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The Hockey Season will soon be here and this bulletin is intended to give both old and new members information about the coming season. I would like to draw your attention to the changes in THE RULES OF HOCKEY (the authorities seem to do their utmost to make life more complicated).

1. CLUB TRIALS and PRE-SEASON MATCHES

SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

Club Trials at the Market Road New Astroturf pitch at 4.00pm (booked until 6.00) This pitch is in Market Road, Islington off Caledonian Road N7. Please go direct either changed or change there.

1stX1 (3.30) and 2ndX1(2.15) v Broxbourne at Corams Fields (no Studs).

The two captains will let players know if they are wanted for the Broxbourne matches, everyone-else (plus 2ndX1 after their match) to Market Road.

then

BARBECUE at the clubhouse organised by the Centaurs (Robin Francis and co.)

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER (Answerings will be in operation)

Matches v Welwyn Garden City

1st X1 (3.30) and 2ndX1 (2.15) at Corams Fields

3rdX1, 4thX1, 5thX1 away at Welwyn. (6thX1, Vets and Centaurs? start week later)

(A bulletin will be sent out on Monday 21st September giving teams for these games)

2. TRAINING

Training is now taking place at the club on Wednesday evenings at 6.30. Everyone is welcome and if you intend to fight for a place in the three league teams your presence is expected.

You will be pleased to know that we have Highgate Wood School Gym (by the club) booked for training on Wednesday evenings (8.15-10.15). This will start at the beginning of October (more details later).

3. NEW MEMBERS

As we are now running eight Saturday teams it is essential that all members make an effort to recruit new players. I have lost my main source of advertising (Time Out). Notices on boards at work, asking people etc will all help. Give them my name, address and phone number. Get them to come to the trials.

4. HORNSEY CLUB DAY on Sunday 13th September

(For new members the Hampstead Hockey Club is part of the Hornsey Club (Cricket, Squash and Tennis).

The Club Day starts at 11.30 with a 6-a-side Cricket Tournament. At 2.00 there is an American Tennis Tournament.

If you want to take part please contact Nick Coleman, Richard Chapman or George Banting.

5. ADDRESS LIST

Enclosed with this bulletin you will find an address list. If there are any errors you must let me know immediately as a more up to date list will appear in early October.

From last season's list I have been informed that we have lost Messrs. Kalischer, Dixon T, Smith G, Kenyon, Walker, Tarkanyi, Edwards, Barry and Kinwill. If there are any others please let me know.

You will be pleased to hear that Sunil Bansal gained a place at University and will be available to play during his vacations.

P.S AT CLUB TRIALS (Market Rd..4.00-6.00) PLEASE BRING CLUB SHIRT (old members) AND A WHITE OR COLOURED SHIRT (not blue).

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS

I must plead with you for early payment of your subs. Our expenditure before a ball is hit is quite staggering....extra pitches (£700)....HA + Middx affiliation (£300)....fixture card (£100)....Equipment (£200+)....Answerings (£60)....Other entrance fees +affiliations (£100)...Miscellaneous (stamps etc) (£100) making a total before September 19th of £1,560 minimum. This represents nearly 50 subs.

Subscription for 1981/2

Playing Members.....£36
Full Time Students.....£18
Non-playing members.....£10

(For new members there is an entrance fee to the Hornsey Club, separate from Sub)

Both to help you and to get some money in before we have to borrow from the bank (thus cause you and the club higher subs next year) I am willing to accept payment in the following ways.

- A.....The full total before or on October 5th (Preferably now if you have the money)
- B.....Half the total on or before September 21st, the other half on or before November 2nd (you can with your first cheque send me the second dated November 2nd)
- C.....Send me three cheques (one-third total each) dated September 2nd, October 2nd and November 2nd.

All cheques made payable to the Hornsey Club. I enclose with this bulletin an addressed envelope (unstamped) for payment of your subscription.

I hope the above will help in your method of paying, and also helps the club in not having to pay enormous overdraft interest payments. If you have difficulties contact me.

The club are in no position to tolerate late payments from those members who caused major problems last year.

7. EXTRA PITCHES THIS SEASON

As well as the two grass pitches at the club we shall also be using the following:-

CORAMS FIELDS (all-weather rubber)...NO STUDS...You go direct to the ground in Guilford St WC1 and change there.

MARKET ROAD ASTROTURF....We have managed to get the use of this pitch for eight Saturday matches. You must change at the clubhouse first then go in convoy with opposition (directions will be on noticeboard).

HIGHGATE WOOD SHALE PITCH...NO STUDS...change at club, pitch alongside.

