

## Welcome

This is the nineteenth Newsletter to take readers to the end of what has been a significantly successful season for the Club. There are two important items of news to which we need draw attention at the outset.

## Rebecca Holden



The Club was deeply saddened to hear that Women's 5<sup>th</sup> XI leading scorer, Rebecca had developed three large tumours growing in her left hip and "was in a lot of pain," her father Raymond explained, adding that "It is a big six/nine months for Rebecca as we hope the tumours don't start growing again. She will be on crutches for eight weeks after the surgery and will need to undergo intensive walking rehabilitation for six months as she will be left in a lot of pain and with a large nine inch scare across her the top of her left leg, hip and lower back."

Rebecca had been fighting the pain so she could play for the Woman's 5<sup>th</sup> XI in which she ended the season with 11 goals to finish joint second in the Middlesex Division 1 goal scorer's table. Ray is extremely of proud of his daughter 'My wife, Nikki and I are so proud of this goal scoring feat considering that during the past season the tumours were growing larger and larger.'

Raymond has been so inspired by his daughter's bravery that he has decided to take on the challenge to help raise funds for his daughter's rehabilitation by walking 185 miles on 8 May 2017 starting from Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital in Stanmore, London, where Rebecca is being treated to Arrowe Park Hospital in Birkenhead, where Rebecca was born in 1999.

Raymond continued; "I will get to Birkenhead on Friday 12th May 2017, and meet Rebecca and Nikki and then head to the last game of the season for Everton FC, as we are big Everton fans, to do some fundraising. This is some mammoth daily walking but well worth it for my daughter! If you wish to donate please find my donation page [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/raymond-holden-walking-thea41-for-rebecca](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/raymond-holden-walking-thea41-for-rebecca)"

The Club has agreed to lend support and has, amongst other things, offered the proceeds of the sale of matchday programmes at the final few National League matches, to the cause.

## Premier Division Play-Offs

The Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI finished in fourth place in the Premier League after a strong showing in the second part of the season and therefore qualified for the Premier League Play-Offs, the first occasion this has

happened where only four teams qualify. The Club has participated in past Play-Offs when coming fifth in the League, before the current and perhaps more-established regime came into being.

The draw has now been made and H&W will face the League winners, Wimbledon on 22 April 2017 at the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre, Eton Manor, Lead Mill Lane, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, London E20 3AD, when the match starts at 11.00am. The format is that the fourth ranked team plays the League winners and second meets third, also on the same Saturday. The final is between each winner and held on the next day.

Other Play Off matches for Premier League placings next season are being held on the same weekend. The line-up is as follows

### Saturday 22 April 2017

	<b>Pitch 1</b>		<b>Pitch 2</b>
1100	<b>Men's Semi 1</b> Wimbledon v <b>Hampstead</b> ; 1 <sup>st</sup> v 4 <sup>th</sup>	1000	<b>Women's Play-Offs 3</b> Buckingham v Brooklands Poynton
1315	<b>Men's Semi 2</b> Holcombe v Surbiton; 2 <sup>nd</sup> v 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1200	<b>Women's Play-Offs 4</b> Wimbledon v Bowdon Hightown
1530	<b>Women's Semi 1</b> Surbiton v Uni Birmingham; 1 <sup>st</sup> v 4 <sup>th</sup>	1400	<b>Men's Play-Offs 3</b> Canterbury v Team Bath Buccaneers
1745	<b>Women's Semi 2</b> Holcombe v East Grinstead; 2 <sup>nd</sup> v 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1600	<b>Men's Play-Offs 4</b> Durham Uni v Sevenoaks

### Sunday 23 April 2017

(\*Please note that pitch allocations for Play-Off matches are decided on 22 April)

	<b>Pitch 1</b>		<b>Pitch 2</b>
0930	<b>Women's Play-Offs 5*</b> Wimbledon v Buckingham	0930	<b>Women's Play-Offs 6*</b> Brooklands Poynton v Bowdon Hightown
1130	<b>Men's Play-Offs 5*</b> Sevenoaks v Canterbury	1130	<b>Men's Play-Offs 6*</b> Team Bath Buccaneers v Durham Uni
1345	<b>Men's Final</b>		
1600	<b>Women's Final</b>		

All support on the Saturday would be much appreciated and, of course, on Sunday if we progress. This promises hockey at a high standard and it is hoped that past successes at generating the loudest noise, for example, at H&W's first participation in the EHA Cup Final in May 2010 at Beeston, can be repeated!

Now, on to other more regular news.

## Vice Presidents & Past Players Dinner

The annual Vice Presidents and Past Players Dinner was held on Friday 31 March 2017 at Brown's Restaurant, 82-84 St Martins Lane London WC2 at the invitation of Club President, Richard Sykes and Club Chairman, Jonathan Witt. Dinner was served on the second floor this year and those attending heard reports on the Club's progress presented by the Men's and Women's Club Captains and later from Toby Roche, skipper, on behalf of the Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI and Annebeth Wijtenburg, the captain of the Women's 1<sup>st</sup> XI.

The highlight for many, however, was the conferring of Vice Presidency of the Club on former captain of the Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI and double Olympian, Dan Fox, which he graciously received, adding some warm words for Hampstead and Westminster.<sup>1</sup>



Our roving correspondent reports...

*A motley collection of the great and the good gathered on Friday 31 March for the 2017 VP and senior members, past and present, Dinner at Brown's in St Martin's Lane. Many had bravely travelled through London wearing their Hampstead blazers - and a significant number of HWHC bow ties were in evidence too (£15 from the club).*

*Impeccably organised by Will Saxby, the food was of a high quality and Brown's looked after us very well. The MC for the evening was our President Richard Sykes, who tried hard not to steal the thunder of the men's and women's club captains, Jonny Dodds and Nina Zenvoya-Holmes, who successively regaled us with the results of a truly exceptional season for the club. The men's and women's 1st XI captains, Toby and Annebeth, received acclamation after describing how their highly successful seasons had developed.*

*Perhaps even more acclamation was reserved for Alex Smart, who described how a poorly attended junior section a few years ago had been transformed into a thriving part of the club with over 300 participants and a waiting list, to boot. In this respect the sad and unlawful demolition of the Carlton*

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<sup>1</sup> Dan had a busy weekend, for on the next day he attended a dinner at another of his former clubs, Olton & West Warwickshire Hockey Club, at which he spoke.

*Tavern had been a boon because parents were happier for their children to congregate in Paddington Sports Club rather than the less salubrious and less appropriate Carlton. Richard Sykes added that the club is in discussions with PSC about putting our use of their facilities on to a more formal footing.*

*A highlight of the evening was that we were proud to have Olympian, Dan Fox, as our guest of honour: the President presented Dan with a engraved token of the club's regard and Oz Rankin presented Dan with an HWHC club tie.*

*The President brought us down to earth by explaining the difficulties we face in getting an acceptable replacement surface for the Tiger Turf pitch at PRG, which has reached the end of its useful life. The Football Foundation have about 10 years to run on their guaranteed use of the pitch and we know that any football-friendly surface will no longer be acceptable for league hockey. Oz, the immediate past chairman and now our fund-raising guru, reminded us that new pitches cost a lot of money and the club would need help from the likes of us senior members, in parallel with all the fund raising that club teams are already doing.*

*All that having been said, the evening finished, as it should, on a buoyant note and several post prandial bottles of red were consumed in more informal mode as we continued to cheer the exploits of the club.*

## On the Pitch

With both 1<sup>st</sup> XIs producing consistently good scores and winning in situations that might before have led to a draw or defeat and with a good many other teams winning their leagues, this must be one of the most successful seasons in many years for H&W.

## Men

### National League

The league programme ended with H&W in an unprecedented fourth place in the Premier League.

