

# Paragon Valkyrs Hockey Club

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## Play Your Cards Right

To honour the legend that is Bruce 'nice to see you, to see you nice' Forsythe, Valkyrs HC are bringing to you for one night and one night only....Play Your Cards Right!

The event is being held as an MHA Fundraiser on Saturday 11th February at Peel Football Club, with the event kicking off at 7.30pm.

There will be teams of up to 5, with an entry fee of £5 per head, so if you'd like to submit a team entry please contact Jonny Cain on 468835 or [jonny\\_cain886@hotmail.com](mailto:jonny_cain886@hotmail.com) with your team name.

You can expect plenty of fun and games on the evening, with some big football card prizes on offer, a raffle and the main Play Your Cards Right event, plus there will be a buffet during the evening to keep everyone's strength up!

If anyone can provide any raffle prizes, please bring them to training/matches or give them to Jonny.



## 50th Anniversary

Don't forget that tickets are still on sale for the 50th Anniversary Dinner, to be held on Saturday 5th May 2012 at Mount Murray. Tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis so if you are wanting to attend, please email Jenny Walmsley at [jennywalmsley@manx.net](mailto:jennywalmsley@manx.net).

The price of a ticket is £30 for adults and £25 for students over 16 years (ticket includes a drink on arrival). Tickets will not be reserved until payment is received, which can be made to the following 100 Club account:

Valkyrs Hockey Supporters Association  
55-91-00  
10871829

When making your payment online, can you please put your name as the payment reference.

## Valkyrs HC Race Night

On Saturday 10th of March, the races are coming to Peel FC, for the annual Valkyrs HC Race Night.

The event kicks off at 7pm with plenty of opportunity to win some quick cash on the horses and footy cards, plus hot food will be available on the evening. What more could you ask for from a Saturday night out!

To get behind the event, we're asking for all club members (over 16 years) to get at least one race sheet filled in and handed back to your captain or committee member before Friday 9th March.

The sheets are available on the website and with each completed sheet raising a huge £40 for the club, imagine how much money we could raise to invest back in to the club if each person completes just the one form!

For more info, please contact Jonny Cain on 468835 or email [jonny\\_cain886@hotmail.com](mailto:jonny_cain886@hotmail.com).



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### The 100 Club

Congratulations to this month's 100 Club Winners, Helen Moyer, John Thomas and Jenny Walmsley.

The 100 Club costs just £1 per month to enter, is extremely easy to set up and most importantly you have a chance to win cash every month!

If you aren't a member of the 100 Club and would like to join, please contact Jonah Hull on [jonathanhull@manx.net](mailto:jonathanhull@manx.net) or the details to set up a direct debit through your bank are:

Valkyrs Hockey Supporters  
Association  
Sort code – 55-91-00  
Account number –10871829

### Umpires Course

A level 1 Umpires Course was held on Monday 30th January 2012, which was well supported by a Valkyrs HC contingent of new umpiring recruits!

A big thanks to Russell Miller, Emma Miller and Vic Ferns for putting themselves forward for the course and good luck for the rest of the course and assessment.

If any other members are interested in learning more about umpiring, please contact Jonah Hull on [jonathanhull@manx.net](mailto:jonathanhull@manx.net) to get more details.

The club couldn't survive without Valkyrs HC members becoming umpires, so the more help we can get, the better!

### Senior Debuts

The current season has been a fantastic advert for Valkyrs Junior Player development, with Juan Killey, Luis Novo-Smith and Kim Tastagh all making their senior debuts for the Men's B team.

With just a few senior games under their belts, they've already helped the B team dominate the league and maintain a 100% record so far.

Meanwhile, several U16 Girls have also stepped up to the Ladies C team, with notable performances from Holly Croydon, Eleanor Devereau, Kaitlin Shimmin, Rebecca Nathan, Caitlin Ball, Mairi Shimmin and Katia Tastagh. Well done to all!

