

### Winger and Robson collect Award Doubles

Stuart Robson and Katherine Winger were both double award winners at the Bedford Hockey Club End of Season dinner held at the Park Hotel on Saturday evening.



**Stuart Robson and Katherine Winger with Club Chairman Rob Moulam**

Robson won both the Men's 1st team players player award and the overall Men's player of the year trophy after rejoining the club this season from National League Old Loughtonians Hockey Club spurring Bedford to second placed finish in the East Premier League with some consistently powerful midfield displays. In a repeat performance, the Ladies 1st team also finished second in the Midlands Premier League, a year after escaping relegation on the final day of the season. Katherine Winger was instrumental in their success and the very popular winner of the ladies double.

It's been a fantastic season for the club overall with the Men's 2s and 4s being crowned champions and gaining promotion as well as the Ladies 3s and 4s. Their player's player awards went to Dave Langley, Mark Lawson, Caz Evans and Rachel Southam respectively with the Team Awards being presented to the Men's 2s and Ladies 3s.

New honors this year were the coach's awards which were won by Richard Hamilton for the men and shared between Sj Darrington and Kelly Bingham for the ladies with top club goal scorers being Pete Spencely for the 4<sup>th</sup> year running and Joy Leeson.

With Bedford reaching the Mixed National Finals last July, the Mixed Player of the Season was as hotly contested as ever with star forward Simba Chigwada and Luton schoolgirl Jenna Maclaren getting the nod this year. As ever, for success to be achieved on the pitch there is a great deal of time and effort spent off the pitch by volunteers running the club so many of the club awards reflect this. With over 30 years of umpiring service Tarsem Chagger was presented with the services to umpiring trophy and Matt Riley & Karen Richards, the Bedford Hockey Club Tankard for services to the club for all their support to the junior section of the club whilst Ladies 1s captain Kate Costin received the Deb Weiland trophy for services to ladies section.

The Young player of the year awards are another highly prestigious category and this year the Cod Cup Young Player of the Year (Ladies) trophy went to Eli Priston who made a big impact on the 1<sup>st</sup> team after switching from Shefford and Sandy in the summer and then for the men, Goalkeeper Josh Olphin picked up the Woodrow tankard. Most improved players were Lizzie Simpson/ Mel Manning for the ladies and Ollie Dudley for the men.

Leanne Sargeant picked up the 2<sup>nd</sup> team players player award in a season that saw her promoted to the first team in the second half of the season and Tracy Lawrence and Jaz Billen won the 5<sup>th</sup> team players player votes. Overall its been a really fantastic season of hockey at Bedford and the club is looking forward to further success in the 2011/12 season. Anyone interested in joining the club or volunteering to help the teams off the pitch (ie- videoing games, coaching, umpiring, photography) should contact Rob Moulam at [chairman@bedfordhockeyclub.com](mailto:chairman@bedfordhockeyclub.com)