Hampstead 7	Canterbury 2	Watt (3)	Guise Brown (3)	Cargo	
Surbiton 2	Hampstead 2	Guise Brown (2)			
Hampstead 4	Loughborough Univ 1	Browne (2)	French	Watt	
Hampstead 2	Brooklands 1	Guise Brown	Shipperley		
Holcombe 3	Hampstead 1	Watt			
Hampstead 2	Wimbledon 2	Shipperley	Codling		
Beeston 1	Hampstead 0				
Hampstead 4	Reading 1	Shipperley	Guise Brown (2)	Cargo	
East Grinstead 2	Hampstead 3	Guise Brown (2)	French		
Hampstead 3	Surbiton 4	Cargo	Smith	Browne	
<i>After Christmas</i>					
Loughborough Univ 1	Hampstead 4	Calnan	Guise Brown (2)	Browne	
Brooklands 3	Hampstead 3	Watt	French	Guise Brown	
Hampstead 4	Beeston 3	Smith	Browne	Calnan	Edwards
Canterbury 2	Hampstead 2	Guise Brown	Edwards		
Hampstead 4	East Grinstead 3	Shipperley (2)	Calnan	Guise Brown	
Reading 4	Hampstead 5	Dowds	Alexander	Watt (2)	French
Wimbledon 2	Hampstead 1	Alexander			
Hampstead 3	Holcombe 3	Codling	French	Makin	

The results after the season break improved and the only narrow loss was to the League winners Wimbledon despite sustained pressure on their goal, The team displayed resolve when it mattered no more so than at Brooklands, where it was 3-1 to the home side with eight minutes to go. A sharp open play goal pulled one back and then H&W kept their collective nerve and equalised in the final minute when Matt Guise Brown, under extreme pressure, expertly drag flicked the ball into the roof of the net from a short corner. It was no more than they deserved. In other later games the team always managed to pull back or keep in front, the game at Sonning Lane against Reading being a fine example of that. It made for nerve racking spectating at times.



*Will Calnan in action against Surbiton*

### League Table

Wimbledon	13	4	1	56	32	24	43pts
Holcombe	11	3	4	50	30	20	36
Surbiton	9	8	1	62	39	23	35
<b>Hampstead</b>	9	5	4	54	40	14	32
Beeston	8	3	7	40	37	3	27
East Grinstead	8	2	8	52	41	11	26
Reading	6	4	8	40	45	-5	22
Brooklands	5	3	10	31	54	-23	18
Canterbury	3	3	12	37	59	-22	12
Loughborough Univ	0	1	1	28	63	-45	1

### London League

In the London League Premier Division, the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI pulled off yet another League win and in some style, winning by 11 points and scoring 119 goals, 30 more than their nearest opponents.

The final standings were:

<b>Hampstead</b>	18	3	1	119	46	73	57pts
Canterbury	14	4	4	89	36	53	46
Southgate	14	3	5	66	47	19	45
Reading	10	4	8	71	65	6	34
Surbiton	9	3	10	50	53	-3	30
Richmond	9	3	10	68	81	-13	30
Teddington	7	8	7	59	53	6	29
Spencer	9	2	11	43	58	-15	29
Wimbledon	8	2	11	52	62	0	27
East Grinstead	5	3	14	63	92	-29	18
St Albans	3	6	13	35	81	-46	15
Bromley & Beckenham	3	4	15	43	94	-51	13

In the past decade, the team's ranking in the Premier Division has been:-

2007/08	1 <sup>st</sup>
2008/09	3 <sup>rd</sup>
2009/10	1 <sup>st</sup>
2010/11	2 <sup>nd</sup>
2011/12	4 <sup>th</sup>
2012/13	1 <sup>st</sup>

2013/14	1 <sup>st</sup>
2014/15	1 <sup>st</sup>
2015/16	2 <sup>nd</sup>
2016/17	1 <sup>st</sup>

In the London League Division One, the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI also ended in first place, after two late victories, 3-1 against Spencer 3 on 26 March 2017 and 3-0 against Guildford 2. The Zak Hond XI very commendably ended the season in seventh place in the League.

<b>Hampstead</b>	15	3	4	76	36	40	48pts
Southgate	13	6	3	79	41	38	45
Indian Gymkhana	11	2	9	57	51	6	35
Reading 2A	11	1	10	68	57	11	34
Wimbledon	10	4	8	52	46	6	34
Tulse Hill & Dulwich 2	10	3	9	52	44	8	33
<b>Hampstead Zak Hond</b>	9	5	8	49	54	-5	32
London Wayfarers	9	4	9	51	61	-10	31
Spencer	8	2	12	47	45	2	26
Spencer 4	7	1	14	41	59	-18	22
Oxted 2	6	4	12	40	88	-48	19* <sup>2</sup>
Guildford 2	5	1	16	38	68	-30	16

In the London League Division 2, the 4<sup>th</sup> XI came in fifth position, the top six being:-

Old Georgians	17	1	4	96	41	55	52pts
Oxford University 2	16	2	4	85	37	48	50
Old Loughtonians 2	15	4	3	95	35	60	49
Bromley & Beckenham	13	0	9	69	49	20	39
<b>Hampstead</b>	11	3	8	64	47	17	36
Oxford University 3	11	1	10	54	58	-4	34

In the London League Division 3, the 5<sup>th</sup> XI were pipped at the post by Reading Refills by the single point. The top five in the League were:

Reading Refills	14	2	4	82	40	42	44pts
<b>Hampstead</b>	14	1	5	69	36	33	43
London Wayfarers Viks	12	4	4	81	31	50	40
St Albans 3	12	2	5	67	45	22	38
Richmond Lions	11	1	8	72	54	18	34

In the London League Division 5, the Hammers XI came third, the top four places taken by

Clapham Common	17	2	1	107	31	76	53pts
London Academicals 2	16	2	2	70	23	47	50
<b>Hampstead Hammers</b>	12	5	3	74	52	22	41
London Wayfarers Outl	11	3	6	63	50	13	36

London League Division 6 features two H&W teams, the Spaniards and Thirsts XI's, who followed each other's tail, until the Spaniards pulled away and opened a gap. The London Royals won in a canter, with a massive goal difference. The top five were:

London Royals	19	0	1	132	16	116	57pts
Kings Alleyns 3	12	6	2	73	33	39	42
Slough 2	11	3	6	74	38	36	36
<b>Hampstead Spaniards</b>	10	5	5	61	41	20	35
<b>Hampstead Thirsts</b>	9	2	9	76	55	16	29

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<sup>2</sup> \* marks points deducted by the League

The Veterans XI's lead in top place in the Veterans League 1 at Christmas was not quite sustained and the team ended the season in second place, the top five being:-

Wimbledon Masters	17	8	3	81	33	48	51pts
<b>Hampstead Vets</b>	15	0	5	87	31	56	45
East Grinstead Vets	13	3	4	66	27	39	41*
Surbiton Jokers	9	3	8	57	52	5	30
Tulse Hill & Dulwich Art	8	2	10	51	65	-14	25*

As mentioned at the end of last year conversely, the **Supervets** found things hard going. Results again were elusive and the team is in penultimate place in the League table, with several games to be played - by other teams.

## Women

### National League

In their second season in the Eastern Conference of the National League, the women defied convention (and H&W past experience) and improved their success of the previous year, by ending in third place.

Hampstead 1 Wimbledon 2	Turner
Chelmsford 0 Hampstead 0	
Hampstead 2 St Albans 1	Clark Borren
Southgate 2 Hampstead 5	Cathcart Orrett van der Heijden Esser Randall
Northampton Saints 3 Hampstead 7	Horner 3 Borren Way Cathcart 2
Hampstead 4 Harleston Magpies 1	Esser 3 Cathcart
Sevenoaks 3 Hampstead 1	Horner
Hampstead 3 West Herts 0	Wijtenburg Cathcart Grant
Hampstead 2 Cambridge City 1	Grant 2
St Albans 2 Hampstead 1	Mccaw
<i>After Christmas:</i>	
Hampstead 3 Chelmsford 0	Turner Horner Mccaw
Harleston Magpies 2 Hampstead 1	Turner
Hampstead 4 Southgate 1	Wijtenburg Cathcart 2 Clark
West Herts 1 Hampstead 2	Askew 2
Hampstead 9 Northampton Saints 0	Radford 3 Baker Wijtenburg Borren 3 Fairchild
Cambridge City 2 Hampstead 3	Horner Turner Orrett
Wimbledon 2 Hampstead 1	Radford
Hampstead 3 Sevenoaks 1	Driver Turner Clark

### League Table

Wimbledon	16	0	2	71	17	54	48pts
Sevenoaks	14	0	4	58	16	42	42
<b>Hampstead</b>	12	1	5	52	24	28	37
Harleston Magpies	10	3	5	49	28	21	33
St Albans	8	4	6	38	33	5	28
Cambridge City	8	3	7	35	23	12	27
Chelmsford	6	3	9	25	41	-16	21
Southgate	4	4	10	33	46	-13	16
West Herts	2	1	15	23	71	-48	7
Northampton Saints	0	1	17	10	95	-85	1

In the South League Division 3A, the Women's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI ended in runners up spot, behind PHC Chiswick's 1<sup>st</sup> XI, as they had both been placed at the turn of the year.

