

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB

BULLETIN 11

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RESULTS	1stX1	2ndX1	3rdX1	4thX1	5thX1	Vets	6thX1	2ndX1
Spencer	0-0	0-1	0-2	1-0	4-2	2-1	Harpenden 0-2	Hounslow 4-1

The best set of results I can remember against Spencer. In a dour match the 1st X1 well-deserved to share the points. Both the 2ndX1 and 3rdX1 gave much improved displays, perhaps the poor luck in front of goal will soon change. In a close encounter showing a high standard of play Ram Chitra's goal enabled the 4thX1 to win. John Grierson couldn't contain his pride and excitement on the phone to me in describing the 5thX1 performance. A tremendous team performance against a previously unbeaten team, with goals from Andy Gregory(2), Harry Charalambou and Nick Packer. The vets (Cay Schroeder, Mike Sadler-forster) enjoyed another excellent game on Highgate Wood, the surface of which was in ideal condition. The 7thX1 after playing with only nine in the first half gave a fighting second half display being unlucky not to at least equalise. Harpenden changed the fixture late to one of their higher teams and included a 2ndX1 suspended player.

WORK PARTY this coming Sunday (30th) at 10.00. If possible please bring spade, cutters and if you can a wheelbarrow. If you don't have these **STILL BE THERE**. Water is overflowing onto the newly drained pitch from the school shale pitches. The ditch around our ground must be cleared and in places redug. **PLEASE MAKE THE EFFORT TO HELP....drinks afterwards.**

DESPERATELY WANTED a volunteer from the Hockey Section to be on the House Committee (showers, cleaning, furniture, bar, etc etc). Bob Owen the Squash Secretary will be the Chair- of this vital committee. It is no good us moaning if we fail to have a representative. Contact me, Dave Teale, if you're willing to put your name forward.

HOCKEY DISCO (proceeds to Drainage Fund) ON SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER 9.00pm. Food, MUSIC, WINE, Bar Extension are included in the £5.00 ticket. This is a fund raising activity that is vital to the survival of the hockey club. Please bring friends, wives and concubines. Tickets available from Messrs Barker, Borrett, Banting, Chapman, Coleman, Davey, Fleming, Elliott, Fletcher Francis, Gregory, Blondie, Guest, Hale, Laven, McCabe, McDougall, Nickson, Rookes, S-F, Schroeder, Soares, Debbie Harry, Stobart, Stanyard, Wilmot, and Walker.

GROUNDS THIS COMING SATURDAY Harpenden (3rdX1) Rothamsted Park (Go into Harpenden via St Albans (A6)..turn left in High St (just past George Hotel)..Straight on Rothamsted Ave.. after sharp right bend first left Orchard Ave..Ground at end.
 Harpenden (5thX1 all weather pitch) Stockwood High School Cutenhoe Rd Luton (M1 exit at Junction 10..back under M1..at roundabout left (London Rd)..at traffic lights right (Cutenhoe Rd) School on right before more traffic lights.
 Potters Bar (4thX1, 6thX1)..The Cricket Field, The Walk, Potters Bar also King George V playing Field Mutton Lane.
 Hounslow (3rdX1 Sun)..Hounslow Sports Club, Church Meadow Bath Rd Hounslow 570 1762.

RESULTS LAST YEAR 1stX1 0-0 2ndX1 1-1 4thX1 4-0 Vets 2-2 (others new fixtures)

DRAINAGE/FINANCE ..The cost of the drainage work excluding VAT (returned) was £7,413. We had £4,000 raised in the fund. The outstanding amount has been paid through loans, which of course we shall be paying back (hence the importance of events like the disco). May I and other members thank greatly those people who have given loans to pay for the drainage. It is my opinion that you have saved the club and hopefully put it on a 'firmer' footing. I am even contemplating continuing as Match Secretary next season to see if this year's nightmare is only a passing phase. (Please no-one dare mention Bull Lane and forget everything said and written before..I will not repeat what I said to its groundsman (on Saturday)..). I have walked over the drained pitch hundreds of times, and with the exception of an area (hence the work party) the difference in the pitches is immense (would have been fit).

BULLETINS/MATHEMATICAL WONDERMENT ..This is the 100th hockey bulletin I have written. This represents approx 15,000 bulletins, 150,000 teams and 12 million words duplicated. Now if our forwards were to show the same.....heaven. (Trouble is they show the same number of errors that my one-fingered typing make $\frac{71}{82} + \frac{3}{4} = 0.867 + 0.75 = 1.617$;;;sssss.

A GREAT VICTORY..Well done to the 2ndX1 on their amazing performance on Sunday. Tony Fawley gave us a one goal lead from the spot after Alan Kenyon had been brought down. Further goals from Hugh Smith (almost caused a riot after their goalie claimed it had gone wide), a brilliant individual Dave Mason effort and a John McDougall thunderbolt sealed a famous victory. Perhaps the side will now believe in themselves and go onto greater heights.

BAR DUTY...Monday 1st December...Robert Hale + George Banting (please be there, I've been getting complaints yet again from the Hornsey Club).