



MAIDSTONE HOCKEY CLUB SHORTLISTED FOR NATIONAL AWARDS

Maidstone Hockey Club has learnt that it has been shortlisted for two National Awards

- the **Ladies' 1st team** for '**2011 Female Team of the Year**', and
- **Chris Daniels** for '**2011 Club member of the Year**'.

Both Awards recognise excellence in England last season, and round off a fantastic year for the Club

Maidstone Ladies' 1s completed a brilliant 2010/11 League and Cup double by winning the East Premier League (and being promoted to the National League) and retaining the Kent Cup.

In the League the team finished as Champions by 6 points, losing only one match. On the way they clocked up 123 goals, conceded 25, so ended with a goal difference of 98.

In the Kent Cup final the team overwhelmed National League neighbours winning 7-3. They retain the Cup having won it the previous two seasons both times beating Holcombe. All three Kent Cup wins have been on the opponent's home turf! Maidstone also won the East round qualifier of the National Indoor competition and so competed in National league Indoor for the first time.

Chris Daniels played for the first team for 20 years, then coached them through a number of promotions and for the last several seasons has been their manager. The season's performance is a fitting tribute to her hard work and dedication.

In addition, Chris manages the whole Ladies' section (4 teams) – a role she has undertaken for the last 15 years or so. Chris's commitment to the club – playing, coaching and managing is now approaching 40 years.

The chairman of the Club, Roger Daniels, said:



"This is a major accolade for the club and another indicator of our standing not only in the County but Nationally. This will certainly help prospective members see what a quality club we are"

The girls themselves are fantastic and deserve this, they will be the first to acknowledge that Tom Nissen our excellent Head Coach was the mastermind of their success and that all runs smoothly thanks to Chris attending to the many things supporting the on field success"

Although the playing season for the Club as a whole is over, there are already advance plans for next season. Summer training for both men and women runs on Tuesday evenings from 7.45pm to 9.15 at the pitch in Armstrong Road. The club is actively recruiting and will welcome new members at all levels of ability, just turn up or contact the club as below.

Given the playing progress of the club over the last ten years, and the first-class facilities now in place, interesting times are promised for anyone wishing to play, coach, umpire, help or just watch at Maidstone. The website holds lots of valuable information and links. www.maidstonehockey.org

Give it a try! Anyone interested in participating should contact:

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