PHC Chiswick 1	19	21	1	2	70	30	58pts
<b>Hampstead 2</b>	16	1	5	54	21	33	49
Witney 1	14	1	7	72	35	42	43
Wycombe 1	11	4	7	41	28	3	27

The Women's 3<sup>rd</sup> XI were league champions by an emphatic eight points in the Middlesex Premier Division, in which the 4<sup>th</sup> XI improved after Christmas, to end in sixth place, as follows (but the top seven teams only):-

<b>Hampstead 3</b>	18	1	3	84	19	65	55pts
Eastcote 2	12	7	3	47	2-	27	43
Ashford (Middx) 1	12	6	4	75	38	37	42
Harrow 1	12	6	4	54	29	25	42
PHC Chiswick 2	10	6	6	49	44	5	36
<b>Hampstead 4</b>	8	7	7	42	35	7	31
Southgate 3	8	3	11	39	56	-17	27

In Middlesex League Division 1, the 5<sup>th</sup> XI improved after the mid-season break to end in fourth place and the 6<sup>th</sup> XI managed the same improvement to finish in sixth spot in the same league.

Hendon and Mill Hill	19	1	2	114	22	92	58pts
Eastcote 3	18	2	2	69	20	49	56
OMT Duchesses	14	0	8	56	56	0	42
<b>Hampstead 5</b>	12	2	8	44	36	8	38
British Airways Hayes	11	1	10	48	50	-5	34
<b>Hampstead 6</b>	11	0	11	54	57	-3	33
PHC Chiswick 3	10	2	10	57	40	15	32

The 7<sup>th</sup> XI ended the league season placed fifth in Middlesex League Division 3

Harrow 2	18	3	0	94	16	78	57pts
OMT Countesses	15	4	3	39	23	40	49
Ashford 3	12	1	9	39	23	16	37
Teddington 5	11	3	8	34	31	3	36
<b>Hampstead 7</b>	11	1	10	48	44	4	34
British Airways Hayes 2	10	1	11	48	44	4	31

### Play Offs

It is now the time of the year to settle promotion and relegation.

The National League **Relegation** Tournaments started on 2 April. The three Conference teams in penultimate positions fight it out between them for one place, on a round-robin basis. With the three in last place automatically relegated from each Conference, this is to allow each of the five regional League winners to take their place in the National League.

2 April 2017

Women's Play-Off 1 West Herts 2 Exe 5

Men's Play-Off 1 Indian Gymkhana 3 Oxtan 4

9 April 2017

Women's Play-Off 2 Exe (West) v Timperley (North)

Men's Play-Off 2 Oxtan (North) v Fareham (West)

22 April 2017

Women's Play-Off 3 Timperley (North) v West Herts (East)

Men's Play-Off 3 Fareham (West) v Indian Gymkhana (East)

The National League **Promotion** Tournaments starts on 9 April 2017 at the Nottingham Hockey Centre. As a reminder, the teams battling it out are:-

**Women:** Bowdon Hightown, Buckingham, Brooklands Poynton and Wimbledon.

**Men:** Durham University (100% record in the League) Canterbury, Bath Buccaneers and Sevenoaks.

1315 Women's Play-Offs Match 1

Bowdon Hightown v Buckingham



1315 Men's Play-Offs Match 1  
Sevenoaks v Team Bath Buccaneers

1530 Women's Play-Offs Match 2  
Brooklands Poynton v Wimbledon

1530 Men's Play-Offs Match 2  
Canterbury v Durham University

Matches then continue as part of the League Finals to be held on the weekend, of 22-23 April 2017 at the Lee Valley Hockey & Tennis Centre, in accordance with the programme set out on page 2 of this edition.

## Cup News

### Men

In the semi-finals it was:  
Bromley & Beckenham 0 Canterbury 2  
Reading 4 Brooklands MU 2

In the semi-finals of the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Cup, the scores were  
Southgate 2 Brooklands 1  
Surbiton 6 University of Nottingham 2

The final is to be played on 1 May 2017.

### Women

In the semi-finals it was:  
Beeston 1 Clifton Robinsons 2  
Bowdon 0 Surbiton 5

## Mixed Hockey 2017

As a reminder, the Quarter Final draw for the English Hockey Mixed Trophy matches on 9 April 2017 is as follows:

Banbury v Surbiton  
**Hampstead** v Horsham  
Stourport v Kendal Mint Cakes (*sic*)  
Wimborne v Clifton Robinsons

The semi-finals are scheduled to take place on 3 June and the final on 4 June 2017

## Other Cup News

In the London League the top four teams in each league now compete for the respective League Cup. There is much H&W participation this season in confirmation of the excellent results during the season.

### Veterans Division Cup

East Grinstead v Surbiton Jokers [walk over awarded to East Grinstead]  
Hampstead 10 Tulse Hill & Dulwich Artillery 3  
Final on 8 April 2017; Hampstead v East Grinstead at 12.00pm on pitch 3 at Reading HC

### Division 6 Cup

1 April 2017  
Hampstead 3 London Royals 4  
Kings Allyn's 3 Slough 5  
Final on 8 April 2017; London Royals v Slough

### Division 5 Cup

Clapham Common 3 London Wayfarers Outlaws 0

London Academics 0 Hampstead Hammers 5  
Final on 8 April 2017; Hammers v Clapham Common at 10.30am at Reading HC

### Division 2 Cup

Old Georgians Crusaders v Old Loughtonians [walk over awarded to Old Loughtonians]  
Oxford University v Hampstead [walk over awarded to Oxford University]  
Final on 8 April 2017; Oxford University v Old Loughtonians at Reading HC

### Division 1 Cup

Hampstead 3 Reading 2  
Southgate v Indian Gymkhana [walk over awarded to Southgate]  
Final on 8 April 2017; Hampstead v Southgate at Reading HC

### Premier League Cup

Canterbury 5 Southgate 2  
Hampstead v Reading [walk over awarded to Hampstead]  
Final on 8 April 2017; Hampstead v Canterbury at 2.00pm at Reading HC

### Women's over 35 Veterans' Trophy

Hampstead 0 Teddington 6  
Thus, to the **Women's over 35 Veterans' Shield**  
Hampstead 1 Spencer Sapphires 1 (4-1 to Spencer after penalties)

### Youth Hockey

The growth in youth hockey at H&W has been exceptional and is tribute to the huge sacrifices and efforts of Alex Smart, mentioned earlier at the Vice Presidents and Former Player Dinner on 31 March, where her achievements were applauded.

There are numerous competitions in which Hampstead participates (including but not limited to the Home Counties Development Leagues) but two leagues stand out (and where matches have not yet been completed).

