



SCOTTISH HOCKEY HERITAGE PROJECT



1. BACKGROUND

The Scottish Women's Hockey Association (SWHA) was formed in 1900 and The Scottish Hockey Association (SHA) was formed in 1901. In 1989 the two Associations merged to form the Scottish Hockey Union.

In 2020 there was a meeting of former Scottish Hockey players, officials, the Scottish Hockey CEO and representatives from The Hockey Museum, to discuss the possibility of establishing a Scottish Hockey Heritage Group. The purpose of the original meeting was to get a clearer understanding of where Scotland's hockey heritage was currently held, what the challenges are to developing some sort of hockey heritage network and what support might be available from other organisations.

Unfortunately, the Covid pandemic arrived and stalled progress before activity recommenced in early 2022.

The SHHG after meeting again, drew up a Statement of Intent which is :-

- a) To identify and preserve Scotland's Hockey Heritage, working closely with Scottish Hockey, clubs, districts and individuals (or their families) who have collections or reminiscences.
- b) To develop and maintain a digital archive/resource within the framework of Scottish Hockey's digital resources.
- c) To publicise the archive through Scottish Hockey's social media platforms and signpost links to other relevant archives/resources.
- d) Share the stories of Scottish Hockey

2. SCOTTISH HOCKEY HERITAGE – CURRENT STATUS

- The Associations have produced books documenting much of the earlier history of hockey in Scotland –
 - SWHA – 1950 Jubilee and 1975 75th Anniversary
 - SHA – 1951 Golden Jubilee and 1961 Diamond Jubilee
 - SHU – 2000 One Hundred Years of Scottish Hockey
- Annual Handbooks were published from the early 1900s up to mid 2000s for both SWHA and SHA, then for the SHU.
- Annual Reports which include results of previous year's activities
- The National Records of Scotland hold a very extensive collection of Scottish Hockey records, Annual Reports, Match Programmes, Photographs and publications from the 1900s up to 2008, which were deposited there by the SHU for future research.
- The SHU continues to receive hockey items and collections, some via donation, relating to competitions, tournaments and matches.
- There will be many personal collections in homes.



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3. WHERE WOULD THE SCOTTISH HOCKEY HERITAGE GROUP LIKE TO TAKE THIS PROJECT

3.1 Records and Collections

- Close the gaps in the records and collections as outlined above
- Enhance the collections with hockey memorabilia of historical significance
- Establish an International Player and International Match result database covering all matches played at Senior & Junior level for both Outdoor and Indoor
- The database to include individual capped player numbers, goals scored and club / district represented at time of cap
- Establish a database for Umpires and Officials
- Searchable documentation to record International photographs, including where located
- Explore ways of documenting Clubs existence, including defunct & current. This to help with the identification of Club landmarks and their own history
- Collate historical information for Scottish District hockey, in partnership with the Districts
- Explore ways to publish historical records and collections held

3.2 Scottish Hockey Museum

- Ultimately it would be the aim to establish a Scottish Hockey Museum and follow the example of English Hockey that has a volunteer led permanent museum in Woking
- This would require a permanent base including space for volunteers to help with digitising, archiving of donated items such as equipment, blazers and other items that have historical significance.
- Storage and in particular a storage facility that will ensure items do not degenerate over time
- Expanding this work out and possibly looking towards having additional volunteers in each District to assist

3.3 Hockey History talks / webinars / oral collections

- The widespread adoption of video technology across the hockey community allows people to attend meetings or webinars without the travel burden. This provides us with an opportunity to utilise it more particularly for webinars and record interviews with former players and officials on their hockey memories

3.4 Former International players and Hall of Fame

- Once the international records research has been largely completed, we will have a unique international player number for every senior international
- This would provide us with an opportunity to re-connect with our former international players and invite them to an international match to present them with an international cap with their international number.
- This could become an annual event aligned to a home international match
- Establish a Scottish Hockey Hall of Fame. The historical caps research will assist with assessing nominations.



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4. ESTABLISH A COLLECTIONS POLICY FOR SCOTTISH HOCKEY MEMORABILIA (to include)

4.1 International & Match Officials (Senior & age-group)

- Playing Kit / Officials Kit
- Blazers, Ties, Caps
- Medals

4.2 Photographs

- International Teams (Senior & age-group) – named where possible
- Club Teams – named where possible
- Specific Events

