



Alliance International Hockey Club

Newsletter 2019-2

Dear Friends,

This is, already shortly after the first newsletter, the second newsletter in 2019.

The main reason is that we are urgently looking for additional Men O-60 and O-75 players for the European Cup in Brasschaat. There is also still room for players in the Men O-65 and O-70 teams.

So please nominate yourself shortly, if you are interested and look around for players and spread the word!

We confirm that all players that have nominated themselves up to now are also selected. We might decide to transfer some players from O-65 to O-60 (if available/possible) and from O-70 to O-75 (with permission from WGMA). But nevertheless we need more players to go ahead. Practise matches are planned Tuesday 18th in the afternoon against Southern Cross.

The first two hockey tournaments in 2019 are already nearing i.e. Wellingborough and Jacques Levy LUC Ronchin, Lille, France.

For **Wellingborough** we received 6 nominations. We managed to have a local GK making 7 players including GK. As this is (just) sufficient, we decided to go ahead and register. Such although we prefer to have one more player.

If you are interested in this informal and very pleasant tournament, please **nominate for the last place in the team by email to secretary@alliancehockey.net.**

For **Jacques Levy LUC Ronchin, Lille**, we received 13 nominations in the meantime and consequently we go ahead and have registered a team. Please look for updated information regarding this tournament in the Tournament Calendar below.

We are proud to announce that we have received sufficient nominations in the meantime to participate with a **women's O-55 team** in the **2019 Master European Cup in Krefeld, Germany, for O-50 and O-55 divisions**, 8th -15th of August, where we are invited to participate in a by IMHA for the first time to be held tournament trophy competition known as the '**Spirit of Masters**' (non-elite) tournament for European and non-European (national) teams. There is however still some place for additional O-55 women players and we ask you to look around and spread the word.

In this newsletter you will find **information from Ishbel Dickens regarding Alliance women's section.**

Additionally we attach the latest February 2019 **Newsletter of World Masters Hockey (WMA)**, the successor of both WGMA and IMHA. **Next to that we are happy to report that we have been informed that Alliance International Hockey Club will be accepted as a member of WMA as it was with WGMA.**

Finally you will off-course find in the **Tournament Calendar** below updated information regarding the tournaments wherein Alliance is participating.

We remark that with regard to:

- The **4th International Super Veterans Tournament in Tilburg, The Netherlands** (26th - 28th of April 2019). We are going to participate with two women and one men's team. Considering the number of nominations received, we decided to close the nomination list and have opened a reserve list.

- **5th Grand Masters Hockey Asian Cup 2019 in Donghae, South-Korea**, (17th -23rd October 2019). Considering the number of nominations we decided to close the nomination list and to open a reserve list.

Information regarding these tournaments can also be found on our website <http://www.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 to **secretary@alliancehockey.net**.

We remark that due to over-subscription some of the nominations lists are closed, such as Tilburg (men and women), Brasschaat (women) and Korea (men). However we have opened reserve lists in case that a cancellation occurs due to injuries or whatsoever.

Alliance Women

As Chair of the Women's Section, I am delighted that our numbers continue to grow, with new players from Canada, Australia, Scotland, and New Zealand joining us so far in 2019.

This growth in membership allows Alliance to enter two women's teams in the Super Veterans Tournament in Tilburg, April 26-28; and in the WGMA Tournament Trophy being held in Brasschaat, Belgium from 19-30 June we will have both an O60 and an O65 women's team.

I am also delighted to report that as per a decision by the Executive Committee we plan to enter an O55 women's team in the IMHA "Spirit of Masters" tournament, being held in conjunction with their European Cup in Krefeld, August 8-17.

It is wonderful to see the growth in women's hockey at the Masters and Grand Masters levels. I think much of this has to do with the recognition that women have a strong role to play in keeping the game alive. Indeed, at the WGMA annual meeting last year, it was fortunate that an opportunity occurred for Daan Holsboer to nominate me for a position on the WGMA board, which, if it had been allowed to stand, would have doubled the representation of women on that board! Unfortunately, adhering to parliamentary procedure meant that the vote in my favor was null and void. However, I did then volunteer to help in any way I could and thus I was asked to take over responsibility for some of the work involved in putting on this year's WGMA European Cup!

Given my involvement with Masters and Grand Masters hockey I have recently been invited to join the interim Board of the World Masters Hockey (WMH) association which is the merger, at FIH's request, of both the IMHA and the WGMA. I have accepted the invitation and look forward to making the transition as seamless as possible for all involved.

I am thrilled to be able to represent women hockey players in whatever capacity makes the most sense. We love the game, want to keep playing as long as possible, and enjoy the new and renewing friendships we make every year.

Please encourage other players to join Alliance - it is a fun opportunity to play with women from all over the world. I look forward to seeing many of you in Tilburg, Brasschaat, and Krefeld in the months ahead.

Best,
Ishbel Dickens,
Chair, Women's Section, AIHC.