### Mercian U14 Boys (top four only)

<b>Hampstead</b>	12	11	1	0	61	10	51	34pts
OMT	13	11	0	2	44	11	33	33
St Albans	14	9	0	5	46	30	16	27
Southgate Trojans	14	5	1	8	28	43	06	16

### East League 4 U16 Girls

Spencer	5	5	0	0	22	6	17	15
Richmond	5	4	0	1	30	10	20	12
Teddington	5	3	0	2	19	10	9	9
<b>Hampstead</b>	5	1	0	4	11	17	-6	3
Ealing	5	0	0	5	3	28	-25	0

### Occasional Hockey

A group from the Women's section of the Club has decided to participate in the newly formed Tower Hockey League Spring/Summer. Three games have been won, defeating East London Women 9's by 5-2, East London Women 8's by 3-1 and London Academics 7's by 9-4. Other matches are to be played against Tulse Hill & Dulwich Women's 7<sup>th</sup> XI, Wapping Women's Wonderers (*sic*) and London Royals Women XI.

### Hockey World League

The 2016–17 Men's FIH Hockey World League is the third edition of the FIH Hockey World League hockey championship for men. The tournament started in April 2016 in Singapore and is scheduled to finish in December 2017 in India.

The semi-finals of the competition also serve as a qualifier for the 2018 Men's Hockey World Cup as the 10/11 highest placed teams, apart from the host nation and the five continental champions will qualify. One semifinal is to be held in London in June 2017 (and details are set out below)

### First Round

The First Round was held in several venues last year and produced the following qualifiers:-

9.4.16 to 17.4.16	Singapore	CHN + SRI
28.6.16 to 2.7.16	Suva Fiji	FIJ
30.8.16 to 4.9.16	Prague	UKR + ITA
6.9.16 to 11.9.16	Glasgow	WAL + SCO
9.9.16 to 11.9.16	Antalya	AUT
9.9.16 to 11.9.16	Accra	GHA
27.9.16 to 2.10.16	Salamanca	USA
1.10.16 to 9.10.16	Chiclayo Peru	CHI
12.10.16	FIH appointed	BAR + OMA + SUI

The 1-11 World ranked teams in 2015 were automatically entered for the semi-finals:

AUS  
NED  
GER  
ENG  
BEL  
ARG  
IND  
NZL  
KOR  
PAK  
ESP

The 12-20 ranked teams were given an automatic bye to Round 2

IRE  
MAS<sup>3</sup>  
CAN  
RSA  
JPN  
POL  
FRA  
RUS  
EGY

The FIH and England Hockey have confirmed the match schedule for the semi-final in London in June 2017.

The Hockey World League Semi-Final sees the very best teams do battle with those who have fought their way through from the Second Round (details of which are set out below).

Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre has hosted international hockey events since 2015. Five other teams have been confirmed to compete in this event along with England, namely Argentina, and European Champions Netherlands, India, Pakistan and Korea.

Sunday 18 June has been dubbed "Super Sunday". The first game of the day pairs Pakistan with India. This remains one of the fiercest rivalries in the game. India had the edge at the 2016 Asian Champions Trophy and Pakistan will be out for revenge. That is then to be followed by England meeting Argentina.

Time	Thursday 15 June	Ticket Prices East & West	Ticket Prices South
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<sup>3</sup> Malaysia

12:00	Korea	v	Argentina	Adult <b>£12.50</b>	Adult <b>£10.00</b>
14:00	India	v	Pool B Team 5	U18s <b>£7.50</b>	U18s <b>£5.00</b>
18:00	Netherlands	v	Pakistan	Adult <b>£22.00</b>	Adult <b>£17.50</b>
20:00	England	v	Pool A Team 5	U18s <b>£7.50</b>	U18s <b>£5.00</b>
Time	Friday 16 June			Ticket Prices East & West	Ticket Prices South
18:00	Pakistan	v	Pool B Team 4	Adult <b>£15.00</b>	Adult <b>£10.00</b>
20:00	Argentina	v	Pool A Team 4	U18s <b>£5.00</b>	U18s <b>£2.50</b>
Time	Saturday 17 June			Ticket Prices East & West	Ticket Prices South
12:00	Pool A Team 5	v	Korea	Adult <b>£35.00</b>	Adult <b>£27.50</b>
14:00	Pool B Team 4	v	India	U18s <b>£12.50</b>	U18s <b>£10.00</b>
16:00	England	v	Pool A Team 4		
18:00	Pool B Team 5	v	Netherlands		
Time	Sunday 18 June			Ticket Prices East & West	Ticket Prices South
14:00	Pakistan	v	India	Adult <b>£30.00</b>	Adult <b>£25.00</b>
16:00	England	v	Argentina	U18s <b>£10.00</b>	U18s <b>£7.50</b>
Time	Monday 19 June			Ticket Prices East & West	Ticket Prices South
12:00	Pool B Team 5	v	Pakistan	Adult <b>£12.50</b>	Adult <b>£10.00</b>
14:00	India	v	Pool B Team 4	U18s <b>£7.50</b>	U18s <b>£5.00</b>
18:00	Korea	v	Pool A Team 4	Adult <b>£15.00</b>	Adult <b>£10.00</b>
20:00	Argentina	v	Pool A Team 5	U18s <b>£5.00</b>	U18s <b>£2.50</b>
Time	Tuesday 20 June			Ticket Prices East & West	Ticket Prices South
12:00	Pool B Team 5	v	Pool B Team 4	Adult <b>£12.50</b>	Adult <b>£10.00</b>
14:00	India	v	Netherlands	U18s <b>£7.50</b>	U18s <b>£5.00</b>
18:00	Pool A Team 5	v	Pool B Team 4	Adult <b>£22.50</b>	Adult <b>£17.50</b>
20:00	England	v	Korea	U18s <b>£7.50</b>	U18s <b>£5.00</b>
Time	Thursday 22 June			Ticket Prices East & West	Ticket Prices South
11:00	9th/10th Playoff			Adult <b>£27.50</b>	Adult <b>£22.00</b>
13:15	Quarter Final 1			U18s <b>£10.00</b>	U18s <b>£7.50</b>
15:30	Quarter Final 2				
17:45	Quarter Final 3				
20:00	Quarter Final 4				
Time	Saturday 24 June			Ticket Prices East & West	Ticket Prices South
09:30	5th/8th Playoff			Adult <b>£35.00</b>	Adult <b>£27.50</b>
11:45	5th/8th Playoff			U18s <b>£12.50</b>	U18s <b>£10.00</b>
14:00	Semi Final 1				
16:15	Semi Final 2				
Time	Sunday 25 June			Ticket Prices East & West	Ticket Prices South
09:30	7th/8th Playoff				
11:45	5th/6th Playoff				
14:00	3rd/4th Playoff				
16:15	<b>FINAL</b>				

## Second Round

The three groupings were as follows:

4.3.17 to 12.3.17	Dhaka	BAN, EGY, MAS, CHN, FIJ, GHA, OMA & SRL
11.3.17 to 19.3.17	Belfast	IRE, FRA, POL, AUT, ITA, SCO, UKR & WAL
25.3.17 to 2.4.17	Tacarigua <sup>4</sup>	TTO, JPN, RUS, CAN, BAR, CHI, SUI & USA

These were the results:

### DHAKA

Asia will be well represented at the Hockey World League (HWL) semi-finals in June and July as Malaysia and China guaranteed themselves a spot in the next round of the competition.

Both teams will have the chance to qualify for the HWL Finals at the end of the year, but it also keeps their chances of qualifying for the 2018 World Cup very much alive.

It was action all the way at the Moulana Bhashani National Hockey Stadium on the penultimate day of the event.

The semi-finals saw Malaysia and China score five goals apiece to ensure they would be in the Finals, taking place on 11 March. Malaysia were the top-ranked side coming into the competition (World ranking 13<sup>th</sup>) but even so, the 5-0 demolition of Egypt showed that captain Sukri Mutalib and his men meant business.

Goals were shared among the Malaysian strikers, with Razie Rahim opening the scoring just prior to the end of the first quarter with a well-taken penalty corner. He was joined on the scoreboard by Fitri Saari, Tengku Ahmad, Shahril Saabah and Aiman Nik Rosemi. All Malaysia's goalscorers during this encounter feature in the top 12 goalscorers for the tournament, demonstrating the depth of attacking ability in the side.

