



# Alliance International Hockey Club

## Newsletter 2019-4

Dear Friends,

Herewith you receive our fourth newsletter in 2019.

In this newsletter you will in the first place find a **Message from the President** regarding the merger of the WGMA and IMHA into the new WMH (World Masters Hockey) organization, the consequences of this for Alliance, the search by WMH for volunteers for their Committees and for last but not least a call to our younger members to step up and start for the succession of the sitting and ageing members of the Alliance Committee.

Further you will find some reporting regarding the tournaments wherein Alliance has participated earlier this year this year and off-course you will, as always, find the **Tournament Calendar** with news regarding the remaining Asian Cup tournament in 2019, but also regarding the recently received invitation for a **tournament in Cape Town still to be held this year in November** and off course regarding **tournaments in 2020**.

We have updated our website with these tournaments in the second half of August and have opened nominations for all these tournaments except for the Asian Cup in Donghae, South Korea, as it was over-subscribed.

Attached to this newsletter you will find the Draft Minutes of the Alliance General Assembly held in Brasschaat on the 2<sup>3rd</sup> of June 2019 and a report from Ishbel Dickens regarding the womens activities this year.

### 1 Message from the President

Alliance has had another very successful year, and we continue to grow, particularly in the women's section. To field 5 men's teams and 2 women's teams at the European Championships in Brasschaat was a major accomplishment. I would again like to thank our Committee, particularly Ishbel and Maarten, for all the hard work they have put in during the year.

Maarten will add more details about past and future events, however I would like to encourage as many members as possible to nominate for the major events next year, the World Cups in South Africa and Tokyo. Everyone knows that South Africa is very good value for money, however, there seems to be a belief that Tokyo will be overly expensive. I am assured that we will be able find hotels at about the same price as we pay in Europe and details will be forthcoming in due course. The price of everything else is also comparable to Europe, and food is good value, particularly if you eat Japanese food.

Please sign up as soon as you are able to, as we will have less flexibility than in Europe, and will have to firm up teams months in advance. Details are on the website.

The main issue that has been hanging over us for a while now is the amalgamation of the WGMA and IMHA into the new WMH (World Masters Hockey) organisation. This is now a done deal, and from next year onwards all major tournaments will be under the umbrella of WMH. Alliance are well represented on the WMH Board by Ishbel. She is also Chair of the organisation's Events Committee.

The main changes that we are likely to face going forwards is that the age groupings at tournaments may change. In addition, as you are aware, next year the women are playing their World Cup at a different time and place to the men, which somewhat fractures our club. In addition it is possible that going forward, that the men's age groupings might change, however this has not yet been decided.

One of the impacts on Alliance is that we won't be able to hold an Annual General Assembly as we do at present at the major tournament of the year, with both men and women present. This is a shame and it will be a challenge for us to retain cohesiveness within the Club. One of the ways we can do this is for as many of you as possible, both men and women, to attend the secondary tournaments such as Tilburg and Bra. If we get enough representation at one or other of these, we could perhaps hold our AGA then. Anyway this is all yet to be decided.

The other most important issue that arises out of the formation of WMH is that fact that it will cover age groups from 35 upwards. IMHA introduced a Spirit of Masters competition, which is the equivalent to our Tournament Trophy, however participation has been limited to-date. It is hoped that under WMH, this might grow and one of the challenges facing us will be to extend our reach to the younger age groups. For us to be able to do this we will need some of our younger members to get actively involved, as they are more likely to know younger players who might be interested in forming an e.g. 55's team.

**In any event in due course we are looking for younger members within Alliance to step up and start replacing some of the older members of our Committee – myself included! If anyone is willing, able and has the time to assist, please get in contact with Maarten, Ishbel or myself. This is important for the future of Alliance.**

In addition, WMH are looking for volunteers to sit on their Committees. The Committees are: Events & Technical, Finance & Commercial, Technology, and Communications & Development.

