Doyle

Other roles/responsibilities:

- **Junior Coordinator and Children's Officer** – Claire Doyle
- **Designated Liaison Person** – Anne Murphy
- **Junior Fixtures** – Nora Lee
- **Fixtures' Secretary** – Helen Pender
- **Pitch rentals** – Miriam Horan
- **First Aid Kits** – Maeve Andrews
- **Selectors** - Ann Murray, Carmel Ryan and Marie McDonnell

Junior Coaches

- Claire Boughton (Junior Co-ordinator and Fixtures)
- Maria Valdez Cortez
- Mary Gallagher
- Afric McGill
- Emma Hinchy (Junior Results Secretary)
- Jenni Clifford
- Eimear Godfrey
- Mary Esther English
- Frances Aketch
- Georgie Kavanagh (Assistant Coach—parent)



Strategy Planning Group

- Mikayla Sherlock
- Siobhán Dolphin
- Holly Furlong
- Afric McGill
- Roisin Quinn

Coaches:

- 1sts** - Deirdre McDermott and Ian Fitzgerald
- 2nds** - Karen Fitzell
- 3rds** - Lorraine Killeen
- 4ths** - Katherine Daly
- Goalies** - Karen Fitzell

TRAINING TIMES

Training times are as follows:

Monday

- 7 pm—8.30 pm 2nds, 3rds and Goalie training
- 8 pm—8.30 pm Physical fitness for ALL and Goalie training
- 8.00 pm—9.30 pm 1sts and 4ths

Wednesday

- 7.30 pm—9 pm 1sts and 2nds
- 9 pm—10 pm Free for back matches, internal games, extra coaching etc.

To support your team and to build team spirit it is very important that you come to training. This year we aim to be a physically fit club! All club members will be partaking in physical fitness for half an hour together on Mondays. This is a great way to get to know everyone in the club, so make sure you stay after your training, or come down before your training to take part. Remember, we in Botanic want to be **“First to the ball and last to give up!”**



PAVILION CLEAN-UP

Thanks to all those who took part in the clean up and painting of the pavilion. It looks absolutely amazing - clean, fresh and just the place to tuck into some delicious and well-deserved cakes and biscuits after our matches. Thanks to the volunteers who gave up precious hours to turn everything blue and yellow - Emma and Eimear for organising the clean up, Karen, Philo, Kathryn (Digger), Mo, Murph, Lucy McG, Jessica, Cathy and the three little helpers - Ava, Emma and Sarah. Thanks also to Maria Valdez Cortez for the beautiful and inspiring artwork inside the pavilion. Take time to admire it when you are enjoying that lovely cup of tea.

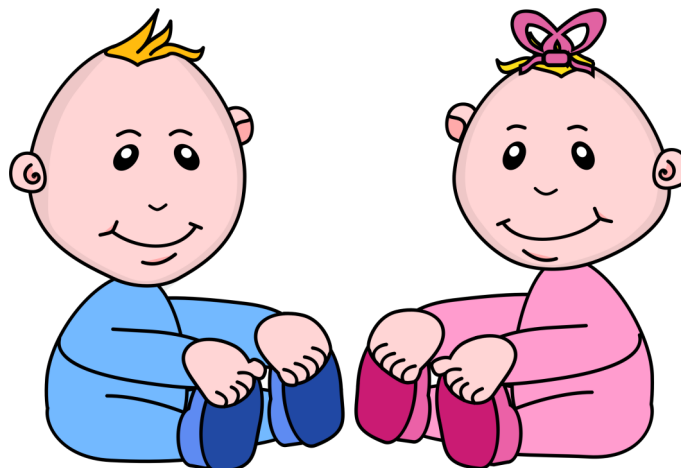


We are extremely grateful to John Donnelly who has rescued us once again by spending many hours this summer repairing the floor of the pavilion.

BOTANIC BABY BOOM

Babies, babies, everywhere!

Congratulations to Mikayla, Siobhán, Eva, Bríd, Deirdre and Niamh-Kim on the births of their babies, Christian, Éabha, Alexandra, Seán, Aisling and Darragh. We look forward to seeing them down at the club cheering on their mummies!



CAR BOOT SALE

The car boot sales are a great fundraiser for Botanic Hockey Club. Helen Walsh organises these fundraisers with help from Philo and Orla Donnelly.

For each car boot sale, Helen asks a different team to help out on the day. The more people who help out the easier they are to run. So, step up when it's your turn.

The next car boot sale will be on **Sunday, 21st October**.



SAFEGUARDING COURSE

Congratulations to all those who took part in a Safeguarding Course on Thursday, 13th September, 2018. This course, which was run by Hockey Ireland, educated us on how to keep children and young people safe while they are playing in our club. Certificates were awarded to Afric McGill, Ian Fitzgerald, Mary Gallagher, Maeve Andrews, Anne Murphy, Emma Hinchy, Eimear Godfrey, Mary Esther English, Phil Gallagher, Mikayla Sherlock, Siobhán Dolphin, Maria Valdez Cortez, Orla Purcell, Georgie Kavanagh and Katherine Daly. A second course will be organised shortly for those who were unable to attend.

FEES DUE

Don't forget to pay your fees before Sunday, 30th September, 2018, to avail of the early bird discount. This year's fee are:

SENIOR CLUB

- **Senior Full fee** €320 - Early Bird paid before 30/09/18 (€350 after 30/09/18)
- **Senior Student fee** €165 - Early Bird paid before 30/09/18 (€190 after 30/09/18).
- **School Girl (Senior Club)** - €115 Early Bird paid before 30/09/18 (€140 after 30/09/18)
- **Unwaged** - €165 Early Bird paid before 30/09/18 (€190 after 30/09/18)
- **Associate** - €20 Early Bird paid before 30/09/18 (€30 after 30/09/18)

JUNIOR CLUB

- **Junior fees** €110 - Early Bird paid before 27/10/18 (€130 after 27/10/18).
- Junior club fees must be paid in one instalment.

[Here's the link](#) for registering and paying your fees online.

You will find a copy of the member's **code of conduct** [here](#). And the junior club's code of conduct [here](#).

If you've any queries about fees for the season, please email Orla Murphy at botanictreasurer@gmail.com