



Alliance International Hockey Club

Newsletter 2019-1

Dear Friends,

This is the first newsletter in 2019.

We start with wishing you all a very good year in good health and that you will enjoy playing with Alliance in some (again) very good hockey tournaments in a.o. Wellingborough, Tilburg, the EC in Brasschaat, the Masters in Krefeld and/or the Asian Cup in Donghae, South-Korea.

In this newsletter you will find **information regarding the PayPal account** setup by the club, which allows you to pay any amount due to AIHC over the internet using your PayPal account. The advantage of using PayPal is that there are no fees applicable for making payments by private persons.

Should you not have a PayPal account yourself, it is very easy to register and setup your secure private account. There are no fees applicable for registering / setting up your PayPal account either.

Further you will find the announcement of **the appointment of John Willmott as International Development Coordinator for Alliance**.

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

We regret to had to decline the invitation for both the **3rd American Hockey Championship Masters & Grand Masters 2018** held in Buenos Aires, Argentina in December 2018 and the **Masters World Cup Indoor Hockey 2019** for men and women in Hong Kong in February 2019 all because there was insufficient interest from our members for these tournaments.

Coming year we will try to do better, if we are invited for 2019 again. As soon as we receive an invitation we will put this on our website <http://www.alliancehockey.net>.

Next to that we were informed that there will be **no Grandmaster section** in the tournament in **Le Touquet** in 2019 and that the **2019 Eburons tournament has been cancelled**, as the European Championships in Brasschaat, Belgium are held too nearby in time.

We are doing our utmost to be able to participate in the LUC Ronchin Super Veterans Jacques Levy Tournament to be held in Lille, France, 15th -17th March 2019. The tournament committee has given us time until February 20th for that.

At this very moment we have received 10 nominations (including a GK) so we are pretty near. If you are interested in playing in this tournament, please nominate yourself a.s.a.p. by email to secretary@alliancehockey.net.

However, as was already published on our website, we have at this very moment been invited again for the following 4 tournaments in 2019:

- The **Wellingborough 7-a-side tournament** to be held at Kettering Hockey Club (12th - 14th of April 2019). We have up to now 6 nominees and are looking for 1-2 additional players, including a GK. If you are interested, please nominate yourself shortly.
- The **4th International Super Veterans Tournament in Tilburg, The Netherlands** (26th - 28th of

April 2019). We are participating 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.

- The **European Championships in Brasschaat, Belgium**, (19th - 29th of June 2019). Considering the number of nominations already received for the two women's teams we decided to close the nomination list for Women O-60 and O-65. The nomination lists for the men's teams are still all open, whereby we remark that we will participate with two men's O-70 teams. ***We especially need more nominees for O-60 and O-75 and ask everyone to look around for potential new members who might be interested in playing in Brasschaat with Alliance in one of these teams.***

- **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.

and what is new:

- **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. Alliance intends to participate with a **women's O-55 team**. We are still looking for additional women players and ask you to look around and spread the word.

Information regarding these tournaments can be found in the **Tournament Calendar** below and 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 all 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. However we have opened reserve lists in case that a cancellation occurs due to injuries or whatsoever.

PAYPAL SYSTEM FOR THE PAYMENT OF ALLIANCE DUES, REGISTRATION, UNIFORMS, SOCIAL EVENTS, ETC.

The club has setup a PAYPAL account, which allows you to pay any amount due to AIHC over the internet using your paypal account.

Should you not have a paypal account, it is very easy to register and setup your secure private account. There are no fees applicable to registering / setting up or making payments.

REGISTERING

Go to the paypal website, www.paypal.com
Click on register. Enter your information as requested.
Follow the simple instructions to get registered.

MAKING A PAYMENT

You make payments to others by way of email addresses.
The address to pay AIHC is:

AIHCEUaccounts@alliancehockey.net

When making a payment, the AIHC account is in Euros, however, you can insert any currency and it will convert to euros.

Be sure that the amount you pay, is correct in euro value.

For example: \$100 US is NOT 100 Euro. It is only about 88 Euro.
Please bear this in mind.

Enter your name and details of payment in the section provided.
Once you have sent the payment, you will receive a confirmation that you have paid.
The Alliance treasurer will pick up your payment with your details

The entire system is simple to operate, however, should you have any problems, please contact Roy Wilson by email: vicepresident@alliancehockey.net.

We will shortly add a link to the AIHC website for paypal, however, in the interim payments can be made as indicated above.

Appointment of John Willmott as International Development Coordinator for Alliance.

The Executive Committee is very happy to inform you that it has found John Willmott willing to take on the role of International Development Coordinator for Alliance.

The primary objective is to extend our reach as far as possible beyond the countries that already participate in WGMA tournaments, with a view to bringing newcomers into our fold.

Additionally it is the expectation that Alliance will be asked to establish teams in the younger age groups (i.e. currently IMHA), when WMA is in operation. Such although there is still no clear policy directive in this regard from the new WMH what is something that we will remain discussing with members of the WMH Development Group.

This year IMHA started for the first time with adding a Tournament Trophy competition to the Master European Championships which will be held in Krefeld, Germany. Alliance has been invited to participate in this Tournament and Ishbel Dickens is endeavouring to be able to participate with a women's O-55 team.

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)

Cut-off date: 20-02-2019

Nominations list (men and women) is open (number of nominations 10).

Please nominate a.s.a.p.

Participation fee EUR 25.—pp

Matches start Friday at 1:00 pm until about 7:00 pm, Saturday at 9:30 am until about 6:30 pm and Sunday on 9:30 am until 3:30 pm (ranking matches and finals).

Lunch in the club-house (Saturday or Sunday): EUR 16.-- pp.

Saturday: 7:30 pm Aperitif, 8:00 pm Buffet with the band #collectif at the MERCURE Lille-Aéroport : EUR 30 per person



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)

Nominations list (men and women) is **open (number of nominations 6)**.

Cut-off date: 15-02-2019

Participation fee GBP 30 including a buffet meal at Saturday.

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 are participating 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)

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

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

Cut-off date: February 20th 2019

Participation fee: EUR 70 pp.

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

For additional information see the Tournament Website <http://www.eurocupgm2019.com/index.php>



2019 European Master Championships, Krefeld

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

8th -15th of August

Crefelder HTC 1890 Hüttenallee, Krefeld, Germany

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

Nomination list is **open** (Number of nominations 6).

Cut-off date: 20th of February 2019

Participation fee: EUR 70 pp

For additional information see the IMHA website: <http://www.internationalmastershockey.org/>



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.

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

secretary@alliancehockey.net.