

Avoca Hockey Club – Annual report summary – 2021 / 2022 season

In this document we have included reports from across different parts of the club. In addition to these reports, I have included content presented at the AGM on 24th May, 2022. This report is intended to be supplemental to the overall update provided at the AGM and while I have attempted to cover multiple areas across the club, there will inevitably be areas not included in this summary report.

Overall the season 2021 / 22 (from August 2021 to May 2022) has been exceptional and one that should be celebrated across the club. While we have many areas to continue to improve, I would like to acknowledge the breath of involvement from so many people across the club in making this such a strong year. In doing so, I will not call out individuals (so as to avoid leaving someone out!) however I would like to call out the significant support I have received from the current Board and Committee throughout the year as well as the multiple club members and volunteers who have all contributed to the year we have just completed.

I look forward to welcoming you all back to Avoca HC in the season ahead - exciting times for sure!

Yours in Sport,

Ben Geoghegan

President, Avoca Hockey Club



President's report – 2021/22 season (Ben Geoghegan)

Below I have presented a summary report to compliment the more detailed reports that follow. I will talk through the details of these slides during the AGM (a recording will be available to anyone who was unable to attend).

Board & Committee make up

Board of Directors

Chairman - Dennis O'Connor
President - Ben Geoghegan
Vice President - Paul Cronin
Financial Director - Lisa McCarthy
Foundation Director - Nigel Kingston
Foundation Director - Peter Agnew
Co-opted Director - Caroline Daly
Co-opted Director - Sheena Horgan
Co-opted Director -

Executive Committee

President - Ben Geoghegan
Vice President - Paul Cronin
Treasurer - Lisa McCarthy
Club Secretary - Al Robinson
Development Officer - Leo Sex
Head of Junior hockey - **Chris Stewart**
Senior Girls' Chair - Simon Rees
Junior Girls' Chair - Celine Furey
Boys' Chair - Emer Grogan
Ladies' Club Captain - Kate Rushe
Men's Club Captain - Andrew Ramsey & Dave Spencer
Child Protection Officer - Caroline Daly, Child Liaison officer - Al Robinson



Umpire Development - Stephen Jenkins

Avoca Voice - Anna Richardson, Brian Cleary,
Cian Funge, Al Robinson, Leo Sex



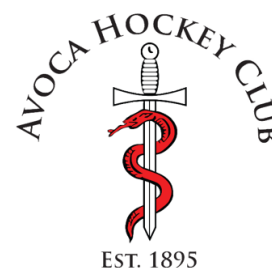
...looking back.....



- Proposal and adoption of new Mems & Arts of Association
- Town halls and regular club updates – ClubZap primary channel
- Club Ball & social engagements – Club award winners
- Avoca Club Room....
- Social Hockey, Give Hockey a Go - Boys, Senior Men & Women
- Reduced post COVID membership, waived Hockey Ireland fees
- Introduced 60 Senior Infants hockey & U18 girls hockey
- Secured Equipment grant & invested in new equipment
- Operational agreement with Newpark & pitch replacement
- Attracted new sponsorship & fund raised for Down Syndrome Centre
- Membership:

Men	Boys	Women	Girls	Total
128	94	127	713	1062

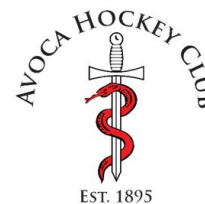
Looking ahead & Priorities



- Newpark pitch development / re-surfacing & funding
- Review of 5-year plan & Committee members
- Committee Youth representative – rotating role
- Give Hockey a Go conversions – huge club support
- Junior schedule for 2023 & Pre-season planning
- Town halls and regular club updates
- Hockey4All introduction
- Coach retention & development
- 2023 Ball – save the date...
- Announcing sponsors and attracting new ones
- Cup and league retention and growth