The Tournament Calendar for 2019

We received invitations for the following tournaments in 2019:



Super Veterans Tournament Jacques Levy

Men & Women

15 March 2019 – 17 March 2019

LUC Ronchin Hockey Lille (France)

Participation fee EUR 25 pp

*Cut-off date: 20-02-2019. **We have registered a team***

*Nominations list (men and women) is **closed (number of nominations 13).***

We have opened a reserve list.

The schedule of the tournament is from Friday 1:00 p.m. to Sunday 3:30 p.m.

On Friday and Saturday, you play in one or two pools of teams, depending of the number of teams, and on Sunday we will organize matches for the final classification.

You will play each game in 2*15 min or 2*20 min., depending of the final organization in one or two groups.

Friday 15th:

1:00 pm (13 h 00): welcome of the teams and beginning of the games.

6:30 pm. (18 h 30): last match

Saturday 16th:

9:30 am (9h 30): Beginning of the matches

Hot home made lunch by our Chief « Alain » in the club – house 16 €

6:00 pm (18 h): Last match

7:30 pm (19 h 30): Aperitif in the lounges of the Hôtel Mercure Lille-Aéroport

8:00 pm (20 h 00): Aperitif and Buffet at the Mercure Lille-Aéroport with the participation of the band «#collector » 30 € (Drinks included: water, coke, coffee or tea)

Sunday 17th:

9:30 a.m. (9h 30): Beginning of the matches

Cold Buffet Home made by « Alain » in the club – house 16 €

2:30 p.m. (14 h 30) : Award ceremony

3:30 p.m. (15 h 30) : End of the tournament

We can offer for the accompanying persons a free visit of the Museum des Beaux Arts of Lille, with a guide in English language (for more information on the museum see <http://www.pba-lille.fr>) .

Please say us quickly if you want to participate to this visit, because the number of places is limited.



Wellingborough 7-a-side tournament O-70, Kettering Hockey Club

Men, Women or Mixed

12 April 2019 – 14 April 2019

Wrenn School Astro, London Road Wellingborough (England)

Participation fee GBP 30 including a buffet meal at Saturday

Nominations list (men and women) is **open (number of nominations including GK 7). Captain: Peter Terleski**

Cut-off date: 15-02-2019. **We have registered a team.**

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 12) 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.



4th International Super Veterans Tournament, HC Tilburg

Men 60+ and 68+ & Women 55+

26 April 2019 – 28 April 2019

HC Tilburg, Bredaseweg 447 Tilburg (Netherlands)

Participation fee to be decided

Nomination lists (men and women) are **closed**. **We have opened a reserve list.**

We will participate with one men's and two women's team.

A number of hotels in the neighbourhood of HC Tilburg have been selected with a special price arrangement. You can find these on the website www.isvt.eu under the button: Lodging (select a hotel and then use the button Special Arrangements). Don't wait too long as there are 40 teams coming to Tilburg.

Friday April 26th the captains meeting starts at 12.30 PM. The matches will start at 13.00 PM. All teams play 8 matches: 2 on Friday, 4 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. The Finals will be played at 14.05 PM.

If you want to attend the social functions (not obliged), there is at Friday evening an Italian Buffet for EUR 15 pp and at Saturday evening a Dinner and Dance for EUR 32.50 pp. The finals start on Sunday at about 14.00 hrs.

For additional information see the Tournament Website www.isvt.eu



Grand Masters Hockey European Cup 2019.

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

19 June 2019 – 29 June 2019

KHC Dragons, Sportendreef 1, 2930 Brasschaat (Belgium).

Participation fee: EUR 70 pp.

We aim to go with two men's O-70 teams.

Nomination lists for men are **open** (see website) and for women are **closed**.

Cut-off date: February 25th 2019

We have been able to get an option until 31st of March for an only restricted number of one-person (EUR 88.- /day including breakfast) and two-person (EUR 101.-/day including Breakfast) rooms in Van der Valk Hotel Dennenhof, Bredabaan 940, B-2930 Maria ter Heide (Brasschaat).

You have to reserve the hotel yourself by sending an e-mail to info@dennenhof.valk.com with the reference DEN-GF13009. For other hotels see the booking site:

info@antwerpconventionbureau.be

Website of the tournament: www.eurocupgm2019.com



2019 European Master Championships, Krefeld.

Men and Women **O-50 and O-55**

8th -15th of August

Crefelder HTC 1890 Hüttenallee, Krefeld, Germany.

Participation fee: EUR 70 pp.

We intend to participate with a Women's O-55 team.

Nomination list is **open** (Number of nominations 10).

Cut-off date: Feb 20th 2019, but we have already decided to register a team.

Additional information to follow as soon as received.



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

Men and Women

17th -23rd October 2019.

Participation fee: EUR 70 pp.

Nomination list (**men**) is **closed**. **We have opened a reserve list.**

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

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