The second semi-final saw the prolific Du Talake score three goals – one penalty stroke and two penalty corners – taking his tournament tally to nine. China (World Ranking 18<sup>th</sup>) raced to a 4-0 lead before Oman pulled one goal back in the final 10 minutes of play. Ashram Al Nasser making the most of a rare defensive error from the Chinese. The other Chinese goals came from Su Lixing and Guo Jin.

In the earlier matches to decide the lower order finishing places, Sri Lanka (WR:41) suffered a 9-0 thumping at the hands of the host nation. Bangladesh (World Ranking 32<sup>nd</sup>) scored in the opening minute of the match when Mamunur-Rahman Chayan struck from a penalty corner. Chayan scored a second halfway through the second quarter and was joined on the scoresheet by Milon Hossain (3), Mainul Islam Kowshiq, Arshad Hossain (2) and Rashel Mahmud. The result mean that Bangladesh would face Ghana in the play-off for fifth place.

The match between Ghana (World Ranking 38<sup>th</sup>) and Bangladesh had all the makings of a real goal fest as Ghana showed they know where the back of the net is as they demolished Fiji (World Ranking 44<sup>th</sup>) by 11-2. Jonny Botsio showed why he is so feared in front of goal as he struck five times, making himself leading goal scorer with one game to play. The other six goals were shared between Matthew Damalie, Shamrock Baah, Elikem Akaba, Godsway Balagi, Richard Adjei and Salya Nsalbini. Adrian Smith and Leevan Dutta scored for Fiji.

4.3.17  
CHI 7-3 GHA  
EGY 6-2 SRI  
OMA 7-0 FIJ  
MAS 3-0 BAN

5.3.17  
GHA 5-4 SRI  
EGY 2-2 CHN (3-2 on shuttles)

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<sup>4</sup> Trinidad and Tobago (TTO)

OMA 1-6 MAS  
BAN 5-1 FIJ

7.3.17

MAS 11-1 FIJ  
CHN 5-1 SRI  
GHA 1-1 EGY (2-4 on shuttles)  
BAN 2-3 OMA

9.3.17

MAS 5-2 OMA  
CHN 17-0 SRI  
OMA 4-3 GHA  
EGY 5-1 BAN

11.3.17

SRI 0-9 BAN  
GHA 11-2 FIJ  
MAS 5-0 EGY  
OMA 1-5 CHN

12.3.17

SRI 5-3 FIJ 7/8  
BAN 3-3 GHA (4-3 on shuttles) 5/6  
EGY 5-1 OMA 3/4  
MAS 2-2 CHN (5-3 on shuttles) Final

### TACARIGUA

Like all the Second Round events, the competition in Tacarigua, located around 20 kilometres inland from capital city Port of Spain, consisted of teams that came through the first phase of the competition and nations that were automatically given a bye through to Round 2 owing to their higher placement in the FIH Hero World Rankings.



*Kwan Browne in shirt 7.*

There was H&W interest in this grouping, given Kwan Browne's selection once more by Trinidad and Tobago, extending Kwan's caps to substantially more than 300.

Canada and Japan sealed their tickets to that stage after winning their respective semi-finals. Canada (World Ranking 11<sup>th</sup>) fell behind to an early goal from Marat Khairullin in their semi-final clash with Russia (World Ranking 22<sup>nd</sup>), but three penalty corner strikes in the second quarter put Canada

firmly in control, with Mark Pearson levelling before Scott Tupper scored twice. Pearson claimed his second goal of the match 12 minutes from time, scoring from open play to confirm Canada's appearance in the competition final - as well as taking an important step on the journey towards qualification for the Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup Bhubaneswar 2018.

Canada's opponents in the competition final will be Japan (World Ranking 16<sup>th</sup>), who claimed a fifth successive win at the event by seeing off the challenge of USA (World Ranking 29<sup>th</sup>). Following two goal-less opening quarters, the competition's top scorer, Kenta Tanaka finally broke the deadlock in the 38<sup>th</sup> minute with his eighth goal of the tournament, all of which have come from open play. The result was sealed in the final minute of the match when Kaito Tanaka rolled the ball into an empty net after the USA had gone for broke by replacing goalkeeper Brandon Karess with an outfield player in search of an equaliser. USA now faced Russia in the play-off for third place.



*Kwan in short corner action for Trinidad & Tobago*

Earlier Switzerland (World Ranking 30<sup>th</sup>) defeated Chile (World Ranking 39<sup>th</sup>) 4-2 to reach the 5-6 play-off match, where they faced hosts Trinidad & Tobago (World Ranking 33<sup>rd</sup>), who were 3-1 winners against Caribbean rivals Barbados (World Ranking 49<sup>th</sup>).

Chile played Barbados in the 7-8 play-off before Switzerland faced Trinidad & Tobago in the fight for 5<sup>th</sup> place. The 3-4 play-off between Russia and USA went underway at 1745 ahead of the showpiece final between Canada and Japan fixture.

Malaysia and China had taken the top two places at the event in Dhaka, with Egypt (World Ranking 20<sup>th</sup>) finishing in third place.

25.3.17  
CAN 4-2 USA  
CHI 2-1 BAR  
JPN 3-0 SUI  
RUS 3-1 TTO

26.3.17  
USA 7-1 BAR

CHI 1-5 CAN  
RUS 1-3 JPN  
SUI 2-6 TTO [Kwan scoring two penalty corners in the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> minutes]

28.3.17  
SUI 1-4 RUS  
USA 2-2 CHI (2-0)  
CAN 10-0 BAR  
JPN 5-1 TTO

30.3.17  
CAN 2-1 SUI  
RUS 4-2 CHI  
JPN 5-0 BAR  
USA 2-2 TTO (3-2 on shuttles) [Kwan scoring on his run, to bring the scores level at 2-2]

1.4.17  
SUI 4-2 CHI 5/8  
TTO 3-1 BAR 5/8  
CAN 4-1 RUS Semi Final  
USA 0-2 JPN Semi Final

2.4.17  
CHI 0-0 BAR (3-2 on shuttles) 7/8  
SUI 3-4 TTO 5/6  
RUS 2-2 USA (1-2 on shuttles) 3/4  
CAN 1-2 JPN Final

## **BELFAST**

Lower-ranked France (World Ranking 17<sup>th</sup>) who recorded five successive victories on route (or should that be *en route*?) to the final, took the lead against Ireland (World Ranking 10<sup>th</sup>) just before half time, thanks to a penalty corner from team captain, Victor Charlet.

The French held that advantage until eight minutes from the end of the match, when a penalty corner from Shane O'Donoghue locked up the score at 1-1 and sent the match into a shoot-out. From there, Conor Harte, Eugene Magee, Lee Cole and Johnny McKee all scored, whilst Ireland goalkeeper, David Harte made a pair of saves to seal the competition victory.

Both Ireland and France, now move forward to the Semi-Final stage of the Hockey World League

Scotland (World Ranking 27<sup>th</sup>) sealed third place in the competition with a resounding 4-0 win over Wales (World Ranking 34<sup>th</sup>). Wei Adams scored two penalty corners in the contest with Gavin Byers and Ben Cosgrove also on target. Scotland had to wait until the completion of all the Second Round events before knowing if they were one of the two highest ranked of the three third placed finishers, to provide them a place the semi-final phase.

Earlier that day, a double strike from goal-machine Michael Körper helped Austria (World Ranking 21<sup>st</sup>) to a sixth-place finish, courtesy of a narrow 2-1 win over Poland (World Ranking 19<sup>th</sup>) Körper's two efforts ensured that he finished top of the scoring charts with eight goals, one more than Scotland's Alan Forsyth with seven.

In the 7-8<sup>th</sup> classification match, Thomas Keenan scored two penalty corners as Italy (World Ranking 25<sup>th</sup>) claimed seventh place with a 4-2 win against Ukraine (World Rankin 24<sup>th</sup>) who finished the competition in eighth place.

Again, there was H&W interest in this grouping. David Kettle and Rupert Shipperley (below in the red shirt) were representing Wales, who were managed by 1<sup>st</sup> XI manager, Thea Hitchcock. Ireland included Chris Cargo.