Exceptional Hockey on pitch team's performances

- EYHL 2 – Women & Men, Irish Hockey Trophy
- 5 teams promoted & cups won



Avoca Senior Teams Performance Scorecard - End of Season 2021 / 22

Team & Division	Year target / Ambition	Position on 17/01	Cup Entered	Progress to date	% Subs paid	Coach qualification
Women 1 / Div 1	Top 5	3rd	Jaqui Potter Cup / JP Shield / IHT	2nd Rd / R-up / Winners	100%	Level 2
Women 2 / Div 2	Top 5	6th	IJC / Jaqui Potter Cup / Jacqui Potter Shield	2nd Rd / 1st Rd / 1st Rd	100%	
Women 3 / Div 4	Top 5	6th	Div 3/4 Cup / Div 3/4 Shield	1st Rd / 1st Rd	100%	Level 1
Women 4 / Div 7	Top 5	2nd	Div 7/8	1st Rd / Winners	100%	Level 1
Women 5 / Div 9	Top 5	3rd	Div 9/11	3rd Rd	100%	Level 1
Men 1 / Div 1A	Top 2	2nd	Mills & Neville / IHT	2nd Rd / QFs / 1st Rd	100%	Level 2
Men 2 / Div 1B	Top 5	4th	Railway Cup / IJC	QFs / 1st Rd	100%	
Men 3 / Div 3	Top 5	2nd	Inter Cup	QFs	100%	Level 1
Men 4 / Div 5	Top 5	1st	Junior Cup	Winners	100%	Level 1
Men 5 / Div 6	Top 5	4th	Minor & Walters Cup	1st Rd / TBC	100%	
Women Vets	NA	NA	League	R-up	100%	
Women Vets	NA	NA			100%	
Men Vets	NA	NA			100%	

Red - off by 3 or more
Amber - within 2
Green - above

Red - 1st round exit
Amber - Round 2 exit
Green - beyond R2

Top of mind...

Strongest ever Leinster as well as Ireland representation – Boys & Girls
Growing representation across all Masters teams

Coach

Noelle Farrell
Mark Meir
Herbie Fowler
Ruairi Nolan
Paul Cronin

Trevor Dagg
Kieran Bolger
Ian Keogh
Herbie Fowler
Vacant

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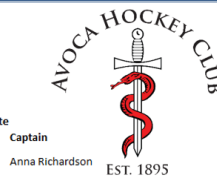
Women's Club Captain - Kate

Manager

Anna Richardson
Kate rushe
Ruairi Nolan
Paul Cronin

Mens Club Captain - Andrew Ramsey

Declan Duffy
Kieran Bolger
Dave Spencer
James Martyn
Ian Wilkie



Captain

Anna Richardson
Sorcha McMahon
Catherine Collins



Thank you(s!)

Board & Committee

Al – you are amazing!

Volunteers and managers

Coaches

Club members and players





Treasurer's report (Lisa McCarthy)

Avoca Hockey Club Ltd – Financial Report, 24th May 2022

This evening, I present to you the Financial Statements for the year **ended 30th April 2021**.

I would like to start by thanking all the Committee members and Directors, who have supported me in my role throughout the past year. I would also like to thank all of our members for their support during this time. It was a difficult year with no play for large parts of the season. Many of the costs such as Insurance, remain fixed but as a Club we made every effort to secure reductions and funding where possible. Despite these difficulties, I am delighted to say we had a very good year financially, and as a result, we were in a secure position reserves wise for the next and future years.

Financial Statements as compared with prior year.

During year ended 30th April 2021, the Club had a surplus of €19,955 as compared to a loss of €14,428 the previous year. The reason for this positive upturn of €33K is due to the following:

Overall, our income was up €43K versus prior year.

Subscription Income was up just €36.5K, due to an increase in membership. This figures also includes income from camps which was broadly similar to camp income the previous year. Pitch rental was down €2K, we received Covid grants of €15K and we received a bursary donation of €7K. Again, I would like to thank our members who largely paid full subscriptions even though a lot less hockey was played. The club did run extra weeks of training for the Junior members during the Summer of 2021 and Senior subscriptions were reduced for the 2021-22 season

Our costs were up €10K largely as a result of the introduction of our Director of Hockey and a full year's salary for our Club Secretary.

Comparing our Financial statements with the Club budget set prior to the season commencing, I am delighted to say that we had budgeted for a surplus of €4K so we largely exceeded that. The main reason for this was reduced coaching costs due to the Club being closed at various times due to Covid.

Balance Sheet:

Cash in bank amounted to just under €87K at year end versus €32.5k.

Our accruals did increase by €18K mainly for accrued coaching costs which would be paid during the Summer for missed training during the year.

