



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 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.
- 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 1900 – 1950 Jubilee Book"
 - "SWHA 1900 – 1975"
 - "SHA Golden Jubilee 1901 – 1951"
 - "SHA Diamond Jubilee 1901 – 1961"
 - "One Hundred Years of Scottish Hockey" published in 2000
- 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 The Hockey Museum 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 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 based international matches
- 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 Heritage 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 – info@Scottish-Hockey-Heritage.org



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6. CURRENT GAPS IN RECORDS AND COLLECTIONS

6.1 International Players caps and records - Men

- 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

- 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 Photographs of International teams

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

6.5 Club and District histories

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

6.6 FIH Committee Members

- Only some limited historical records exist



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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



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2023 – Achievements

GB Cap Project

- Further presentations for Scottish players, jointly organised by The Hockey Museum, Scottish Hockey and the Scottish Hockey Heritage Group, took place at Edinburgh and Glasgow

Club Competitions

- All National League tables / winners and National Cup competition winners for Seniors, Youths and Schools completed. This covers both indoor and outdoor.
- Book published with copies distributed to National Library and The Hockey Museum. A copy was presented to the Chair of Scottish Hockey in December.

Collate International Outdoor Records – Women

- Work commenced on detailed records for matches played from 1990 to 2023. A provisional list of all matches 1901 to 2023 is now available.

Collate International Outdoor Records – Men

- Records for matches played up to 1999, 95% complete. Work has started on matches 2000 to 2023. A provisional list of all matches 1902 to 2023 is now available.

Preserving Scottish hockey's archives/memorabilia

Jim Shepherd Hockey Collection

- Collection successfully moved to Dundee University Archives, where work is currently on-going to catalogue the many items. This is an extensive collection of Scottish Hockey archives and records covering the last 50 years. The collection is accessible to the public.

Inverleith Hockey Club Archive

- Collection successfully moved to Edinburgh City Archives. The collection is accessible by pre-arranged appointment

Website

- Draft SHHG website build completed.

Hockey Cups and Trophies

- All cups and trophies held by Scottish Hockey have been cleaned, photographed and documented, 43 in total. An estimated 20 cups are missing and a future task will be to try and find them.

Advertising the SHHG

- Presentations on the SHHG work were rolled at the Scottish Hockey Union AGM and District President's Meeting, with the aim of attracting more volunteers.



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2024 – Achievements

GB Cap Project

- A presentation for Abbi Walker, who is living and working in Australia, took place on 26/09/24 at Clydesdale HC.

Collate International Outdoor Records – Women

- A list of all matches 1901 to 2024 and cap holders is now available.
- Attempting to establish outstanding match day team line-ups

Collate International Outdoor Records – Men

- A provisional list of all matches 1901 to 2024 and cap holders is now available.
- For matches played between 2000 and 2014 a few need to be confirmed as capped matches
- Attempting to establish outstanding match day team line-ups

Memorandum of Understanding

- Document completed and signed-off between Scottish Hockey and Scottish Hockey Heritage Group

Scottish Hockey Heritage Group Website

- SHHG website officially launched in November 2024
- SHHG email account now active
- SHHG YouTube channel now active
- Links to Scottish Hockey communication channels established

Advertising the SHHG

- The formal launch of the website included advertising of our activities via the Scottish Hockey Social Media Channels

Lest We Forget Project

- This project compiled the records of all Scottish Hockey Internationalists killed in action in both WW1 and WW2

Scottish Hockey Honorary Members

- The list of Honorary Members now updated and passed to Scottish Hockey

Oral Histories

- The SHHG completed first oral history interview and now available on the SHHG website

Memorabilia

- Historical pins and badges plus 2 International Caps purchased by the SHHG

Collections

- Documented various hockey memorabilia collections



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2025 – Plan

- Ongoing activities
 - Complete International Outdoor Records – Women and Men
 - Complete remaining Scottish GB Caps Presentations to players or families of deceased
 - International Umpires Project
 - Search for missing Scottish Hockey memorabilia
 - Preserving Scottish hockey's archives/memorabilia – continue to find suitable homes for collections of hockey material
- New
 - Initiate SHHG social media channels – Facebook, X, Instagram
 - Oral History Interviews – continue, including formal training course in January 2025
 - Appeal for volunteers and archive material via communication
 - Key areas are Website, Social Media development & support
 - Draw up policy for volunteers and collections
 - Collate International Playing Records for Men & Women Indoor (Senior)
 - Work with other sporting heritage groups to share good practice and contact Sport Scotland for guidance and advice.

2026 - Onwards

- 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
- Create searchable Database for Playing records
- Establish archive storage area(s)