11.3.17

FRA 3-1 WAL

POL 1-3 WAL [Rupert Shipperley scoring in the 53<sup>rd</sup> minute]

IRE 9-2 UKR

AUT 1-1 IRL (2-4 on shuttles)

12.3.17

POL 1-3 FRA

SCO 2-2 WAL<sup>5</sup> (2-4 on shuttles) [David Kettle defended the shoot out for Wales]

AUT 1-1 IRL (2-4 on shuttles)

UKR 2-6 ITA

14.3.17

SCO 2-1 POL

FRA 1-0 WAL

IRL 1-0 ITA

UKR 2-4 ITA

16.3.17

FRA 11-2 UKR

WAL 3-0 ITA [Rupert Shipperley scoring in the 43<sup>rd</sup> minute]

AUT 5-5 SCO (2-4)

IRL 5-1 POL

SCO 0-2 FRA

18.3.17

AUT 6-1 UKR 5/8

POL 2-3 ITA 5/8

IRL 3-1 WAL Semi Final

SCO 0-2 FRA Semi Final

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<sup>5</sup> The first three goals were scored in the 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> minutes



*Rupert Shipperley scores for Wales*

Ireland produced a composed performance to come from a goal down to beat Wales 3-1, guaranteeing their advance to Sunday's final and to the Hockey World League Semi-Finals. France booked their ticket too, with a 2-0 win over Scotland, who met Wales in the classification match for third place.

Ireland produced a fine performance from the second quarter on, bouncing back after a low-key first 15 minutes in which Wales had the upper hand. They were rewarded with the first corner – courtesy of Owain Dolan-Gray's right wing run – which Gareth Furlong duly netted for his fifth goal of the tournament.

That awoke Ireland and, with Sean Murray driving things, showed much more spark in the immediate aftermath. Jamie Wright was felled out by the left sideline in unceremonious fashion to give Ireland their first penalty corner and Shane O'Donoghue nailed his drag-flick for 1-1 in the 18<sup>th</sup> minute.

Seven minutes later, Ben Walker made it 2-1. O'Donoghue powered into the circle from a turnover and pushed a shot beyond goalkeeper, David Kettle but with not enough pace to reach the goal. The teenager picked it up and slightly miscued his shot but it had enough on it to loop into the goal.

Neal Glassey then got the clinching goal with 13 minutes to go, capping a fine performance with a knee-high deflection from McKee's quickly taken free hit.

Speaking afterwards, Ireland coach Craig Fulton said was delighted with the performance and the ticket to the next stage of the World Cup qualification process.

"Target achieved for sure but we do have one more game to go and we want to win the final," he said. "We played well today; it was a tough game and all credit to Wales. They were an attacking side and strong defensively. We had to be patient.

France ensured their progression as first half goals from Pieter van Straaten and Victor Charlet proved enough against Scotland in a 2-0 result.

Van Straaten opened the scoring with a top effort from open play, firing home after some good work in midfield with 10 seconds remaining in the first quarter. Victor Charlet slammed in a corner in the 22<sup>nd</sup> minute for 2-0 as France had a huge volume of control in the first half.

Scotland bounced back in the second half, throwing everything forward and penning France deep in their own territory. They had a series of penalty corners but were unable to make the breakthrough.

Michael Bremner hit the post with the pick of Scotland's chances while France also hit the post twice at the other end. With no further goals, the French prevailed and went on to play Ireland in the final. Austria met Poland in the fifth-place play-off while Ukraine met Italy with seventh place on the line following the crossover games.

The Austrians eased to a 6-1 win over Ukraine, with Michael Körper firing home a hat trick. Ukraine did hit the front when Andrii Koshelenko netted an 18<sup>th</sup> minute penalty corner. However, two Körper efforts swapped the lead within eight minutes before Patrick Schmidt made it 3-1 at half-time. Dominic Uher's corner and a field goal from Alexander Bele extended the margin to 5-1 before Körper completed the win.

Poland's tie with Italy was far tighter. Patryk Pawlak and Juan Montone exchanged early goals to leave the tie locked at 1-1 for the most of half an hour, before Mateusz Hulboj scored the winner in the second half. Poland had chances to make the game safer but held on, nonetheless, for their first win of the competition, 2-1 (see below).

19.3.17

UKR 2-4 ITA 7/8

AUT 2-1 POL 5/6

WAL 0-4 SCO<sup>6</sup> 3/4

IRL 1-1 FRA (4-2 on shuttles) Final

Canada, China, Malaysia and Scotland make up the full line up for the semi-finals at Lee Valley They join Argentina, Netherlands, India, Pakistan, Korea and England.

These allocations were determined by their position within the FIH Hero World Rankings, which were updated following the conclusion of the Second Round. This latest update eliminated points earned by nations during 2013, as well as reducing the number of points all nations earned between 2014 and 2016.

### Gold Coast Commonwealth Games

The schedule for next year's Commonwealth Games in the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia (GC2018) has been announced, one year before competition gets under way. The Games will be held from 4 April 2018 until 15 April 2018. The Women's triathlon will be the first gold medal to be won on the opening day of the Games on 5 April 2018. The men's and women's 100m finals are on the fifth day and the rugby sevens will bring events to a close on 15 April 2018.

The opening ceremony is to take place between 6.00pm and 10.45pm in the Carrara Stadium. Hockey starts on the next day and then runs until the finals on 14 April 2018.

5 April 2018

9.30am to 1.00pm Women's Preliminary matches

2.30pm to 6.00pm Women's Preliminary matches

7.30pm to 11.00pm Men's Preliminary matches

6 April 2018

9.30am to 1.00pm Men's Preliminary matches

2.30pm to 6.00pm Women's Preliminary matches

7.30pm to 11.00pm Women's Preliminary matches

7 April 2018

9.30am to 1.00pm Men's Preliminary matches

2.30pm to 6.00pm Men's Preliminary matches

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<sup>6</sup> Scotland scoring in the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 42<sup>nd</sup>, 54<sup>th</sup> and 55<sup>th</sup> minutes

7.30pm to 11.00pm	Women's Preliminary matches
8 April 2018	
9.30am to 1.00pm	Women's Preliminary matches
2.30pm to 6.00pm	Men's Preliminary matches
7.30pm to 11.00pm	Men's Preliminary matches
9 April 2018	
2.30pm to 6.00pm	Women's Preliminary matches
7.30pm to 11.00pm	Women's Preliminary matches
10 April 2018	
9.30am to 1.00pm	Men's Preliminary matches
2.30pm to 6.00pm	Men's Preliminary matches
7.30pm to 11.00pm	Women's Preliminary matches
11 April 2018	
9.30am to 1.00pm	Women's Preliminary matches
2.30pm to 6.00pm	Men's Preliminary matches
7.30pm to 11.00pm	Men's Preliminary matches
12 April 2018	
1.30pm to 5.30pm	Women's Classification matches
7.00pm to 11.00pm	Women's Semi Finals
13 April 2018	
8.30am to 12.30pm	Men's Classification matches
2.00pm to 6.00pm	Women's & Men's Classification matches
7.30pm to 11.30pm	Men's Semi Finals
14 April 2018	
10.30am to 2.30pm	Women's Gold and Bronze Medal matches
7.00pm to 11.00pm	Men's Gold and Bronze Medal matches