- Net assets totalled €38K at year end versus €18K at previous period end.

Current Year 2021-22 season

The current season has been a great year for the Club. Operationally we had a great year – which you will hear about from Ben and other committee members. We had really strong reserves going



into this season which allowed us to make informed decisions and give something back to our loyal members. We had strong cash reserves at the end of this season and although accounts have yet to be finalised, we anticipate showing a surplus again this year.

The Year Ahead

Forecasts for the 2022/23 season these are being considered at present, but it is likely that we will see continued growth and further surplus. Fundraising for our new pitch has commenced and we appreciate all your support on this.

Thank you.

Lisa McCarthy

Treasurer

24th May 2022



Boys Section (Emer Grogan)

Membership in the boys section saw a big growth this season and we have finished just short of our "100 boys" target with a final number of 95. We are confident that we will surpass the target 100 in the new season with players in every age group.

The increase in numbers in the primary school age groups has been largely as a result of the Give Hockey A Go initiative that the club introduced last October. Huge thanks has to go to Paul Cronin who drove this initiative and to the many senior members who gave up their time to run the sessions both in October and in May.

Numbers have also grown within the secondary school age groups, for which I thank Carl Braden and Mark Cullen who has promoted the club within Newpark school.

The result of all this hard work could be seen in the blitzes and competitive matches that the boys all played throughout the year. The primary boys finished off their season with the fun day in St Andrews while the u14s completed their league with a flourish sitting midtable, secured a silver medal in the recent Railway tournament and hope to better that and bring home a gold from the Armagh super8 International tournament on the June Bank Holiday.

All the success that the boys have enjoyed this season would not have been possible without the massive effort of managers, coaches and parents.

On the representative side of things Avoca had 5 u18 players representing Leinster in the interpros and subsequently 2 Irish squad players - Harry Dagg and Conor Murphy. Our u16s were represented in both Leinster and Irish squads by Hamish Scott and Oskar Nielson

Finally I am stepping down from Boys Chair and handing it over to Ruth sex and Belinda Crous. I want to thank all the managers and coaches and parents who have helped me over the years, to the boys who have made the position enjoyable and worthwhile.

Emer Grogan



Junior Girls section (Celine Furey)

Membership

For the 2021-22 season we had a record number of 485 Primary School Girls training with Avoca. We continue to see huge demand for hockey from the community and endeavour to do our best to get as many people as possible playing hockey, safely and without compromising the quality of the hockey we offer.

A real highlight of the season was the introduction of hockey for Senior Infants. We welcomed 60 players into the Senior Infant group and kitted them out with an Avoca branded mini stick and the Avoca bib which reached their knees! It was very special to see our newest class of Avoca players progress over the season.

Hockey & Events

Players and coaches were delighted that COVID restrictions eased allowing a return to full hockey training and a very welcome return to the buzz of blitz days. We had blitzes against Monkstown, Bray, Loreto, Muckross, Railway and Greenfields from Galway. Our new two pitch venue at St Andrews was a game changer for hosting blitzes, having two pitches in action with plenty of space for spectators generated a super atmosphere for all on these days.

Our 6th class girls had their first experience in Leinster Leagues, we entered 6 teams and 5 of these teams progressed from their group to playoffs which was a well-deserved result for players and coaches.

Our season ended with a fantastic finale full of fun on and off pitch in St Andrews. The sun shone down on us as the players took on a series of fun hockey challenges designed by Chris Stewart and the coaching team. Off pitch coffee, ice cream, face painting and balloonists kept all entertained for a brilliant end to the season. We also raised funds in a joint initiative supporting Down Syndrome Ireland through their Odd Socks appeal.

More than half of our junior members have taken up the option to extend their season and play on for an extra six weeks, nice to experience some warmer weather hockey and our 5th class girls get to Galway for a return fixture vs Greenfields.

Thanks to the coaching team for managing a great season of training and matches to cater for our players across our multiple venues.

Finally our hockey would not run so smoothly every week without the efforts of our class managers and all the parent volunteers. A big thanks for your continued involvement, the club is where it is because of you all.

Celine Furey, Junior Girls Chair



Senior Girls section (Simon Rees)

The Senior Girls section for girls currently in 1st - 6th Years, continues to be hugely popular and successful here at Avoca. This season we had a total of 226 girls playing for 15 teams.