***If any of you feel you are qualified and interested in sitting on one of the above Committees, please let Ishbel or me know. In particular I believe that Alliance has a role to play in terms of Development, as it is an aspiration of WMH to expand the number of players and participating nations in Masters hockey. We are at present the only organisation that provides playing opportunities for players from the smaller countries, who are not able to send teams to tournaments.***

## **2 Reports of tournaments wherein Alliance participated this year**

Alliance has participated this year in the Jaques Levy Luc Ronchin tournament in **Lille** end March with a men's team, with a mixed team in **Wellingborough** in April, with one men's and two women's teams in **Tilburg** at the end of April, with four men's and two women's teams in the **EC Brasschaat** in the last two weeks of June and finally with a 55+ women's team in **the Master EC in Krefeld** in August.

You can find a lot of pictures made in Tilburg and Brasschaat on our website under "Snapshots". We ask and hope to receive some reports which will be put in next newsletter.

## **3 Remaining tournaments for this year**

The next tournament this year in which we have confirmed participation is the 5th **Grand Masters Hockey Asian Cup 2019 to be held in Donghae, South-Korea during from 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2019**. We are going with a team of 15 players (nomination list closed) and the team and stay in Donghae is organised by our president David Fargus personally.

Recently we received an invitation for the **Africa Invitational Series Hockey 2019 for men and women to be held in Cape town, South Africa, from 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2019**.

We are invited to participate in the men's O60, O65, O70 and O75 competition and in the women's O55 competition

***Considering the short period left until November, please nominate yourself shortly.***

In the **Tournament Calendar** below you will find information regarding the 2020 tournaments for which Alliance has already been invited.

Information regarding these tournaments can be found on our website <https://alliancehockey.net>. The website will be regularly updated with the latest information, including those who have nominated themselves for any of these tournaments.

You can nominate yourself for any of these tournaments by sending an email with nomination request to [secretary@alliancehockey.net](mailto:secretary@alliancehockey.net).

## 4 The Tournament Calendar for the remainder of 2019

### 5th Grand Masters Hockey Asian Cup 2019 in Donghae, South-Korea



Men and Women  
17<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.  
Donghae

Participation fee: EUR 70 pp  
**Nomination list is closed.**

### Africa Invitational Series Hockey 2019 in Cape town, South Africa



Men and women  
men's O60, O65, O70 and O75 competition  
women's O55 competition  
20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> of November 2019.  
Additional information to follow as soon as received.  
**Nomination list is open**

## 5 The Tournament Calendar 2020

Next to the two above mentioned tournaments in 2019 we received invitations for the below mentioned tournaments which are to be held in 2020.

You can find information regarding these tournaments on our website <https://alliancehockey.net>

The website will be regularly updated with the latest information, including those who have nominated themselves for any of these tournaments.

### Super Veterans Tournament LUC Ronchin Jacques Levy



Men & Women  
13<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
LUC Ronchin Hockey Lille (France)

Participation fee unknown yet  
Cut-off date: 15-12 2020.

The schedule of the tournament is from Friday 10:00 a.m. to Sunday 3:30 p.m.  
Additional information to follow as soon as received  
**Nominations list (men and women) is open.**

## Wellingborough 11-a-side Alliance Women – LX Ladies,



Women

16<sup>th</sup> of April 2020

Kettering Hockey Club

Wrenn School Astro, London Road Wellingborough (England)

Participation fee unknown

Cut-off date: Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

Additional information on the website

**Nominations list (women) is open.**

## Wellingborough 7-a-side tournament O-70/75



Men, Women or Mixed

17th April 2020 – 19th April 2020

Kettering Hockey Club

Wrenn School Astro, London Road Wellingborough (England)

Participation fee GBP 35 including a buffet meal at Saturday

Cut-off date: Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

Additional information on the website

**Nominations list (men & women) is open.**

The tournament consists of the National Over 75 Championship (with additional entries from the Over 80s and LX Ladies) and an open competition for those who aspire to be playing after they reach their magic 75th year (“Aspirants”). Alliance will play in the Aspirants competition. While there is no specific age limit on the Aspirants, it is aimed at those players round about the 70 mark (60+ for the ladies).

