



Alliance International Hockey Club

Newsletter 2019-5

Dear Friends,

The end of the year is coming nearer and the last tournament wherein Alliance participated in 2019, the Asian Cup in Donghae in South Korea, has ended a month ago already. Below you will find a report of that tournament by David Fargus.

In the meantime we are already looking forward to coming year's tournaments and together with that to the time lines we need for the decisions, whether we will participate or not in these tournaments and. if yes, with how many men's and women's teams in the different age categories.

We have in the meantime received **invitations for seven tournaments:**

- **Super Veterans Tournament Jacques Levy LUC Ronchin, Lille, France**
13–15th March 2020 Men 60+
- **Wellingborough Kettering Hockey Club, Wellingborough England**
16th of April 2020 **11-a-side match Alliance Women O60 – LX Ladies**
17 – 19th April 2020 **7-a-side tournament** Men (O70/75 and O80), Women (O60) or mixed team
- **5th International Super Veterans Tournament Tilburg, The Netherlands**
24th – 26th April 2020 Men 60+ and 68+ & Women 55+ We have registered two men's 68+ teams and two women's teams.
- **20th International Hockey Masters Tournament Eburons Royal Racing Club Brussels**
21-13th of May 2020 Men & Women
- **International Hockey Masters Tournament Bra Italy 2020**
1st– 5th July 2020 Men 60+, 65+ and 70+ & Women 55+
- **World Masters Hockey World Cup 2020 in Cape Town**
19 – 29 September 2020 Men 50+ and 55+ & Women 50+, 55+, 60+ and 65+
We are aiming at a men's 55+ team and one team in the women's 55+, 60+ and 65+ classes
- **World Masters Hockey World Cup 2020 for men in Tokio**
5 – 15th November 2020 Men 60+, 65+, 70+ and 75+
Oi Olympic Hockey Field, 4-1-9 Yashio Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo (Japan)

Extensive information regarding these tournaments can be found below in the Tournament

Calendar. This includes hotel information and information regarding dinners, lunches and parties as far as available.

Information regarding these tournaments can also be found on our website <http://www.alliancehockey.net> under both the button **“Tournaments”** (*click on the logo of a tournament for additional information of this tournament*) and/or under **“About Alliance/ Latest News”**.

The website will be regularly updated with the latest information, including about those who have in the meantime nominated themselves for any of these tournaments (*click on “Tournaments” and then on “Nominations” under the relevant tournament*).

We remark that nominations for some tournaments, especially Tilburg and Bra are going fast and are already near full subscription.

The **deadline** for the decision regarding our participation in almost all these tournaments is coming near too. This is both because the respective tournament committees have set a deadline and as our members who have already nominated for especially Tokio and Cape Town want to book flight and hotel early because of cost reasons and to secure availability. See the Tournament Calendar below and especially the website which will be regularly updated.

Consequently we have to ask you to consider your nomination for the different tournaments at short notice and this might be much earlier than you were used to in the last three years for the WC in Barcelona and the EC in Glasgow and Brasschaat.

You can nominate yourself for any of these tournaments by sending an email with nomination request to secretary@alliancehockey.net.

Before we turn to the Report of the Asian Cup and the Tournament Calendar we like to remind you of the call to our younger members in the previous Newsletter 2019-4 in the **Message from the President** to step up in order to make a start for replacing the older members of the Alliance Committee:

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. If anyone is willing, able and has the time to assist, please get in contact with Maarten van Oosterzee, Ishbel Dickens or David Fargus. This is important for the future of Alliance.

Next to that, 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 organization that provides playing opportunities for players from the smaller countries, who are not able to send teams to tournaments.

The Hockey Museum

Our (EXCO) member John Wilmott has just been appointed as Chair for The Hockey Museum. He would be delighted to invite you and any other Alliance members to visit the Museum whenever you are over here. It is fascinating as it is a very diverse collection and now has official Museum status. Any old hockey memorabilia will be gratefully received.

The **Hockey Museum** (THM) was launched at the end of 2011 and the aim of this new organization is to preserve, share and celebrate the rich heritage and history of the sport of hockey, not only in Britain where the modern game started, but also from all round the world. The address of The Hockey Museum is: **13 High Street Woking Surrey GU21 6BL United Kingdom** The Hockey Museum is open to visitors every Tuesday and Wednesday between 10.00am and 4.00pm, excluding the third week of December. The Museum is not currently open at weekends. To arrange a visit to THM outside of these official hours, please email the Curator Mike Smith using the contact form which can be found on the website or phone 07718 385804 prior to visiting.