We had the introduction of the U18 Section from Leinster Hockey this season and so we were able to enter a team into this league. This is something that we have felt strongly about at Avoca and have been pushing Leinster to introduce for some time. We would encourage all our 5th and 6th Year girls to join this section where they can continue to train and play matches on Sundays with their friends.

In the 1st Years, we had 5 teams playing in the Leagues with 3 of the teams making it to the end of season play offs. The 3rd team in particular had a fantastic season, winning every league match to come top of their league and only just losing out in the Final.

In the Minor section (2nd Years), we fielded 3 teams. This was their introduction into 11 a side club hockey on a full pitch and they came up against some really strong opposition. We didn't manage to make it to the season play offs but we see great potential for the coming season as these girls move up to the Inters.

In the Inter section (3rd & 4th Years), we had 6 teams. This was a very successful season for the Inters with 5 teams making it to the season play offs. The Inter 1's and 4's both won their leagues in order to advance to the play offs. We look forward to welcoming many of these 4th Years into our U18 section this coming season.

The U18's was a brand new section introduced to bridge that gap between Inters and Women's hockey. 10 clubs entered this league and it proved to be hugely successful for us with Avoca coming 3rd. We look forward to another successful season in the U18's as nearly all of the girls are still eligible and will be joined we hope by a good number of 5th Year girls moving up from the Inters. I've received numerous reports from coaches and managers of what a great group of girls these are and how enjoyable the season has been.

We're very proud to continue to have success with girls being selected for both Leinster and Ireland. Our congratulations go to:

Lucy McGoldrick, Sarah Byrne & Isobel Field - Leinster & Ireland U16's

Also selected for the Leinster U15's Development Squad were:

Emma Kilbride

Emily Bradbury

Kate Glanville

Isabelle O'Donovan



I'd like to thank a large number of people who worked so hard this season to help with the Senior Girls section:

All the coaches and Head Coaches who put in so much time at training, preparing coaching plans and also travelling to all the matches.

The Year Managers, Grace Curtis, Jane Long, Michelle Ritchie, Yvonne Meijerhof, Carol Dillon & Beryl Alvey, who all put in a huge amount of time organising training and matches. I'm not sure everyone realises just how much of their own time they spend each week but it is true to say that without them, the Senior Girls section would not function so I am hugely grateful to them.

Also to Peter Glanville, our Fixtures Secretary. Peter has for the last 5 years been responsible for arranging all our League and Cup matches and liaising with all the other hockey clubs. Each week he presents us with a schedule for all the matches and there's a huge amount of work involved to complete this. We're very grateful to Peter for all his hard work over the years.

Finally, I'd like to thank those parents that continue to volunteer to help out with registration at training sessions. This is a really important function and we're very grateful for all the help.

So I thank you all for your support over the season and look forward to starting again in August.

Simon Rees

Senior Girls Chair



Women's section (Kate Rushe)

Brilliant season for the Women with all teams competitive in their leagues, and the 4ths gaining promotion. A Division 7/8 Shield and an Irish Hockey Trophy for the cabinet and a coveted spot in EYHL 2 for our 1sts for next season.

I am incredibly proud of what all teams have achieved this year and how that real sense of club spirit and unity has returned following a difficult 2020/2021 season ruined by Covid.

Women's 5ths: Coach - Paul Cronin, Captain - Ellie O'Brien

- 3rd in Division 9
- Player of the season: Alison Magee

Women's 4ths: Coach – Ruairi Nolan, Captain – Alex Reid

- 2nd in Division 7 and promoted to Division 6
- Winners Division 7/8 Shield
- Player of the season: Hannah Houlden

Women's 3rds: Coach – Herbie Fowler Hudson, Captain – Jess Whelan

- 6th in Division 4
- Player of the season: Jane Flynn

Women's 2nds: Coach – Mark Meir, Captain – Sorcha McMahon

- 6th in Division 2
- Player of the season: Aisling Cullen
- U21 POTS: Aoife Grogan

Women's 1sts: Coach - Noelle Farrell, Assistant Coach/Player: Anna Richardson, Captains – Sarah Gardiner and Anna Richardson

- Winners Irish Hockey Trophy
- Promoted to EYHL 2 following 3rd place finish in Division 1.
- Runners up Jacqui Potter Shield
- Player of the season: Sarah Dillon
- Schoolgirl POTS: Orla O'Brien

Goalkeeper Coach – Thank you to Brian Cleary for all his hard work with the Senior and Junior Club Goalkeepers throughout the season. Brian is a vital part of the team and Avoca are very lucky to have him.