## Respect – Code of Ethics & Behaviour

Following a recent incident at training, the committee would like to remind all members of the club's adopted EHB code of Ethics & Behaviour. We are a large club with many different participants, including players, umpire, coaches, parents and volunteers, so it's essential that we all abide by the basic sporting, moral and ethical principles laid out in this code.



If anyone is unfamiliar with this code, please visit the following site for full access to the EHB documents and guidelines

<http://www.englishhockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=450&sectionTitle=Code+of+Ethics+%26+Behaviour>

## Kit Payments

Thanks to everyone that has already paid for their new kit this season, your prompt payment is always hugely appreciated. Unfortunately, there are still some outstanding payments due from club members, which Stephen Moore (kit co-ordinator) is chasing. Moorey is trying his best to contact these people via email, facebook, phone etc, so please make his job a little easier by arranging for those payments to be made ASAP. You can give cash, cheques to your captain or directly to Moorey, or if it's easier, make a bank transfer to the club account.

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# Valkyr's Juniors

## Club School-Link

Valkyrs will yet again be running the Club-School-Link in line with the Primary School Sports Programme (PSSP).

James Seed has volunteered to take over from Andrea Kneen as Valkyrs Hockey Clubs, Club-School-Link Co ordinator and will be running training Hockey sessions each Tuesday for the pupils of Kirk Michael Primary School.

These training sessions will run from 21st January until 28th February and will be a warm up for the Primary Schools Hockey Festival which is taking place on Monday 5th March at QEII all weather pitch from 2pm-4pm and is being glacially sponsored this year by MEDIS Limited.

On this day, Kirk Michael pupils will compete in a 6 aside tournament against other Western Primary Schools to determine who will progress to the National Hockey Final. The Final will be on Wednesday 21st March at the NSC all weather pitches from 4pm-6pm where the top team from the West will compete against the top teams from the North, South and East.

For more information on this programme, please contact James on [jamesseed@manx.net](mailto:jamesseed@manx.net)

## U11 Girl's Trials

On Sunday 15th of January, the U11 Girls's Island trials were held at the NSC.

Two of Junior members, Jessica Loader and Beth Colgan attended the trials and after impressing during the day, were selected for the U11 Island side.

The girls will now go on to play against a visiting team from Kirkham Grammar School on Wednesday 1st of February at KWC.

Congratulations to both Beth and Jessica, who are no doubt going to be two future stars of our Valkyrs ladies teams!

## Junior Girls success

Valkyrs U12 Girl's team recently came 2nd in the IN2HOCKEY tournament, which saw Bacchas qualify for the regional finals in Leeds in May. Well done to all who took part!

## Juniors meeting

The Juniors committee have postponed the originally planned meeting on January 20th, until nearer the MYG. Another notice will be sent out shortly, with new meeting details.

## Junior boys – School Years 6 & 7

Valkyrs Junior coaches are asking for all club members to help advertise Valkyrs Junior Hockey, in particular to encourage boys in school years 6 & 7 to come along and give hockey a go at Wednesday night Junior sessions.

The club's junior side is growing year on year, but with football, cricket and many other sports being introduced to U12 boys, it can be difficult to promote hockey to this age group. So if you can place an advert on your work intranet, on work notice boards to encourage this fantastic sport and club to this age group, that would be much appreciated!

For more info please contact Cath Killey at [cathkilley@manx.net](mailto:cathkilley@manx.net).

## Important Dates for your Diary

U11 Match against Kirkham Grammar School  
– Weds 1st February, at KWC

U11 Girls Mini Hockey Championship – 12th  
February 2012

U11 Boys Mini Hockey Championship – 4th  
March 2012

U12 Boys IN2HOCKEY Tournament – 5th  
February 2012

U13 Girls Mini Hockey Championship – 11th  
March 2012

U13 Boys Mini Hockey Championship – 25th  
March 2012