4.3 Match Programmes

- International (Senior & age-group)
- Club / Festival Tournaments & Tours

4.4 Trophies

- Tournament and other competitions which are no longer played

4.5 Personal Scrapbooks

4.6 Equipment, Badges and Pins

4.7 Film and Video

4.8 Honours Caps

4.9 Library

5. HOW ARE WE GOING TO DO THIS?

- a) The current working group to coordinate the existing workstreams and identify other volunteers who would be interested in getting involved, particularly getting individuals involved across all the Districts
- b) Agree what can achieve and develop an action plan for next 12 months and longer term
- c) Ideally get volunteers to take up specific aspects of the History project, it will be never ending but many items require time spent researching the information
- d) Whilst much has and can be done with zero funding, some items like better storage solution and other initiatives may come with a cost. It is likely we would like to explore how we can raise awareness of this work with a view to receiving donations
- e) Explore the possibility of linking with a third level institution and whether research support via masters / PhD student may be available

For more information please contact: email – TBA



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6. CURRENT GAPS IN RECORDS AND COLLECTIONS

6.1 International Players caps and records - Men

- Outdoor list of cap holders last published in 1987-88
- Outdoor playing record last published in 2000
- Indoor list of cap holders last published in 1987-88
- Indoor playing record last published in 2000
- No Junior playing records or cap holders are available

6.2 International Players caps and records – Women

- Outdoor list of cap holders last published in 1961-62
- Outdoor playing record last published in 2000
- Indoor list of cap holders not available
- Indoor playing record last published in 2000
- No Junior playing records or cap holders are available

6.3 International Umpires and Tournament Officials

- Incomplete lists of Scottish International Umpires and Tournament Officials both Men and Women
- Umpires Men
 - 1901 to late 1920s missing
 - 1930 to 1974 complete
 - 1974 to mid 1990s missing
 - 1995 to 2016 complete (tbc)
- Umpires Women
 - 1900 to 1927 missing
 - 1927 to 1989 records held in NRS
 - 1990 to mid 1990s missing
 - 1995 to 2016 complete (tbc)
- Tournament Officials Men and Women not available

6.4 Club competition records and results

- Senior - Outdoor & Indoor, incomplete list of leagues / winners and cup winners
- Youth & Schools – Outdoor & Indoor, incomplete list of cup winners

6.5 Photographs of International teams

- Lack of formal documentation of whereabouts of photographs
- Team photographs, not all named

6.6 Club and District histories

- With the exception of a few Clubs, very little is known of their existence and / or location

6.7 FIH Committee Members

- Only some limited historical records exist

6.8 Scottish Hockey Honorary Members

- Records of these members has lapsed



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APPENDIX - SCOTTISH HOCKEY HERITAGE GROUP PLANS

2022 – Achievements

GB Cap Project

- This project is run by Hockey Museum in Woking has researched all GB matches and players. Each player is given a cap number and is presenting each player with their numbered Cap
- Presentations for Scottish players, jointly organised by The Hockey Museum, Scottish Hockey and the Scottish Hockey Heritage Group, took place at Uddingston (August) and Edinburgh (December)

Club Competitions

- Collated all National League tables / winners and National Cup competition winners for Seniors and Youth since the competitions started. This covers both indoor and outdoor.
- This is 95% complete – only a few of the Youth winners are missing

Established an electronic storage facility to hold record collections, photographs etc

- Scottish Hockey has provided this facility for the SHHG

Collate International Outdoor Records – Women

- Records for matches played 1900 to 1989 are 95% complete. This includes all results, teams played and goal scorers
- There are a few matches where the team and/or goal scorers is not yet known

2023 – Plan

a) Ongoing activities

- International Outdoor Records - Women
- Club Competition Winners - Leagues & Cups, Seniors & Youth
- Scottish GB Caps Presentations and search for families of deceased. Next presentations were held in Perth (February) and Glasgow Green (April)

b) New

- Build SHHG website
- Initiate SHHG social media channels – facebook, twitter, Instagram
- Set-up SHHG email account
- Links to Scottish Hockey communication channels
- Advertise our existence
- Appeal for volunteers and archive material via communication
- Draw up policy for volunteers and collections
- Establish archive storage area(s)
- International Outdoor Records - Men (from 1901 onwards) - commence
- Oral History Interviews - ongoing
- International Umpires Project - ongoing
- Jim Shepherd's Collection Project - ongoing
- Search for missing Scottish Hockey memorabilia - ongoing



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2024 - Onwards

- Collate International Playing Records for Men & Women Indoor (Senior)
- Collate International Playing Records for Men & Women (Junior)
- Collate list of Clubs (current & former) - include dates of formation, closure and or merger, playing venues
- Collate International Team Photos
- Scottish Hockey Publications – establish what is available, where held eg Club Histories
- Scottish Hockey Archives – establish what is available, where held eg Club & District
- Maintain website and social media channels
- Oral History Interviews - ongoing
- International Umpires Project – ongoing
- Investigate sources of funding for collection policies and cataloging procedures
- Create searchable Database for Playing records