This is evident with the number of GK's making Leinster and Irish squads on a regular basis.

Honours:

Leinster U20 – Zoe Watterson, Orla O'Brien, Erika Gallagher (GK) and Lauren Moore

Leinster U18 – Isabelle Napier

Irish U16 – Lucy McGoldrick, Isobel Field & Sarah Byrne

Leinster U16 – Lucy McGoldrick, Isobel Field & Sarah Byrne

Masters – South East O40's Trish Smith, Leinster O40's Kate Rushe, Leinster O50's Angela Guillemet.

Noelle Farrell – Leinster U16 girls Head Coach, Irish U17 Head Coach, Irish U16 Assistant Coach

Anna Richardson – Leinster U16 girls Assistant Coach. LHA Development Programme Manager.



Brian Cleary – Irish JAG GK Coach 16s, 18s & 19s (Boys), Leinster U16/U18 GK Coach (Boys)

Thank you to all team Captains, coaches, and Managers for all their help throughout the season.

Thank you to Al Robinson for looking after the pitch bookings and Covid 19 updates. Without your organisation things would not run so smoothly.

Kate Rushe



Men's section (Andrew Ramsay)

Mens 1s and 2s joint success.

The M1s and M2s have both had their most successful seasons in many years due in large part to the collaborative approach adopted by Trevor Dagg (coach, M1s) and Kieran Bolger (coach, M2s), who have worked closely with one another to maximise the playing resources across the two groups.

Rather than having two siloed teams, competition for places was strong across the two squads, with training often combined and players moving up and down. This is exemplified by the fact that over 30 players were used in the first team across the season out of a group of approximately 40 players.

Mens 1s:

The M1s finished a very positive league campaign with an away victory over Railway Union (RU), which placed them level on points with RU but ultimately in second spot, due to RU having more goals scored in the head-to-head. Avoca came from behind twice in that game, a characteristic that can be observed from numerous games throughout the year. This strong character manifested in an unbeaten league run in the second half of the season, finishing the year with just 2 losses, 1 draw and an impressive 15 wins.

Despite a very strong league campaign, automatic qualification to EY2 was not guaranteed due to permutations outside of Avoca's control. As such, a play-off match was required against Belfast Harlequins, in Banbridge Hockey Club. No stone was left unturned and to good effect, as Avoca won the playoff match in 1 v 1s, securing a well-deserved promotion to the second tier of national hockey.

The league form was not matched with cup success unfortunately, which will undoubtedly be an objective for next season, after early exits in the Mills Cup, the Neville Cup, and the Irish Hockey Trophy. Regardless, Trevor Dagg, Rory Kirwan (Assistant Coach) and Brian Cleary (Manager) have done a fantastic job in reaching and surpassing the ambitious objectives for the season, all the while developing an excellent spirit and winning mentality in the group. With plenty of room for improvement, this team expects to go from strength-to-strength next year and beyond.

Men's 2:

A 1st team rarely succeeds without a successful 2nd team pushing them from behind. There is no doubt that the series of big wins for the 2s throughout the season provided inspiration to the broader group, providing the impetus for momentum in both team respective campaigns. In the previous full season in Division 1b (the highest possible for a 2nds teams), the 2nds recorded just a single point. This must be taken into consideration to fully appreciate the improvement this team has experienced.

Finishing the league this year in fourth place ahead of teams like Monkstown, Corinthians, Railway and Glenanne, is a huge success and a credit to the structure and desire Kieran Bolger has installed into the group. So many of their games were close, scrappy affairs, so to come out on top more often than not in these situations reflects very well on the character of the players as well as the coach.



With so much youth on the side of this team, and with more players expected to join next year, there are further opportunities to develop on the success of this year. Like the 1st team, the 2^{nds} will hope to get on a cup run next season and maintain the impressive league form shown this season. Many outside the club were surprised to see how well this team did, those of us inside the club were not!