Play will commence at about 09.30 each day (subject to the number of entries).

Matches are 2 x 20 minute halves on half a pitch, with a 5 minute half-time.

All players and companions (at cost of GBP 18) are invited to a buffet at Kettering club-house on Saturday evening.

Accommodation:

– Premier Inn, London Road, Wellingborough. Tel 0870 1977262.

300 yards from the pitch. Best booked on the internet.

– Ibis, Enstone Court, Wellingborough. Tel 01933 228333

About 3 miles away

– Hind Hotel 38 Sheep Street, Wellingborough. Tel 01933 222827

In the town centre, about 800 yards from the pitch.

## 5th International Super Veterans Tournament, HC Tilburg



Men 60+ and 68+ & Women 55+  
24 April 2020 – 26 April 2020  
HC Tilburg, Bredaseweg 447 Tilburg (Netherlands)

Participation fee unknown yet

Cut-off date: Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

We are aiming to participate with two men's (preferably 60+ and 68+) and two women's teams.

**Nominations list (men & women) are open.**

**We expect** that as in the past a number of hotels in the neighbourhood of HC Tilburg will be selected with a special price arrangement. You can find these in due time on the website [www.isvt.eu](http://www.isvt.eu) under the button: Lodging

**We expect** at Friday evening a Buffet and at Saturday evening a Dinner and Dance. Costs unknown yet.

For additional information see the Tournament Website [www.isvt.eu](http://www.isvt.eu)

Additional information to follow as soon as received.

## International Hockey Masters Tournament Bra Italy 2020



Men 60+, 65+ and 70+  
Women 55+  
1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 – 5th July 2020  
Bra, Italy

Participation fee unknown yet

Cut-off date: Feb 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Nominations list (men & women) are open.**

### Expected program

Wednesday 1 July      10:00 TM Meeting, and Officials Meeting  
                                 11:00 -19.00 h matches  
                                 20:00 h welcome drinks and snacks at the Club House  
Thursday 2 July :      09:00 -19.30 h matches  
Friday 3 July :      09:00 -19.30 h matches  
Saturday 4 July :      09:00 -19.30 h matches  
Sunday 5 July:      09:00 -14.30 matches  
                                 15:30 prize giving and farewell drink

The program may change depending on the number of participating teams.

During the tournaments many activities will be organized for the guests, players and supporters, like winery visits, historical monuments and castles visits, courses of wine tasting and cooking, bike tours, etc. etc.. All will be communicated in the spring of 2020 by a special newsletter to all participating teams.

### Bra Accommodation Info !

Due of the limited numbers of hotels in the town of Bra and the huge number of coming people the Organizing Committee have reserved from now all possible rooms in the better and biggest hotel in the area, prices are from € 40,00 to € 100,00 night for person, every TM of team, who confirmed his participation to the

tournament, have to contact the Organizing Committee and ask for a personal reservation code to be used for team hotel reservation, without this number the hotels will not give any room.

Please mail [g.puglia53@gmail.com](mailto:g.puglia53@gmail.com)

### **Grand Masters Hockey World Cup 2020 Tokio.**



Men 60+, 65+, 70+ and 75+

5<sup>th</sup> November 2020– 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Oi Olympic Hockey Field, 4-1-9 Yashio Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo (Japan)

We aim to go with one men's teams in every age category

Participation fee: unknown yet

Cut-off date: February 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

See Newsletter 1 WMH 2020 Tokio

Additional information to follow as soon as received.

**Nomination lists for men are open**

### **2020 World Masters World Cup 2020, Cape Town.**



Men 55+

Women 55+, 60+ and 65+

19 September 2020 – 29 September 2020

Cut-off date: Feb 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

Additional information to follow as soon as received.

**Nomination list is open**

**You can nominate yourself for any of these tournament by sending an email to:**

**[secretary@alliancehockey.net](mailto:secretary@alliancehockey.net)**