

Although the recent summer weather takes one's mind far away from the mud swamps of Hornsey and the approaching 90th year of HHC (1894-1984), it is nonetheless time to take stock of protruding paunches, varicosed limbs and wheezing lungs and to set them in some sort of order for the forthcoming season.

There is much news to be noted, and a number of important developments should make 1933/34 a season to remember.

1 GROUND

It looks as though an agreement will be made with private contractors prior to the start of the season regarding the sale of land and development at the car park end of the ground. Members will be kept informed of details once the best possible deal for the club has been finalised. Proposals of how the net sum should be spent will be considered by the Hornsey Management Committee in due course. Clearly, new tennis courts will be a priority - hopefully with floodlights for hockey training. Each section is being asked to present proposals regarding their own interests, and if you have any opinions please contact your official Hornsey representative, Mark Ramsey (Office 233-7031)

2 HHC LADIES

Your Management Committee has agreed to the formulation of a Ladies Hockey section on an experimental basis for next season. The matter will be open for debate at the next AGM in April. The ladies have expressed a desire to be kitted out in HHC colours, and I am sure you will support this new and historic venture with enthusiasm. If you know of any interested ladies please contact Jenny (267-4799)

NOTE H Watson is henceforth requested to wear trousers in the bar at all times.

3 PITCHES

We have lost Cerams due to redevelopment of changing accommodation and showers (cheers of approval) and Market Road due to 100% saturation by soccer. The good news is that we will share the new Olympic Eurosport (synthetic grass) surface being laid at the Wood Green Stadium, White Hart Lane. This is only 10 mins. from the club. We will alternate with Southgate HC starting on October 15th. Each team will have the opportunity to experience the surface during the season. Your Committee has agreed however that the 1st XI should have priority for league games if both grass pitches are unfit. Other pitches at Creighton North and Highgate Wood (large pitch behind the clubhouse) have been applied for.

TRAINING AND CLUB TRIALS

Players of all standard are invited to bring stick and brown paper bag to the club each Tuesday evening starting Tues 16th August for training. If you know of any prospective new members please bring them along. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd XI's should make a special effort to attend as selection for the early games will largely depend on fitness levels!

All players should note the dates below:

Sat. 17th September 1st & 2nd XI's home v Broxbourne
Trials for the rest of the club.

Venues for the above have yet to be confirmed, but a further newsletter setting out details will be circulated in early September.

Sat. 24th September 1st - 5th XI's away v Eastcote.

Sat 1st October First full match programme v OK 3 and Wallingford.

PLEASE ENSURE THE APPROPRIATE TEAM CAPTAIN KNOWS YOUR AVAILABILITY IN GOOD TIME.

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB - VACANCIES

A few vacancies remain unfilled - please come forward with your support.

Assistant Match Secretary. To work with Ian Smith and to share the duties of Match Sec. This is a vital position which we would like shared on a half yearly basis. Please contact Ian (340-9485) or myself if you are willing to assist.

4th and 5th XI Captains. It is very disappointing that no one has come forward to fill these gaps. It may be possible to share the jobs on a half yearly basis but please come forward with your offer of help.

Hornsey Club Day.

There is another Club Day this year, on Monday 29th August (Bank Holiday). Last year was a great success, and there will be a mixed hockey match (or matches) at lunchtime. If you would like to take part in the hockey, please contact Tony Goodwin (267-4799). Any offers of help regarding preparing food, side shows etc, please contact me.

PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT THIS EVENT, AS IT SHOULD BE A GOOD DAY OUT.

WORKING PARTY

The sand slitting carried out last season has resulted in deep trenches across the bottom pitch (mainly due to the hot, dry weather) These trenches need to be filled with a sand/seed mixture and ALL club members are asked to come along with a shovel on Sunday 11th September from 10.30 am and on Monday 19th September from 6.30 pm. MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

HOCKEY GOALS

Repairs are needed and any old/broken scaffolding planks or similar for backboards are urgently required. Please contact me.

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