

Women's Masters Report 2018/19 for GHA AGM on Wed 29 May 2019

1 Somerset v Gloucestershire - 17 June

One ladies team was entered into this event (O40+) which took place at the University of Bath. This year Glos ladies lost 3-2 in the last minute of the game.

2 West Masters County Festival Day, Taunton - 16 Sept

Unfortunately we did not have enough players available this year from Gloucestershire, so we withdrew our entry a week ahead of the event. There were various reasons for lack of availability but the main one was that the festival clashed with the GHA Ladies Clubs Tournament and 12 players advised that were not available for that reason alone.

3 Gloucestershire - Pre-Christmas Match v Men - 16 Dec

For the second year running the Mens O60 Gloucestershire B team challenged the Masters Ladies from Gloucestershire to play in a friendly match on 16 December at Newent Community School Sports Centre and the result was 2-2 draw.

Sarah McDonald took on the organising of the ladies squad and again struggled to field a team, only having 9 players available on the day. However, fun was had by all and the match was rounded off by a visit to the Pelican Pub for beer, mince pies and stollen and a fine display of Christmas sweaters.

4 EH Masters Womens Championships

In this competition there are two age categories for women to enter - O35 and O45s. Again Bretforton are the only club in Gloucestershire that entered last season, putting a team into both age groups. The O45s played extremely well throughout the Tier 2 competition and for the second year running got to the final at Lee Valley on Sat 27 April. Unfortunately Bretforton lost to Canterbury, but put up a tough fight as the "Pink Ladies" always do. Once again this was a fantastic achievement, particularly for such a small club and they did Gloucestershire proud.

5 Women's West Masters Information

Various trials took place between October 2018 and April 2019 at Taunton Vale Sports Centre and information was circulated by email to all club secretaries.

Masters Age Group Contacts for 2018/9 are:

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West squads were selected for each of the age groups above to play in the regional weekend competitions during May and June 2019 against the North, South, East and Midlands. A good number of players from Gloucestershire went to West trials and played across the various age group squads.

6 International Players from Gloucestershire - Season 2017 to 2018

Gloucestershire players selected for international masters training squads were:-

2017-18

England: Sarah McDonald, Sally Privett, Jane Wheeler.

Wales: Bridget Worth, Sara Thompson, Lucie Archer.

2018-19

England: Lorna Dymock, Sally Privett, Julie Hall, Lisa Workman, Helen Wyatt

Wales: Naomi Luckman-Kear, Emma Done, Karen Bubb, Lucie Archer, Bridget Worth

NB: Apologies if I have missed any players from within the County, but I rely on individuals advising me of their selection.

7 England International Information

The age groups squads played in various events throughout their season, but the main two for all squads were the Home Internationals and the World Cup.

- **Home Internationals 8-10 June**

The Home Internationals were hosted by Wales in Swansea and England had success across all the age groups, winning gold in all categories.

- **World Cup Competitions - Summer 2018**

There were two World Cup competitions held in Spain - the WGMA, where the women had two squads at age O60 and O65, plus the IMHA where the women were represented at in all five age groups from O35s to O55s. The women were extremely successful winning medals in all age groups as follows:-

Gold - O35, O55, O60 and O65

Silver - O45

Bronze - O40s and O50s

International Masters' continues to thrive. Last year EH launched Women & Men's O35 and Women's O65 squads and in April 2019 an England Men's O80 squad played a match against the Netherlands.

The England Masters' Competitive Programme for 2019 is as follows:

Date	Competition	Squads	Venue
17/19 May	Home Nations	Men 040/050	Swansea
24/26 May	Home Nations	Men 060/065/070	Aberdeen
14/16 June	Home Nations	All Women's Squads	Southgate London
19/29 June	Europeans	Men 060/065/070/075	KHC Dragons Antwerp
19/29 June	Europeans	Women 060/065	Antwerp
28/30 June	Home Nations	Men 035/045/055	NHS Glasgow
22/27 July	Europeans	Women/Men 035/040/045	HC Rotterdam
8/17 Aug	Europeans	Women /Men 050/055	Krefeld Germany

8 A Special Mention

On 17 July 2018 Jane Wheeler from Bretforton HC passed away after a short illness. She was an amazing lady who worked tirelessly within the hockey family, particularly for Bretforton Hockey Club and was an inspiration to all around her. Jane played for Gloucestershire and West Masters for many years and had been selected for the O55s England Squad for the 2018 season, but unfortunately due to her illness she never managed to play for them. However, Jane did go to support her England squad at the Home Internationals in Swansea in June 2018 and sneak into a photo or two wearing her England kit!

If anyone is interested in knowing more about Womens' Masters Hockey, please contact me by email - sally.privett@sky.com.

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