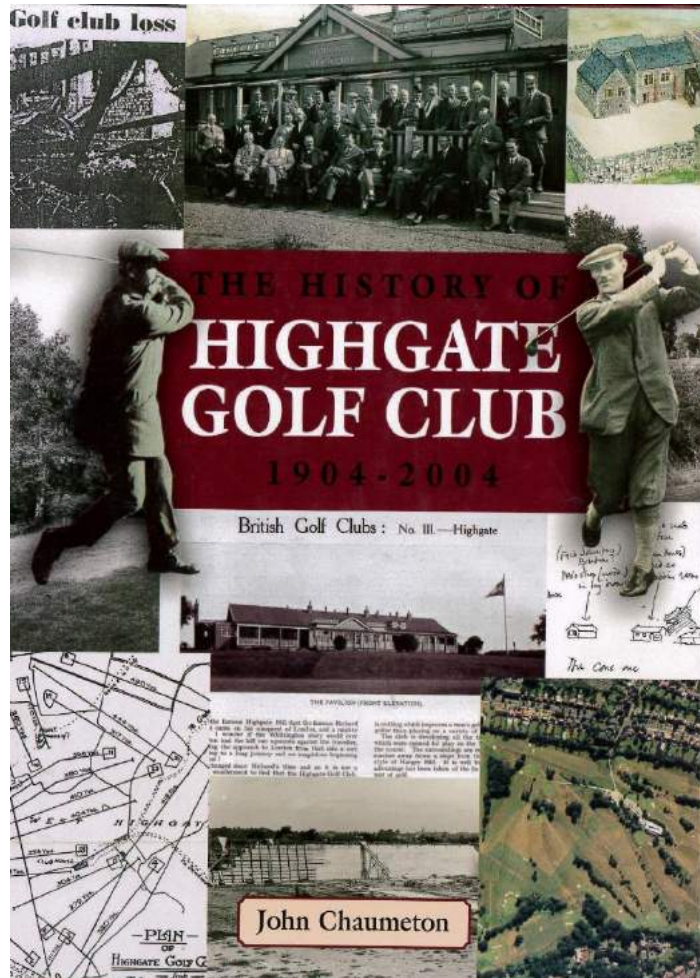
Matches will be played over 60 minutes (four quarters of 15 minutes) at the Gold Coast Hockey Centre that can seat 5,000.

### [The History of Highgate Golf Club 1904-2004](#)

It was recently discovered that Club Vice President, John Chaumeton, who played for HHC in the 1960's and was a member of the Committee for several years and who accepted a myriad of administrative responsibilities had been prevailed upon to compile a history of the local golf club.

John wanted to point out that contrary to what was recorded in the previous Newsletter, he tended to play hockey for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and was half back, rather than a forward, for which apologies are offered. Regrettably, a mis-connection was made with one of John's contemporaries, the forward R A Downard, who represented Wales.

The early days of Highgate Golf Club mirror similar difficulties as those experienced by Hampstead Hockey Club in its first few years, in several bouts of negotiation to secure a viable place to play and in later years, in the case of the golf club, safeguarding the course in the centre of a much sought after part of north London that tended to be inclined to redevelopment for housing, earnestly summarised in the History, with the words below.



“It is nothing short of a miracle that 81 acres in the middle of one of the most expensive residential areas on earth has survived as green and pleasant land for the recreation of those that have been affected by a passion of golf”

The Golf Club had far greater difficulty than H&W in relation to admitting women members, as John’s account, summarised later, will amply demonstrate.

**Background**

East Finchley GC was established in 1893 at Fortis Green on land leased from the Church Commissioners, initially on a 7 year lease granted to 12 members for 38 acres at a starting rent of £100 for the first year and £125 for the remainder, with a landlord’s option to determine on one month’s notice if the land were required for development. No golf was permitted on Sundays and any footpaths crossing the land could not be fenced. This gave rise to a 9 hole course. By the first AGM membership had reached 110 men and 30 women on an entrance fee of £1.05 (one guinea) ½ guinea for women. Annual subscriptions were 3 guineas and 1 guinea, respectively.

The public right of way crossing the course was a bone of contention, insisted upon by Hornsey District Council (as it then was) threatening legal proceedings if the right of way on the path were to be played across. This led to a request for a reduction in rent, given the restricted area available for play and therefore a corresponding detriment to membership. And there was a problem with drainage that was accepted and the rent was reduced to £100. Attempts were made to relax the ban on Sunday play but the Church Commissioners were adamant and this remained the case until the 1930’s.

In view of the expansion of Muswell Hill, the Church Commissioners were eager to apply for planning permission to develop the land and gave the Golf Club notice that the lease would not be renewed on

its expiry. Planning Permission was granted and included the installation of fencing to accommodate the right of way across what was the golf course. The Commissioners however offered the Club Committee an alternative lease on farmland adjoining Bishops' Wood and Kenwood. A lease was signed by eight members and in 1904, Highgate and East Finchley Golf Club was formed.

### **Highgate and East Finchley Golf Club**

The new area was in excess of 79 acres. A lease for 14 years was proposed at a rent of £310 per annum (and permitted use for lawn tennis and bowls). The Lease was exchanged in January 1950. It still prevented play on Sundays and the sale of "intoxicating liquor" was prohibited (other than twice a year, upon the permission of local Magistrates). The new course allowed for 18 holes, several of which exceeded 400 yards in length.

In 1928/29 the construction of a concrete reservoir by the Metropolitan Water Board caused severe disruption. The freehold of site for the reservoir was sold to the Board (still subject to the Club's Lease) and it appears that the golf club concluded that it had to accept the imposition "as more leaseholders". During construction, a number of holes were lost and the layout of the course had to be changed to accommodate the new topography. It took complaints from members before the Water Board agreed to lay earth and grass over the top of the concrete surface!

### **Extension of the Lease**

In 1916 Cluttons agreed on behalf of the Church Commissioners to reduce the annual rent to £90 until March 1917 given the impact of the War on the finances of the golf club, conscious, too, that it was in the interests to maintain a golf club in the vicinity, which amenity assisted the prospects of selling houses in the area.

Another extension of the lease was agreed up to 1932 at a rent of £350 per annum. Before that expired another negotiation ensued that resulted in a new 21 year lease from 1925 at a rent of £400 until 1932 and then £450 until 1946 but on condition that the club regularly cut down any thistles and levelled mole and ant hills. The ban on Sunday play was to continue.

The sale of 27 acres to accommodate the reservoir in 1928 had led to a reduction of £260 per annum for what was left of the lease and £298 per annum from 1932. In 1935 after yet further negotiation, a 32 year lease was agreed at a rent of £600 per annum for the first five years and £800 per annum for the remainder. This was followed by an extension until 1988 by a term of 32 years at an annual rent of £900 (the longest period so far achieved and consistent with the club's concerns with regard to security of tenure).

### **Enfranchisement**

In 1934 the golf club had been offered an opportunity to acquire the freehold for £37,500, which followed initial negotiations for purchase between the Church Commissioners and Hornsey Council. The proposal was not proceeded with.

In 1957 it was reported that Hampstead Golf Club, which had purchased its freehold from the Church Commissioners in 1930, were to receive £70,857 in compensation, pursuant to the Town and Country Planning Act 1954 because planning permission for the development of their land had been refused. This news had a galvanising effect. Highgate Golf Club opened discussions with the Commissioners and eventually established that with a 30 year lease, the Club's interest would give rise to any compensation that might be payable..

Following Counsel's opinion, it was eventually agreed that any compensation would be divided in equal shares, that the freehold would be sold for 20 times the annual rent, which was acceptable to the golf club on condition that compensation was obtained. The Commissioners applied for planning permission. This was refused. Compensation of £31,248 was therefore awarded. One half was due to the club, which therefore only needed to raise £2,376 to meet the required purchase price.

This left the club as leaseholder of the 31 acres owned by the Water Board. In 1974 there was a threat of a compulsory purchase order for part of the land, leading to the possible building of flats on what is now the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> fairways that would have reduced the course to one of nine holes only (and as a municipal course).

In the 1960's the golf club had to combat encroachment of part of the course by neighbouring homeowners, especially adjacent to the 8<sup>th</sup> tee. These issues were protracted. It took until the late 1990's for matters to be resolved by agreement for the return to the club of the land appropriated when the owner in question vacated his property.

### **Fire**

The club was badly affected by fires in 1926 and 1962. That in 1926 occurred in the wooden pavilion and club house at lunchtime on a Wednesday, enabling some members to save furniture and effects. The later occurred early on a Saturday morning when the steward and his family were awoken by an alarm. The blaze lasted three hours and virtually the whole building was destroyed.