Men's 3:

The M3s could also be considered the Galacticos of years gone by mixed in with some top prospects for the future. The spine of the team boasts a lot of experience at a high level, experience that was well utilised in navigating a number of tricky fixtures, notably the likes of away days in Enniscorthy, North Kildare, and Kilkenny. The mixture of youth and experience was enough to land the 3s second place and once again, promotion into the next division. The importance of their promotion should not be understated, as it now means that Avoca have a men's team in their highest possible provincial league across the 1s, 2s, and 3s.

The 3s are an excellent example of the success of the club being exhibited across the board. The enthusiasm and commitment shown by their captain Markus Suttle, Manager Dave Spencer and Coach Ian Keogh is a testament to their achievements and an example for teams across the club to follow.

Men's 4:

Double success in **winning both the League and Cup** this season reflect extremely strongly on a team that have simply gone from strength to strength throughout the season. They achieved significant wins during a long season and were expertly guided through the year under the stewardship of Captain Seb, Manager James and Coach Herbie. The team have been promoted and look forward to stepping up to the challenge next year. A big shout out must go to James who ensured the best team was available across so many players, multiple injuries as well as clashes with other games – juggling is an art James has perfected!

Men's 5:

Due to the interruptions of COVID in the previous season, the league for the Men's 5s changed significantly as other Leinster clubs struggled to attract players back to line out. Our Men's 5s had no such challenges although did fully utilise the breath of players and experience available to them – dipping into schoolboy talent as well as our seasoned Vets to line out week in, week out. With a mid table finish in the league, they stepped into the Walters Cup at the end of the season which took on a new and novel format. They performed very well in the round robin and at the end of the season were in top position, awaiting being announced as winners.

Andrew Ramsay

Men's Captain.



Vets section

We currently have 2 Women's teams and 1 Men's team and all areas have shown growth and exciting developments over the season. Due to the growth, we extended our pitch time to include Wednesday's at St Andrew's and have been able to accommodate extra people joining throughout the year as well as welcoming back previous members. The Women's section has seen particularly exciting changes with the introduction of a second team this season as well as a very strong end to the year both on the pitch and off it.

While the players of year are called out below, huge thanks must go to all involved in making this year such a success – a brilliant reflection on the club and team spirit we are all looking to achieve. Congratulations to all involved!

Women's 1 player of the year - Tiggy Hudson

Women's 2 player of the year - Genevieve Kearns

Men's 1 player of the year - David Richardson



Junior coaching – Chris Stewart

I am so delighted and thrilled to be involved with the amazing of Avoca Hockey Club Junior section. May I take this opportunity to thank all the committee and members to be so open and welcoming. I have been so impressed with the passion, commitment, hunger and the ambition to deliver best quality Hockey youth system.

The quality of the young talent is so abundant, the coaching team are ready to nurture and guide our young prodigies to grow and contest the already quality players in the senior teams for the top honours in the coming seasons.

Going forward is to review the great success from last hockey season, the content and shared experiences from all levels. Review the coaching sessions, what has worked and where we can improve on into next season. Collectively taking the best direction for all levels of our young players so they are fully prepared to progress in all aspects of the game of hockey, eventually taking the very big steps with the confidence into senior hockey.

To be able to coach requires a varied and particular set of skills, I am so pleased to say we have such a passionate group of coaches willingly give of their time and commitment. This enthusiasm comes through to our young players. If anybody wants to take the first steps into being a Coach or provide a lending hand, I would be so pleased you to make yourselves known to me. Sincere thankyou once again to the committee and members.

Chris Stewart



Development / Sponsorship / Fundraising section (Leo Sex)

From a fund-raising perspective we have given ourselves a challenging target of raising funds to support the resurfacing of our Newpark pitch in 2022. Costs are expected to run north of 300k for the project. We are currently out to tender on the project awaiting the exact numbers to be returned. We have been successful in our application of a sports capital grant which will cover roughly half the project costs and we have some long-term arrangements with Newpark Comprehensive which cover costs over a phased approach.

Such a speedily turned around project of course will require levels of debt to be raised and to this point we mid negotiating a debt facility with the Blackrock Credit Union which will allow us to bridge the gap between fund raising, capital grants and project timelines. We are also speaking with Leinster Branch around the possibility of an interest free loan to cover some of the longer-term costs.