See the website <https://www.hockeymuseum.net> for additional information.

Reports of tournaments wherein Alliance participated this year Asian Cup



Alliance took part in the very last WGMA event, **the Asian Cup**, held in Donghae, Korea in October.

In the main event Malaysia won the over 60's competition, beating Japan in the final. The other teams competing were Singapore, Korea and Hong Kong. Japan got partial revenge in the 65's by winning the round robin competition, which also included Korea.

Southern Cross, LX and Alliance competed in a small TT tournament, but also had the pleasure of playing the Korea, Malaysia and Japan over 65's teams in friendly matches. Alliance was the oldest team, averaging almost 70 years old, and due to sudden serious illnesses just days before the tournament started, we lost 2 good players, which reduced our number to 13. As a result, we lost rather heavily in our game against LX, who had a full complement and were the best side in our age group. However, we were competitive against all the other teams, losing by modest margins to 3 teams and drawing against Korea. We had the privilege of having the oldest player in the tournament, Bill Greenwood at 83 years old, who made a tremendous contribution to the team both on and off the field.

We were looked after splendidly by the Korean Hockey Association. Donghae is on the east coast of Korea, about 4 hours' drive from Seoul and the Incheon international airport. Transport was laid on for all teams in both directions free of charge. The hotel was very good and only about 20 minutes' walk from the hockey pitches. The pitches were of the highest quality and for the most part we were blessed with good weather. The food at the tournament dinner was by popular acclaim some of the best we have ever had.

All in all it was a very successful tournament and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

On the website you can find a link to **youtube** where Nigel Sanchez placed a video to give an impression.

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

You can find a lot of pictures and video's made in several of these tournaments on our website under "Snapshots". We ask you for and hope to receive some reports which will be put in next newsletter.

The Tournament Calendar 2020

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

<http://www.alliancehockey.net> too.

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



Super Veterans Tournament Jacques Levy

Men 60+

13th March 2020 – 15th March 2020

LUC Ronchin Hockey Lille (France)

Participation fee EUR 25 p.p.

Nominations list (men and women) is open.

Cut-off date: 31-12 2020

The tournament schedule is from Friday 13:00 am (or/10.00 pm to be decided depending on number of teams) to Sunday 3:30 pm. Duration 2 x 15 minutes Max 10 teams
Lunch in the club-house : 16 € (Saturday or Sunday) per person (wine or beer non included)
Aperitif with the participation of an orchestra, Buffet- Dinner at the MERCURE Lille-Airport at 30€ cost (wine or beer not included)

Accommodation

Rooms have been reserved for the tournament in the Hotel MERCURE Lille-Aéroport

Prices for a night:

79€ for a single room, with one breakfast

89 € for a double room or twin, with 2 breakfasts

109 € For a triple room, with 3 breakfasts

Taxe de séjour 2,48 €

Same prices for the nights before or after the tournament.

You can reserve at this address (reference : LUC Ronchin Hockey)

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Hôtel MERCURE LILLE-AEROPORT 110, rue Jean Jaurès - 59810 LESQUIN

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**Wellingborough 11-a-side Alliance Women – LX Ladies,
Kettering Hockey Club**

Women 60+

16th of April 2020

Wrenn School Astro, London Road Wellingborough (England)

Participation fee unknown

Nominations list (women) is open.

Cut-off date: Jan 31st 2020.

There will be a celebration dinner together with the 80+ men on Friday 16th at a local hotel (at the cost of £18 for the meal) and a very good deal for B & B has been obtained there as well (averaging about £70 per room).



**Wellingborough 7-a-side tournament O-70/75,
Kettering Hockey Club**

Men 70+ and if possible 80+, Women 60+ and/or a Mixed Team

17th April 2020 – 19th April 2020

Wrenn School Astro, London Road Wellingborough (England)

Participation fee: GBP 35 including a buffet meal at Saturday

Nominations list (men and women) is open.

Cut-off date: Jan 31st 2020.

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 women).

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 (the latter at cost of GBP 18) are invited to a buffet at Kettering club-house on Saturday evening.

Accommodation:

Wellingborough is in Northamptonshire in the East Midlands. It is an hour from London by train, 40 miles from Luton Airport (direct train) and about 70 miles from Stansted.