Regrettably it was later concluded that the club was under insured. One consequence was the need to find or make adaptations for temporary buildings. Another was an overdraft and an increase in subscriptions. The club raised a loan from its bank for £20,000 to cover the difference between the proceeds reserved for insurance (£56,607) and the estimated cost of rebuilding (£63,411). The new clubhouse was completed in March 1964. That did not prove to be the end of misfortune, for five months after the fire, another occurred to the pro's shop and members' equipment stored there was destroyed.

### **Women's Rights**

In East Finchley Golf Club in 1893 there was a separate ladies' section that continued when the club moved from East Finchley to Highgate in 1904. Women had few rights and very restricted playing times. Notably during the Second World War certain women sought to improve the basis of their membership and there was a general improvement. In March 1983, it was proposed that the lady captain should be a member of the general committee, which was agreed at the AGM later that month. In March 1988 members were invited to consider allowing women members to attend and vote at annual and any other meeting. Whilst there has a discussion at the AGM, no decision was reached.

This led to an EGM in November 1988 to vote upon granting full voting rights. Only 81 members attended (which probably indicated that the "subject matter was not of overwhelming importance"). After a vote on a show of hands, there were 40 in favour of extended voting rights, 38 against and three abstentions. There was a request for a recount. Fewer abstained and, by a count of hands, the first vote was overturned. There was an immediate objection to the recount, as these members who had abstained had now voted. However, the chairman ruled that the changes had not been agreed.

Following that the ladies section corresponded with the general committee expressing doubt on the legal validity of the second vote. Advice had since been taken of the Electoral Reform Society, which had commented that it was "morally reprehensible" for a person to alter his vote but said that the second vote should stand, even if flawed.

In March 1989 prior to another AGM on the same subject, a woman member wrote to threaten an injunction on the ground that the meeting had not been properly convened (because the women had not been circulated). The club had already taken its own counsel's opinion that the first vote at the EGM should stand. The AGM was postponed whilst this position was considered.

The committee went to instruct a second counsel, whose advice confirmed that of the first, namely that the first vote counted.

The delayed AGM was held in April and despite some members having obtained an alternative counsel's opinion, the meeting proceeded on the basis that the women had full voting rights. Equal rights were thus achieved after 84 years.

Given the lack of nominee to carry out the burdens of running a separate committee with its own competitions, in 2002 the ladies' section was formally disbanded. A salaried assistant was appointed to work two days in each week, with the secretary/manager to help with administration of the ladies' section.

## Several Years Ago...

### 90 years ago

At a meeting held at Serjeants Inn Fleet Street on 2 March 1927, the Committee decided (amongst other things) that "as the match v Felsted School was too far away and not likely to be of use to the Club, the Secretary should not fix the match for next year and if already fixed, to cancel it with suitable regrets."

### 55 years ago

At the Annual General Meeting held at 33 Grosvenor Place London SW1 on Friday 6 April 1962 the captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI, J Griffiths reported that although it had not been a great season by any means. It had been encouraging in many ways. The mole drainage installed at Hornsey had proved effective. The results, particularly for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI, had very much improved in the second half of the season and a 5<sup>th</sup> XI had been run consistently after the new year. He mentioned international and county honours gained during the season; W N Livingstone (Scotland and captain) J F A Deegan (England) and F C Welles (Scotland); J R Matthews-Lane (final Welsh trial) P D Bell (Buckinghamshire) D Austin-Jones (Middlesex) and A Stranger (Hampshire). The President, Bill Fletcher, then presented the Barnard Cup to Mr Griffiths, as the captain of the XI with the best results of the season.

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	22	10	6	7	44	36
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	22	3	6	12	30	58
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	20	2	3	15	34	67
4 <sup>th</sup> XI	23	6	2	15	53	82
5 <sup>th</sup> XI	13	4	3	6	30	40

### 50 years ago

At the Annual General Meeting held on 31 March 1967 at the Round House Wardour Street London W1 the captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI, A P Conway reported that it had been a disappointing season for the top elevens but the lower elevens had produced good results again. The Barnard Cup had regained by the 4<sup>th</sup> XI. Representative honours had been won by D A T McCammon (for the County Champions, Wiltshire) J P S Jamieson (West and Devon) S P Lunn (Wales and British Universities) and M J R Seary (Middlesex A).

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	19	2	3	15	14	51
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	17	3	4	10	18	48
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	19	4	5	10	26	40
4 <sup>th</sup> XI	17	11	1	5	42	22
5 <sup>th</sup> XI	17	8	3	6	54	43
6 <sup>th</sup> XI	10	4	2	4	27	24

### 30 years ago

In his Secretarial Report to the Annual General Meeting, Steve Purnell mentioned (amongst other things) that on the administrative side a Strategy Committee has been set up to consider long-term Club interests. This Committee comprises the Club President, Club Captain and other interested members. Their first declared aim is for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI to win the London League in our centenary season 1994.

The results that season were:-

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	%	%League
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	25	4	4	18	21	82	20.00	19.00 <sup>7</sup>
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	25	8	4	13	32	34	37.30	33.33
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	23	11	5	7	41	27	55.07	56.86
4 <sup>th</sup> XI	23	14	3	6	53	21	65.22	60.42
5 <sup>th</sup> XI	23	12	4	7	49	31	57.97	
6 <sup>th</sup> XI	18	10	4	4	44	26	62.96	
Vets XI	20	13	2	5	52	25	68.33	

<sup>7</sup> reported to be the poorest results in a decade



## Women

1 <sup>st</sup> XI	24	10	6	8	33	35	50.00	70.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	22	11	6	5	49	16	62.12	
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	18	9	2	7	33	27	53.70	

Accordingly, the Barnard Cup was awarded to the Veterans XI.

Presenting his report on the Men's 3<sup>rd</sup> XI, Charles Fillingham said that there has been a "damn good start but we then missed out. The pressure is on Charles because he is bald. Purnell was sent off against Slough. Borrett had become a father. Next season, Stevens - who has hair - will be looking for keenness, commitment and a place in the play-offs."

## 15 years ago

The Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI finished their inaugural season in the Premier Division in eighth position. Southgate were relegated.

Hampstead 0 Cannock 1	
Hampstead 0 Surbiton 2	
Guildford 4 Hampstead 2	Sully Carolan
Loughborough St 2 Hampstead 1	Carolan
Hampstead 4 Canterbury 3	Darbon Mayer Sully King
Hampstead 4 Old Loughtonians 2	Carolan (3) Darbon
Teddington 0 Hampstead 3	Mayer Bhatti Hodges
Hampstead 1 Reading 3	Hetherington
Southgate 1 Hampstead 1	Williamson
Cannock 5 Hampstead 2	Mayer Sully
Surbiton 1 Hampstead 0	
Hampstead 3 Guildford 1	Carolan (3)
Hampstead 3 Loughborough St 2	King (2) Darbon
Old Loughtonians 1 Hampstead 0	
Hampstead 1 Teddington 1	Hetherington
Canterbury 6 Hampstead 2	King (2)
Hampstead 2 Southgate 3	Carolan (2)
Reading 3 Hampstead 0	

## 10 years ago

It was another finish in seventh place in the Premier Division for the Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI

Reading	14	2	2	69	30	39	46pts
Cannock	14	1	3	72	36	36	43
Loughborough Univ	12	2	4	55	42	13	38
East Grinstead	10	4	4	75	50	25	34
Surbiton	7	4	7	46	47	-1	25
Beeston	5	3	10	48	46	2	18
<b>Hampstead</b>	3	7	8	41	57	-16	16
Canterbury	4	2	12	46	66	-20	14
Belper	3	3	12	35	73	-38	12
Guildford	3	2	13	31	71	-40	10*

\* points adjustment

The season had begun with three successive draws, a win against Canterbury and then another draw 3-3 at Belper. After a home defeat against Beeston, the team travelled to the Morris Ground and came away with a point in a 4-4 draw against Cannock. Three successive defeats were then reversed in a 4-5 win at Canterbury and, later, an away win against Beeston, where Mike Williamson scored against the club where he first played. Andy Cornick's 15 goals were a vital contribution that season.

## Next edition

All being well, this will cover the start of the next season. If you have any news or comment, please direct it to mail@velwell.eclipse.co.uk.