Efforts around fund raising began in earnest in December of last year where we raised 2,500.00EUR as part of our Christmas raffle.

January and February brought two very generous donations from supporters of the club with the main sponsor wishing to promote the Irish Kidney Association (IKA). Our Women and Men's first teams will therefore carry the IKA crest on their sleeve as they ply their trade in the EYHL next season. In March the club secured a sponsor for our women's vets 2 team with funds going to the resurface project while May saw the establishment of a sponsorship deal with our name's sake Avoca Handweavers who have agreed to sponsor our women's vets 1 team. A past players dinner has been organised for the 26th of this month which is a sell out and we hope to secure more sponsorship/donations via this platform, and we have a number of discussions ongoing with companies around our various sponsorship opportunities around hoardings, Corporate Days, Team Sponsorship, Club Sponsorship, Kit Sponsorship and a range of other products.

If you are interested in sponsoring a team or you company would be please contact me @ 0861905722 or Leopoldsex@gmail.com.

We have included an opportunity for members to contribute to the fund-raising effort via their subscription this year for those who may have missed it the link is below – Every EUR counts!

<https://avocahockeyclub.ie/drive-to-125/>

For anyone who has additional questions around the fund-raising initiatives of the club please don't hesitate to reach out to me and I'll endeavour to answer as soon as possible.

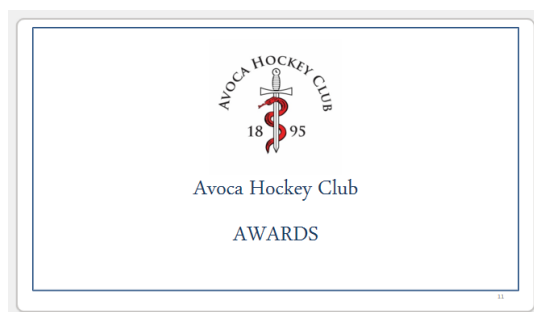
A special thanks to Emma Meir, Lisa McCarthy, Daire Hibbert, Rory Kirwan, Elisa Cullen and Mait O'Faolain for all their efforts in helping the club in this regard.

Kind Regards,


Leo Sex

Avoca Development Officer

Season awards



Honorary Life Member




Ladies Vice Captain, Ladies Club Captain, Vice-President, President & Board member.

The club has grown significantly under her stewardship with a 40% membership increase.

The club has gone through a huge transformation with the addition of a club secretary, a Director of Hockey and a programme of retaining talented players as well as attracting previous players back to the club.

Steered the club through COVID very effectively with club members demonstrating the community we've created; this has been reflected in the fund raising of over €12K for LauraLynn and Pieta House.

Honorary Life Member



Caroline Daly

Honorary Life Member




Numerous roles within the club over many years!

Lifetime of commitment to player development (even providing their own!) and the club's success.

Fund raised significant amounts of money for Avoca HC through organising and running exceptional hockey camps.


Amazing attitude and exceptional ability to be everywhere all the time! Huge contribution to our Women Vets and continues to be a shining star - A truly exceptional person with Avoca in her DNA!

Honorary Life Member



Emma Meir

2022 winners




David Judge award for Outstanding Contribution to Avoca HC.

2021 **Kate Rushe**

2022 **Emer Grogan**

2022 winners



Club member of the year.

2021 **Lisa McCarthy**

2022 **Brian Cleary**



2022 winners

1st & 2nd Women Vets & 1st Men Vets

Tiggy Hudson
Genevieve Kearns
David Richardson



2022 winners

5th Women & Men

Alison Magee
Ferdia Marnell



2022 winners

4th Women & Men

Hannah Houlden
Niels O'Flanagan



2022 winners

3rd Women & Men


Jane Flynn
Sol McDonagh Cunningham



2022 winners

2nd Women & Men

Aisling Cullen
Conor Murphy



2022 winners

U18's - Women

Orla O'Brien



2022 winners

U18's - Men

Harry Dagg



2022 winners

U21's - Women

Aoife Grogan



2022 winners

U21's - Men

Cameron Ramsay



2022 winners

Women's Player of the Year

Sarah Dillon



2022 winners

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