



Dear former CUHC/OUHC member,

I would like to invite you to join the 1890 club, as a former member of the Oxford or Cambridge Hockey clubs.

The 1890 club was founded in 2000, to establish stronger links between the old boys and girls and the current hockey clubs, to support the social side of the university hockey clubs, and to provide a social network for 1890 members.

As a member of the 1890 club, you'll be invited to hockey matches and social events with your old team mates (and the opposition!), kept informed of news on the current university teams, and at the same time you'll be helping to provide much needed support for the current hockey clubs.

Hockey matches: the 1890 club organises more than 10 games in the year.

- 1890 Oxford v Cambridge (Men's and Women's, on the day of the Varsity match, and Men's, Women's and Mixed games in London, March and June)
- 1890 v the Travellers (Men's and Vets, June)
- 1890 versus current blues (Men's, Women's, Oxford and Cambridge, June)

Social Events: there are a number of social gatherings, which allow you to stay in touch with team mates, and relive those infamous nights out with the hockey club. Social events include:

- pre Varsity match drinks night;
- Autumn social; and
- 5 yearly 1890 dinner.

Regular information: The 1890 club sends out regular newsletters with information on the Varsity matches, the clubs' performance and news on 1890 members.

Subscription is £10 a year. Your subscription is used both to fund club events and to provide well-deserved post-Varsity celebratory drinks for the OUHC and CUHC players.

Why join now? Your support is needed now, more than ever before, due to the unfortunate loss of the Milton Keynes National Hockey Stadium and the higher costs (of renting stands and portaloos etc) to host

the Varsity matches at Southgate, which is proving a financial strain for the clubs. Without support from the 1890 club, there is a risk that the Universities will not be able to afford the usual level of facilities for the Varsity Matches as we know them, such as the stands and tents, or to provide tankards for the players, to the detriment of the day as a whole.

In order to support both CUHC and OUHC financially, and to preserve the unique atmosphere of the Varsity Matches (and not just the Blues Matches), the 1890 club has set up a trust to be funded by voluntary contributions from 1890 Club members – any donations you make in excess of the £10 subscription fee will go directly towards supporting the clubs in hosting the Varsity match.

Plans for the future: The 1890 club itself is still very young (although there are members who played as far back as 1948). Membership is growing fast, with over 250 members already. As we grow (and your signing up is key to achieving this goal) we hope to organise more events, such as an annual light v dark blues golf match, and a hockey tour for 1890 club members - or anything else the Members want to organise. These and other events will start to happen, thanks to your support for the club. Our latest development is a brand new website – check it out at www.1890.co.uk

We look forward to receiving your membership form. Please feel free to contact us with any questions about the club, or with ideas for taking the club forward.

Yours faithfully,

Mike Barford

President

The 1890 Club