Local accommodation is moderately priced and plentiful.

– 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.
- Additional information to follow as soon as received.



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: EUR 25 pp

Nomination lists (men and women / mixed) are open.

Cut-off date: Jan 31st 2020.

We have registered two men's 68+ teams and two women's teams.

There will be an Italian Buffet at Friday evening (at the cost of EUR 15 pp) and a Dinner and Dance at Saturday evening (at the cost of EUR 34).

Accommodation

Hotels

As in the past a number of hotels in the neighbourhood of HC Tilburg have been selected with a special price arrangement. You can find these in due time on the website www.isvt.eu under the button: Lodging/special arrangements – You can also go to the website <https://www.isvt.eu/lodging-and-transport/>

Campers and caravans

It is not allowed to park campers and caravans on the parking area of the hockeyclub. A camper location in the vicinity of hockey pitches is situated at Stadscamping Tilburg, website:

<https://www.stadscampingtilburg.nl>

Please also check the camping sites link on the ISVT website.

Preliminary program

FRIDAY April 24th 2020	SATURDAY April 25th 2020	SUNDAY April 26th 2020
10.30 AM Get-together and registration teams	10.00 - 17.00 Matches	09.30 – 13.30 Matches
12.00 – 12.20 PM Captains and umpires meeting	19.00 PM Lustrum Dinner	13.35– 14.05 Finals
12.25 PM Welcome and opening	Dance	14.15 pm Prize giving
12.40 – 17.50 PM Matches		
18.00 PM Italian Buffet		

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

Additional information to follow as soon as received.



**Belgium Old Lions Eburons
20th International Tournament for Grandmasters**

Men 60+ and 68+ , Women 60+

May 21st - 23rd

Royal Racing Club Brussels, Belgium

Participation fee EUR 160 p.p. including a Welcome coffee and cake and a Belgian Dinner on Thursday, a Gala dinner on Friday and a Farewell Drink on Saturday

Nomination lists (men and women) are open.

Cut-off date: Feb 28th 2020.



International Hockey Masters Tournament Bra Italy 2020

Men 60+, 65+ and 70+ & Women 55+

1st July 2020 – 5th July 2020

Participation fee: EUR 30 p.p.

Nomination lists (men and women) are open.

Cut-off date: Feb 29th 2020

Expected program

*Wednesday 1 July : 10:00 TM Meeting, and Officials Meeting
11:00 starting of the matches
19:00 last match
20:00 welcome drink and snacks at the Club House*

*Thursday 2 July : 09:00 starting of matches
19:30 last match*

*Friday 3 July : 09:00 starting matches,
19:30 last match*

*Saturday 4 July : 09:00 starting matches
19:30 last match*

*Sunday 5 July: 09:00 starting matches
14:30 last match
15:30 price giving and farewell drink*

The program can change according to the number of participating teams.

For information regarding Hotel Accommodation: see our website under "About Alliance "/> Latest News.

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. If you want to book and need the number, mail secretary@alliancehockey.net

During the tournaments many activities will be organized for the coming people, players and supporters, like vineyard's visit, historical monuments and castles visit, courses of wine tasting and cooking, bike tours, etc. etc., all will be communicate in spring 2020 by a special newsletter to all participating teams



Grand Masters Hockey World Cup 2020 in Cape Town

Men 55+ & Women 55+, 60+ and 65+

19 September 2020 – 29 September 2020

Nomination list is open.

Cut-off date: Feb 29th 2020

Participation fee unknown yet

for further Cape Town information go to the website and click on "About Alliance" / Latest News and see the [Newsletter 1 WMH 2020 Cape Town](#) and [Cape Town Hotel Accommodation](#)

Additional information to follow as soon as received.



WMH Masters Hockey World Cup 2020 Tokyo.

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

5th November 2020– 15th November 2020 Oi Olympic Hockey Field, 4-1-9 Yashio Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo (Japan)

Participation fee: unknown yet

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

Nomination lists for men are open (see website).

Cut-off date: February 29th 2020

For additional information regarding Tokio go to the website and click on "About Alliance" / Latest News and see [Newsletter 1](#), [Hotel accommodation](#), [Hotel recommendation](#) and the [Postcards](#) from Tokyo.

The postcards and the information regarding hotel accommodation in Tokyo is also attached to the email with newsletter 5.

Additional information to follow as soon as received.

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