8. EQUIPMENT OFFICER....contact Bruce Collins for any equipment. He is trying to get some lightweight club playing shirts made. (If not then you must go to shop in Park Rd).

9. MATCH FEES

Have been set as (includes teas) as £2.00 home match....£1.50 away match
Beer kitty to be added to these totals.

10. TRAVELLING TO AWAY MATCHES

For new members people with cars are more than willing to give lifts. Your team captain will put you in touch with someone who can give you a lift.

With the high cost of petrol players getting a lift should offer to share petrol expenses with the driver.

OPPOSITION SUMMER DISCO/BARBECUE

Is being held at the Old Chems Club Hendon Wood Lane, Totteridge on Saturday 12th September. All Hampstead players welcome..contact John Butcher 722 5686 by Monday 7th to book your ticket.

BULLETINS will be sent fortnightly throughout the season giving teams for the following two weeks. As stated the next bulletin will be sent on Monday 21st September.

CHANGES IN RULES OF HOCKEY (effective from 1st September)

1. TO START OR RE-START A GAME(after a goal) THERE WILL BE A PASS BACK INSTEAD OF A BULLY
(The ball must not initially go over the centre line. All players must be at least five yards from the player taking the pass back. Unlike indoor hockey the ball can be intercepted by an opponent before being played by a player of the side taking the pass back. Captains will now have to choose end or first pass back on winning the toss. The bully will be kept for other re-starts (injury, keepers pads etc)
2. ONLY IF THE STICK IS RAISED IN A DANGEROUS, INTIMIDATORY AND HAMPERING MANNER NEED THE WHISTLE BE BLOWN. A BALL ABOVE THE SHOULDER MUST NOT BE PLAYED WITH THE STICK.
(Basically they are putting into the rule book what has been practice with umpires for a few years. The old 'sticks' infringement only applies when opponents are close to you (approaching, tackling) .
3. A PLAYER SHALL NOT (except for goalkeepers in his circle) STOP THE BALL WITH HIS HAND OR CATCH IT.
(GOING TO CAUSE MUCH TROUBLE. MY READING IS THAT IF THE BALL APPROACHES YOU IN THE AIR BELOW SHOULDER HEIGHT THEN YOU MUST STOP IT WITH YOUR STICK, IF THE BALL IS FROM AN OPPONENT THEN I WOULD THINK THE UMPIRE WILL BLOW FOR DANGEROUS PLAY AGAINST HIM. HOWEVER IF THE BALL IS GOING TO CLEAR YOU, THEN YOU WILL HAVE TO LEAVE IT, OR BE PENALISED YOURSELF IF YOU USE STICK OR HAND. I SEE LOTS OF ARGUMENTS OVER WHAT IS DANGEROUS OR NOT.)
4. USE OF HAND AT A SHORT CORNER IS NOT PERMITTED
(Must be stick stopped. How much leeway of rebound off the stick will be allowed we shall have to wait and see. Some players have developed a stop with the hand down on the crook of the stick. This is alright as long as the ball doesn't touch the hand.)
5. A FREE HIT MAY BE HIT OR PUSHED (not flicked or scooped) IN THE AIR AS LONG THE STROKE IS NOT DANGEROUS OR LEADS TO DANGEROUS PLAY.
6. AT A FREE HIT ONLY THE OPPOSING SIDE HAVE TO BE FIVE YARDS FROM THE FREE HIT. THE ONLY EXCEPTION BEING AT A FREE HIT BY THE ATTACKING SIDE WITHIN FIVE YARDS OF THE CIRCLE. THEN ALL PLAYERS EXCEPT FROM THE TAKER MUST BE FIVE YARDS AWAY.
7. A BALL GOING OFF THE SIDE LINE MAY NOW BE HIT OR PUSHED. ALL PLAYERS MUST BE FIVE YARDS AWAY. THE HIT OR PUSH MAY BE LIFTED IF NOT LEADING TO DANGEROUS PLAY OR BE DANGEROUS IN ITSELF.
8. THE LONG CORNER TO BE REPLACED BY A FREE HIT ON THE GOAL LINE (not side line) WITHIN FIVE YARDS OF CORNER FLAG ON THE SIDE THAT THE BALL WENT OUT OF PLAY. ALL PLAYERS MUST BE AT LEAST FIVE YARDS AWAY WHEN HIT IS TAKEN.

The above are not the exact words of the new rules but my abbreviated interpretation of them. I hope they are clear and correct..if not I'LL get Nick Coleman to give you the unabridged version.