

CLUB HISTORY

Hampstead Hockey Club started life when, at a General Meeting of Hampstead Cricket Club on April 12th 1894, it was resolved that the hockey section of the cricket club ceased to exist. This blunt statement was not as drastic as it may seem; it was, in fact, the expected result of the decision of the hockey section two days earlier; the cricket club and its hockey section had agreed to part company.

The hockey club existed in its own right from April 13 1894 but hockey had been played from as early as December 1874. There is evidence of a match between Hampstead and Richmond at Old Deer Park at this time.

After certain ground difficulties, the new club played its first game against Wimbledon on October 13 1894. Other opponents during this first season included Bromley, Southgate, Tulse Hill and Teddington.

During the early part of the century, an entry in a minute book provides an interesting commentary on the way we are pampered by modern communications. Richmond kindly offered to share their board at Waterloo Railway Station on which a notice was posted stating whether the game was cancelled. Due to the scarcity of a satisfactory playing area in north London at this time, Hampstead had been playing all its home matches at the Richmond Athletic Ground.

The first post-war match was played on October 21 1950 against Teddington 2nd XI which resulted in a one all draw. During the period 1950/59 Hampstead led a nomadic life. However, in 1959 the club moved to the Hornsey Cricket Club ground in north London, where they have been ever since. They merged with the Hornsey Club in 1975 and so became the hockey section of a club for the second time in history.

Hampstead was a founder member of the London League and now turns out seven men's and two ladies' teams every Saturday. Veteran hockey has developed over the years to the extent that a genuine side turns out every week. Peter Boizot, a member since 1966, became the veterans' first captain in the early 1970s and was suitably honoured by HM The Queen with the award of M.B.E. in 1986. Peter is now the Club President.

PLAYING SQUAD

Jim Atkinson	40	Dunston King	38
Nigel Barker	38	John Marshall	43
Peter Bell	56	Guy Mayers	51
Stephen Blackney	37	Mike Patton	36
Peter Boizot	56	Brian Pycock	39
Norman Borrett	40	David Ratcliffe	42
Stewart Brown	36	Mike Sadler-Forster	53
Richard Chapman	36	Cay Schroder	43
Nick Coleman	39	Richard Shaw	46
Dick Cresswell	48	Keith Sheffield	42
Stan Elgar	60	Julian Sherwood	38
Chris Elliott	40	Hugh Smith	35
Abe Hillel	43		

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB

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Groundsman at the Hornsey Club, Tivoli Road, Crouch End, N8	Mark Allen	Tel: 01-340 5546

Travelling Directions to the Hornsey Club:

By Public Transport: Piccadilly Line to Finsbury Park – W7 bus to Wolseley Road (just after Crouch End Broadway, on left-hand side) – along Wolseley Road, turn first right into Tivoli Road – Ground ahead.

By Car: A1 to Highgate Underground Station – East into Shepherd's Hill then to Wolseley Road – about 1 mile along at bottom of hill, turn left into Tivoli Road – Ground straight ahead.

All-weather pitches on which no studded footwear is permitted. Changing accommodation available at these grounds:

Paddington Recreation Ground, Carlton Vale, Maida Vale, London W9

(1½ miles north-west of Marble Arch, along the Edgware Road)

Tournament Referee	David Teale	Tel: 01-263 0753
SCHUA Chief Umpire	A.D. Budd	
SCHUA Umpires	K. Bailey	C.W.R. Howard
	P. Broughton	B. Humphrey
	B.W. Evans	M.L. Pecker
	A. Graham	J.M. van Engele
	M.P. Grimdale	A. Watson
	P. Halliday	